

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND
EXTENSION COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION

between

UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS LAGOS

Osorno, Chile

and

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fargo, North Dakota, USA

La Universidad de Los Lagos (ULAGOS) is located in the south of Chile in Osorno, capital of the province in the Región de Los Lagos. It is a regional public university whose mission is the training of professionals and technicians with sound knowledge of basic and applied scientific research in strategic and competitive areas of expertise. ULAGOS is an institution valued at the regional and national levels for its quality of technical and vocational training and scientific and technological development in multiple strategic areas.

North Dakota State University (NDSU) is located in the city of Fargo, the largest city in the state of North Dakota in the northcentral region of the USA. It is a public land grant university that houses multiple academic departments, and the Agricultural Experiment Station and NDSU Extension Service for the state of North Dakota. It is a teaching, research and extension university that is widely recognized regionally, nationally and internationally as a leader in agricultural technology, professional training and research. The College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources is composed of seven academic units.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is designed to foster a friendly relationship through mutual cooperation in teaching, research and extension between ULagos and NDSU. Hereinafter jointly referred to as "The Parties." No

financial obligations are assumed under this agreement. This MOU is partially supported by a Chilean INES initiative entitled “Strengthening capacities in Innovation, Technology Transfer and Science/Technology-based entrepreneurship, based on a collaborative R&D network, to increase the competitiveness of the Los Lagos.”

The Parties have proposed agreement on the following areas of cooperation and collaboration subject to mutual consent and availability of sufficient funding. The general area of focus will be to strengthen capacities and broaden agricultural expertise for both parties, in innovation, technology, research, teaching and extension in agriculture, including, but not limited to, cereals, potatoes, pulse crops, canola, camelina, pasture and beef cattle production, and sustainable agriculture.

- Faculty mobility
- Joint research activities in agronomy and biotechnology
- Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- Exchange of academic materials
- Special short-term academic programs and short courses
- Development of academic courses in Potato Science and Introductory Plant Pathology
- Student mobility for research and study
- Integration of activities with other regional agriculture institutions upon mutual agreement.

The terms of such mutual assistance and funding for any specific program and activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon by both parties prior to the initiation of a particular program.

Each institution will designate an individual to coordinate this program and all endeavors that may derive from it. For this purpose, ULagos designates Dr. Julio Kalazich; Email, julio.kalazich@ulagos.cl, telephone: +56 642-333303, and NDSU

designates Dr. Gary Secor; email gary.secor@ndsu.edu, telephone: +1 701-730-3842.

No amendment, consent or waiver of terms in this MOU shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by both parties. Any such amendment, consent or waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specified purpose given. The parties to this MOU, by the signatures below of their authorized representatives, acknowledge having read and understood this MOU and are to be bound by its terms and conditions.

This MOU shall commence on the date of latest signature and be in effect for five years, at which time it shall be reviewed for possible extension. Either party may terminate this MOU by written notification signed by the appropriate official of the institution initiating this notice. However, such notification must be received by the other party at least six months to prior to the effective date of termination.

This agreement will become the basis for more specific areas of cooperation and collaboration which will be formally agreed to and become addendums to this agreement.

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