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Универзитет Св. КИРИЛ И МЕТОДИЈ во Скопје
ШУМАРСКИ ФАКУЛТЕТ

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Бр. 11-439/1

between

14. V. 2013 год.
С К О П Ј Е

**Bern University of Applied Sciences,
School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences**

and

**Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje,
Faculty of Forestry**

PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter MoU) is entered into by and between the Bern University of Applied Science, School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences, with registered address at Länggasse 85, 3052 Zollikofen-Bern, Switzerland (hereafter BFH-HAFL) and Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, Faculty of Forestry (FoF) with registered address at blvd. Edvard Kardelj bb, 1000 Skopje, Republic of Macedonia (hereafter UKIM-FoF). BFH-HAFL and UKIM-FoF are referred to collectively, as "Parties".

Purpose

1. The purpose of this MoU is to define the mutual cooperation of the BFH-HAFL and the UKIM-FoF in the frame of the Nature Conservation Programme (NCP) in Macedonia, supported by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation – SDC.
2. This MoU is a framework document and it will establish a solid base for further mutual cooperation between BFH-HAFL and UKIM-FoF on different Programmes and projects.

Scope

3. BFH-HAFL and UKIM-FoF agree to put special intention on the following:
 - Support the implementation of the research and advisory activities in the framework of the Nature Conservation Programme in Macedonia (NCP). The NCP program is a multi-year cooperation between Macedonia and Switzerland, supported by the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) and implemented in its first phase jointly by Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation and FARMAHEM, the local implementation partner in Skopje, Macedonia.
 - Exchange of students and lecturers in the context of the ERASMUS Programme and
 - Cooperation in COST Framework. COST is an intergovernmental framework for European Cooperation in Science and Technology, allowing the coordination of nationally-funded research on a European level.
4. Parties agree to develop the following collaborative activities in the academic areas of mutual interest, on a basis of equality and reciprocity:



- Conducting collaborative research projects in the framework of the NCP;
- Exchange of academic and administrative staff;
- Exchange of students (preferably at MSc level);
- Exchange of lecturers and delivering guest lectures;
- Organizing field lectures/research;
- Exchange of academic information and materials;
- Transfer of scientific and technical know-how and different practices;
- Organizing scientific meetings such as symposia and conferences;
- Promoting other academic cooperation as mutually agreed.

Financial Arrangements

5. The activities implemented in the frame of the Nature Conservation Programme will be supported by the SDC project. They are defined in the Yearly Plan of Operation as prepared by Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation and FARMAHEM.
6. The implementation of other types of cooperation shall depend upon the availability of resources and financial support at the Universities concerned.
7. Financial details about detailed activities will be established by specific written agreements between BFH-HAFL, UKIM-FoF and NCP.

Duration

8. This MoU shall be effective for the period of the realization of the Nature Conservation Programme in Macedonia from the date of final signature. It may be modified or extended by mutual written agreement by the Parties. This MoU may be terminated by either University upon six (6) months in advance written notice.

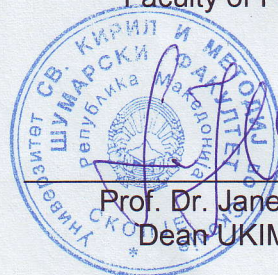
Final Clauses

9. This MoU is prepared as two (2) copies for both Universities and it will become effective after being signed by the representatives of the two universities. A copy of this MoU will be handed over to the SDC-programme office in Skopje.
10. The Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding hereby confirm their agreement to its terms by the following signatures.

Bern University of Applied Science

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje
Faculty of Forestry

Prof. Dr. Alfred Buess
Director of BFH-HAFL



Prof. Dr. Jane Acevski
Dean UKIM-FoF

date:

22/04/2013

date:

14. V. 2013