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Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen**Ausgabe vom  
**24.01.2019****5.44.00 Nr. 3**Memorandum of Understanding Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and  
Agricultural Mechanization Engineers (TIAME)**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers  
and  
Justus Liebig University Giessen**

In order to express their interest in cooperation in the field of research and post-graduate training of junior researchers Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers (TIAME) having its registered address at Kory Niyoziy Str. 39, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and Justus Liebig University Gießen (JLU), Ludwigstrasse 23, 35390 Giessen, Germany. Hereby adopt the following Memorandum of Understanding:

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**Subject of the Memorandum of Understanding**

This Memorandum of Understanding sets forth the understandings and intentions of TIAME and JLU. It represents the intention of both Parties to work together and outlines the basis for collaboration and joint activities in areas of mutual interest and shared goals. Both Parties intend to identify a focal point at their respective organization to be responsible for coordinating all joint activities to be undertaken within the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding.

## Article

The link between the Parties involves collaboration between JLU and TIAME in both educational and academic activities. The two institutions shall seek to promote their cooperation within the following four areas:

1. Undertake necessary activities to establish and operate of a Graduate School on sustainable agricultural development in Central Asia based in TIAME, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
2. Exchange of research and administrative staff in programmes to the mutual benefit of all institutions.
3. Development of specially tailored academic programmes on relevant disciplines.
4. Organization of joint scientific events involving the representatives of academia and practitioners in areas mutually agreed upon by all three Parties.

Each activity will be jointly decided upon and depends on the availability of funds and the acceptance of the two partners.

## Article II

The activities under the link will include:

Preparation and establishment of a Graduate School covering the following activities related to the national, regional and international recognition, growth and sustainability of the Graduate School such as:

- Selection of 8 motivated and well-qualified young researchers (professor lecturers) on a competitive basis with secured research grant;
- Selection of 10 motivated and well-qualified researchers on a competitive basis with secured research stipends;
- Preparation of modern lecture materials and curriculum development to provide the researchers with the necessary qualifications in theoretical knowledge, methods and soft skills to conduct high quality research;
- Development of a series for training supervisors and lecturers in universities from Central Asia;
- Focus on research topics that build a bridge between the international academic discussion and agricultural development challenges that are relevant for Central Asia;
- Organization of joint educational and training courses and summer schools to promote capacity building as well as international cooperation;
- Facilitate the participation of the researchers and lecturers in international conferences and events;

Staff exchange activities cover mutual visits to the institutions for any of the following purposes:

- Undertaking joint research;
- Preparation of joint research and related methodological discussions;
- Attachment of staff for purposes of attendance of courses and upgrading of teaching and research skills;
- Participating in seminars, colloquia and other types of academic discussions;
- Co-supervising post-graduate students;
- Stays required for successful implementation of other two areas in Article I.

Students who take part in the exchange shall pay any tuition or other academic and related fees to their home university, and are exempted from such payments to the host university. Administrative fees, expenses for transport, residence (board and lodging), as well as health insurance and other costs in accordance with the regulations of the home and the host country, shall be carried by the respective students. Students will receive grants based on the external funds that have been raised from the Volkswagen Foundation and the Ministry of Innovative Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan to pay these expenses. During the stay in the host country the students are obliged to have sufficient health insurance coverage.

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Activities related to the development of specially tailored academic programmes on relevant disciplines will be taken for the following purposes:

- Preparation of modern lecture modules and curriculum development for post-graduate students;
- Mentoring research activities of post-graduate researchers at individual level;
- Exchange of teaching methodology and materials;
- Organization of joint educational and training courses and summer schools;
- Providing opportunities for senior staff and professors to give lectures;
- Exchange of good practices and knowledge and conducting joint research, seminars and workshops.

Activities related to the organization of joint scientific events in areas mutually agreed upon by the two Parties will be taken for the following purposes:

- Information sharing about relevant scientific events organized by one of the Party, and invitation to participate;
- Development of mechanisms for participation and interaction at one another's events – conferences, workshops, symposia and other scientific events;
- Organization of joint scientific conferences, workshops, symposia and other scientific events involving representatives of academia and practitioners;
- Search for opportunities for maintaining mutually beneficial cooperation in the future;
- Informing each other about other relevant news on new research projects, interesting research outcomes, and publications including other two areas mentioned in Article I.

### **Article III**

Each institution agrees and undertakes to keep confidential at all times any information and/or data that may be exchanged, acquired and shared in connection with the area of co-operation as above mentioned in ARTICLE I, unless the same has already been in the public domain.

### **Article IV**

Each side will maintain ongoing communication and circulate essential information in a timely manner. Each party acts on its own behalf in all relations with a third party. Neither party will be responsible for any outside commitments of the other party.

### **Article V**

The Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of 4 years commencing from the date of signing and may be renewed by mutual consent with the serving of 3 months' written notice. Upon renewal, the two Parties shall select either to proceed with the existing or new terms of agreement.

### **Article VI**

TIAME and JLU reserve their right to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding giving 3 months' prior written notice. Where such termination occurs, the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply to ongoing activities until their completion. Any variation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid only if mutually agreed and executed in writing.

### **Article VII**

Participating students and staff involved in any activities under this Agreement must adhere to the law of the host countries and rules and regulations of the host institutions.

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## **Article VIII**

Both partners are aware that this Memorandum of Understanding is not a formally legal contract from which legally binding relations, requests, obligations, or consequences can be derived. This Memorandum of Understanding is a statement of the mutual intentions to foster genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration.

TIAME and JLU welcome the establishment of this Memorandum of Understanding for co-operation and jointly agree to the provisions as set out above. There will be four, equally valid copies of this Memorandum of Understanding, two for each Party, effective from the date of its signing.

For Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers

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President

Prof. Dr. Joybrato Mukherjee

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