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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
CENTRO INTERDISCIPLINAR DE INVESTIGAÇÃO MARINHA E AMBIENTAL,
UNIVERSITY OF PORTO, PORTUGAL
AND
VIKRAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY, NELLORE-524 003, INDIA**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into by and between:

The CENTRO INTERDISCIPLINAR DE INVESTIGAÇÃO MARINHA E AMBIENTAL, UNIVERSITY OF PORTO, PORTUGAL (herein referred as CIIMAR) and LIFE SCIENCES, VIKRAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY, NELLORE-524 003, INDIA (herein referred as Life SciencesVSU), Governed by Government of Andhra Pradesh, India.

CIIMAR and Life SciencesVSU may be collectively referred to as "Parties" and individually as "Party".

Whereas: Parties agree to cooperate on research and scientific programs based on equality and reciprocity;

Whereas: Parties acknowledge their common interest and long-term collaboration in the promotion of mutual cooperation in the areas of training, research and extension to promote international development;

Whereas: Parties desire to establish a strong and effective base for collaboration and ensure maximum harmony and synergy in the work of two organizations towards their common goal of strengthening education and research in the area of Life Sciences;

Whereas: Parties wish to cooperate closely on matters of mutual interest having due regard to their respective objectives, mandates and functions

Whereas: Pursuant to prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries, as well as the procedures and policy of the Government of India and CIIMAR, University of Porto, Portugal concerning international technical cooperation, academic and scientific cooperation;

This MOU imposes no financial obligations on either party. Both institutions understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and will depend on availability of funds.

The major objectives of MOU are:

Both institutions find it mutually beneficial to exchange information on degree programs. Therefore we agree to jointly execute the following conditions under this statement of collaboration

- To plan mutually informational exchange and collaboration in international Research and Training activities initially in agricultural/ Life Sciences
- To seek financial resources for supporting such exchanges and collaboration.

Both the Parties aim, implementation of actions of common interest and is governed by the following principles:

1. PURPOSE

This protocol aims to promote scientific and technological cooperation between Life Sciences VSU and CIIMAR in the fields of basic and applied research related to the area of Biotechnology and Environmental Sciences.

The contracting parties shall develop this cooperation according to the Agreement signed by both countries in 3/12/1998, and published by edict n.º 15/99, 21st May (D.R. 118 – 21-5-1999).

2. COOPERATION FORMS

Without prejudice to any other that may become recognised as of interest, the partners establish through the present protocol that the collaboration forms will encompass:

- i. The development of common scientific and technological activities, through joint research projects in the area of Life Sciences.
- ii. Promoting the network use of Laboratories and facilities of both partners in order to support the development of the activities mentioned in area of Life Sciences.
- iii. Encouragement and support to the integration, mobility and pre- and post-graduation training of students and/or researchers in CIIMAR, in order to promote technical and scientific development of the Department Institute in the area of cooperation.
- iv. Other activities of scientific, educational or out-reach nature that may be of common interest to the partners.
- v. Information exchange, books, journals and electronic resources.

3. ACCESS RIGHTS

The granting of access rights may be made conditional on the acceptance of specific conditions aimed at ensuring that these rights will be used only for the intended purpose and that appropriate confidentiality obligations are in place.

Any Party may enter in Attachment any specific Background excluded from the obligation to grant Access Rights in accordance with the provisions of this Protocol.

The Parties undertake to cooperate to allow the timely submission, examination, publication and defence of any dissertation or thesis for a degree which includes their Foreground or Background. However, confidentiality and publication clauses have to be respected.

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL

The implementation of the protocol now established will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on the specificities and aims of each action. For each specific action an agreement may be signed establishing the functions of each partner, the timetable, the financial budget, and the organic form of coordination.

5. DURATION

This Protocol takes effects when signed by authorized representative of both parties. The agreement will continue in force and effect for a period of three (3) years from such date. It may be renewed. Either party may request termination of the agreement upon such terms as are mutually agreeable to parties at the time, or with three (3) months advance notice.

The provisions relating to Access Rights, Confidentiality, Liability, Applicable law and Settlement of disputes shall survive the expiration or termination of this Protocol.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the above, the Parties have decided to enter this MOU, which is effective from the latest date of the Signatures below

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Title: Vice-Chancellor

Signature:

G. Rajarami Reddy
VICE CHANCELLOR
VIKRAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY
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Name: Prof. Vitor Vasconcelos

Title: President of the Board

Signature:

Vitor Vasconcelos

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Signature:

REGISTRAR
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Name: Prof. Filipe Castro

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Filipe Castro de Castro

Name: Dr. G. Vijaya Ananda Kumar Babu

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G. Vijaya Ananda Kumar Babu
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