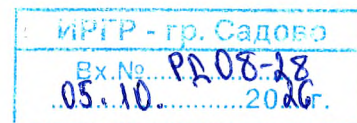




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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS UNIVERSITY IN SKOPJE, INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE - SKOPJE

AND

INSTITUTE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES, SADOVO, BULGARIA (IPGR)

The Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Institute of Agriculture – Skopje, str. 16ta Makedonska brigada, no. 3A, 1000 Skopje, R N Macedonia, e-mail: info@zeminst.ukim.edu.mk; represented by Prof. Dr. Dushko Nedelkovski, Director, hereinafter referred to as the **“Institute of Agriculture – Skopje”**,

and

Institute of Plant Genetic Resources – BULGARIA, 2 Druzhiba Str, 4122 Sadovo, Plovdiv region, part from the Agricultural Academy – Bulgaria, email: ipgr_sadovo@abv.bg, represented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Katya Uzundzhalieva, Director, hereinafter referred to as **“IPGR”**,

hereinafter collectively referred to as **“The Parties”**,

considering their mutual interest in cooperation in the field of plant genetic resources, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

OBJECTIVES OF COOPERATION

The present MoU is aimed at establishing a broad and effective framework of institutional cooperation between the **Institute of Agriculture – Skopje** and **IPGR**.

Main objectives of scientific cooperation:

- a) Establish a relationship as preferential and privileged partners in all initiatives that may be of mutual interest and benefit;
- b) Develop of scientific exchange;
- c) Investigation of areas of plant genetic resources;
- d) Exchange of local germplasm for research purposes;
- e) Implementation of research programs;
- f) Technologies, management and utilization of crops;
- g) Evaluation of important traits on crops in connection with the climate change;
- h) Agro-ecological aspects and organic farming testing of crops;
- i) Implementation of innovations, Agro Hubs and Smart Agriculture.

ARTICLE II
FORMS OF COOPERATION

Cooperation between the two signing Parties in areas of mutual interest will be done through:

- a) Exchange of methods for experiment establishment;
- b) Exchange of samples for analysing;
- c) Exchange of plant genetic resources;
- d) Exchange of scientific data and plant genetic resources information;
- e) Preparing and participation in national and international scientific programs and projects;
- f) Publication of common scientific results in national and international journals and forums;
- g) Exchange of scientists and staff between the countries;
- h) Collaborative organization of practical demonstrations, training courses, seminars, events or workshops.

ARTICLE III
DURATION OF THE MoU

This MoU shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties and shall remain in force for an indefinite period.

ARTICLE IV
TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing written notice to the other Party.

Termination of this MoU shall not affect any ongoing projects, activities or commitments initiated under this MoU, which shall be completed in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the relevant project or activity-related documents, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties in writing.

ARTICLE V
AMENDMENTS AND ANNEXES

Any amendments or modifications to this MoU shall be made in writing and shall enter into force upon signature by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.

Any matters arising from the implementation of this MoU that are not specifically provided for herein may be regulated by mutual agreement through written Annexes.

Such Annexes shall form an integral part of this MoU and shall enter into force upon signature by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.

ARTICLE VI
DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

**ARTICLE VII
FINAL PROVISIONS**

This MoU is drawn up and signed in the English language in four (4) original copies, two (2) copies for each Party, all copies being equally authentic.

The undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective institutions, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

On Behalf of

**Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in
Skopje, Institute of Agriculture – Skopje**

Prof. Dr. Dushko Nedelkovski, Director



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On Behalf of

**Institute of Plant Genetic Resources
(IPGR)**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Katya Uzundzhalieva,
Director



Sadovo, Bulgaria 05.10 2026