

**AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
BETWEEN
THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
RESEARCH OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE
AND
WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH CENTRE
OF THE NETHERLANDS.**

1. The National Commission of Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT) of the Republic of Chile, represented by its President, Ms. Vivian Heyl, hereinafter referred to as "CONICYT"

and

2. a. Wageningen University, The Netherlands, represented by Dr. A.A. Dijkhuizen, President of the Executive Board, hereinafter referred to as "WU"
 - b. Stichting DLO, a foundation under the laws of The Netherlands, having its registered office in Wageningen, The Netherlands, represented by Dr. A.A. Dijkhuizen, President of the Executive Board and Dr. I.J.J.H. Breukink, Member of the Executive Board, hereinafter referred to as "DLO",

WU and DLO jointly operating under the name of Wageningen UR and hereinafter collectively referred to as "Wageningen UR"

CONICYT and Wageningen UR hereinafter referred to as "the Parties";

Recognising the importance and the mutual benefit derived from the co-operation in scientific and technological research between Chilean scientific institutions and Wageningen UR;

Wishing to promote and to strengthen the relationship of co-operation between the Parties and willing to give to this relationship a greater reach;

Having in consideration the dispositions of the Agreement of Scientific and Technological Co-operation between the Republic of Chile and the The Netherlands, subscribed the 31st October of 1990;

Considering the significance of establishing reciprocal mechanisms that shall contribute to exchange between scientific units of the Parties, as well as supporting their participation in EU Framework Programs;

Considering the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Co-operation between the European Union and the Republic of Chile signed on 23 September 2002;

Have agreed the following:

ARTICLE I – SCOPE OF THE COOPERATION

1.1 The Parties hereby agree to promote the development of co-operation between Chile and Wageningen UR in the fields of research and capacity building through activities such as:

- education, training and development programmes of high level scientists, professionals and policy makers;
- joint research;
- exchange of scientific literature, information and methodology;
- participation in seminars and academic meetings;
- joint publications;
- the establishment of rules related to the confidentiality, ownership and exchange of information.

1.2 Co-operation will in every case be dependent upon the availability of necessary funds, either from within the Parties or from external sources. The Parties will try to raise funds, separately or jointly.

ARTICLE II – FROM THE PARTIES

2.1 CONICYT will be responsible for the implementation of this Agreement in Chile.

2.2 Wageningen UR will be responsible for the implementation of this Agreement in the Netherlands.

ARTICLE III - COOPERATION AREAS

In principle, the following axis academic areas of the co-operation program are defined. It does not exclude other disciplines:

- Food Sciences
- Environmental Sciences
- Forestry Sciences
- Biotechnology and
- Economic and Social Sciences

A list of contact persons of the Parties is attached to this Agreement as Annex I.

ARTICLE IV – MODALITIES

In order to fulfill the objectives agreed in Article I the following modalities of collaboration will be adopted:

- a) training of human resources of PhD students, post doc's, professionals and policymakers;
- b) joint research;
- c) exchange of scientists and visiting professors;
- d) technical assistance to support the public policy implementation, in particular the Chilean Food Agenda;
- e) joint publications related to research made within the framework of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V - IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 CONICYT will publish in national media to inform the Chilean academic community about the fields and areas of co-operation with Wageningen UR and the opportunities for exchange of staff and students under this Agreement
- 5.2 The interested parties will be invited to submit projects to CONICYT previously agreed with their potential partners of Wageningen UR, detailing the research and joint training plans.
- 5.3 The projects will be analysed and approved by CONICYT and Wageningen UR.
- 5.4 The present Agreement will be the base for any other program of co-operation agreed between the Parties.
- 5.5 The terms and necessary budget for each program and activity will be set out in specific program agreements, which shall provide details about the commitments adopted by the Parties. Such agreements will not come into force until the date they have been put in writing and properly authorised and approved by the representatives of all the parties concerned.

The scope of the activities to be carried out under this Agreement will be determined by the funds available in the institutions of the Parties, and the type of collaboration to be carried out and by the financial support that can be obtained from external sources by anyone of the institutions of the Parties.

ARTICLE VI - FINANCING

- 6.1 Unless agreed otherwise in any specific program agreement, signed by the Parties to this Agreement, each institution will be responsible for the expenses which their researchers may incur.
- 6.2 The payment of the costs of fees will have to be negotiated between the parties involved in any exchange.

ARTICLE VII - AGREEMENT VALIDITY

- 7.1 This Agreement will enter into force from the date of its signature for a period of 5 years and may be renewed by written agreement for additional periods of 5 years.
- 7.2 This Agreement may be terminated early upon notice from either Party, at the latest 6 months prior to the applicable date of expiration. Termination of this Agreement will not affect those projects that are in execution, whose continuity will be guaranteed, unless agreed otherwise by all parties concerned.
- 7.3 This Agreement may be amended by written agreement.

Signed in Santiago, Chile, the 5th day of the month of March of 2007 in 2 copies in English and Spanish, equally valid

CONICYT


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President

Wageningen UR
For the Executive Board,


Dr. A.A. Dijkhuizen
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Dr. I.J.J.H. Breukink
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Annex 1: List of contact persons

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