MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between:

Benha University,
Moshtohor-Toukh-Egypt 13736
Represented by Prof. Hussam El-Din-El-Attar
hereafter named Benha University

and

"Ion Ionescu of Brad" University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine
3, Aleea Mihail Sadoveanu
70490 Iasi, Romania,
Represented by Prof.dr. Valeriu V. COTEA
hereafter named "USAMV Iasi"

Considering:

✓ the relationships of the university, scientific and cultural co-operation existing between Egypt and Romania, particularly between Benha University and USAMV Iasi, in order to create a common space of education and research,
✓ the demand of the two universities for an even larger opening towards the common partnership,
✓ the legislative and regulatory framework, which governs the higher education in Egypt and Romania,
✓ the advantage of such a co-operation for the improvement of teaching and university research
✓ the wish of the authorities from the two universities to develop their relationships in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and veterinary medicine.

It is agreed that:

Preamble:
Benha University and USAMV Iasi wish to consolidate their partnership in order to develop a common strategy founded on the reinforcement and the development of collaboration in the academic, scientific and cultural fields.
Article 1

**Benha University** and the USAMV Iasi decide to implement and to develop on a mutual basis a programme of co-operation in the field of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal husbandry and Veterinary Medicine. The principles of this co-operation are defined by this agreement, which will be able to be supplemented by particular endorsements or to be specified in annual programs.

Article 2

**Benha University** and **USAMV Iasi** agree to proceed, within the limit of their means, to regular teacher exchanges for a short duration, in order to teach courses and conferences, to take part in seminars of research and common activities of research.

Article 3

The number of exchanges of nominated teachers, under the terms of the provisions of article 1, will be established annually at the beginning of the academic year.

Article 4

The two universities will endeavour to promote, within the limit of their means and their respective capacity of reception, the mutual exchange of students within the framework of short-term formation periods and research. These periods will fall under the respective courses, in particular within the framework of PhD studies in Co-supervision.

Article 5

The two universities will endeavour to support the mobility of the PhD students within the framework of making PhD thesis in Co-supervision.

Article 6

The Organizational means for these exchanges, in particular the financial ones, the reception conditions, in particular the access to the campus, a workspace (laboratory) and average data processing, as well as the number of students allowed to take part in it are established by mutual agreement, each year, by **Benha University** and **USAMV Iasi**.

Article 7

The two Universities will make efforts towards the academic recognition of studies by the home university.
Article 8

Benha University and USAMV Iasi are committed to facilitate the scientific publication and teaching documentation and the information exchanges. In particular, information related to the activities carried out within the framework of the PhD degree will be communicated to both sides at the beginning of the academic year.

Article 9

The implementation of this agreement will be the object of conceiving the annual programs by Benha University and USAMV Iasi.

Article 10

Benha University and USAMV Iasi will work whenever needed at least once a year, to develop the annual programs of co-operation, to evaluate the actions carried out and oversee the development of new activities.

Article 11

This agreement will come into effect for a duration of 5 (five) years, as from its signature and will be renewable by tacit agreement. It could be denounced at any point, this cancellation must be communicated at least two months in advance. During these proceedings, the two Universities will define together the means of completing this work by observing the undertaken tasks.

Article 12

Benha University and USAMV Iasi will endeavour to solve their possible disagreements by reaching a mutual agreement.

Date 5 June 2009

Benha University

President,
Prof. dr. Hussam El-Din-El-ATTAR

Date 05.06.2009

University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in Iasi,
Rector,
Prof. dr. Valeriu V. COTEA