Cooperative agreement

between the

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE

and the

JUSTUS-LIEBIG-UNIVERSITÄT, GIESEN

Concerning the Bilateral Academic Exchange of
Students and Visiting Scientists from
the College of Veterinary Medicine
and the Fachbereich Veterinärmedizin

1.0 Preamble

The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine (UTCVM) and the Justus-Liebig-University, Giessen, Giessen, Federal Republic of Germany (JLU) hereby announce an agreement on the bilateral exchange of students and guest scientists from the two schools/faculties of veterinary medicine. This agreement will serve as foundation for a long-term cooperation between the School of Veterinary Medicine of the JLU and the College of Veterinary Medicine of UT. This agreement is to become valid and binding for a period of five years beginning with the winter semester 1998/1999. An interim report shall be prepared before expiration of the first five years, to serve as a basis for decisions to further continue the partnership.

2.0 General Agreements

2.1 Common Declaration

It is the common conviction of both parties that veterinary medicine has the same tasks and obligations, beyond the limitations of national boundaries, regarding the welfare of animals and service to humanity. This is of particular validity in regard to combating diseases of animals as well as of those diseases that are transferable between humans and animals. Equally important is the task of maintaining and improving safety measures that apply to food of animal origin. Veterinary medicine is also responsible for the preservation of an ethics-based protection of animals and the investigation into the relationship between humans, animals and their common environment. To this end, contacts must be maintained and joint agreements must be reached between veterinarians of all countries.

2.2 Statement of Aims

1. In the interest of inter-cultural understanding, this cooperative agreement shall also serve to produce and maintain an environment of cooperation between the two universities in the area of veterinary medicine both in regard to teaching and to research.

2. For students, the agreement will serve to deepen and expand education in clinical veterinary medicine as well as in basic subjects of veterinary medicine. For guest scientists (professors, outside lecturers, scientific assistants and laboratory workers) the agreement shall facilitate
taking part in common projects in teaching and research. This, in turn, will contribute to an improvement in teaching methods as well as serving to further advanced training and education of the scientific staff and stimulate an exchange of experience.

3. Both universities agree that mutual support and counseling of doctoral and graduate students is desired and is to be promoted. Participation in postgraduate courses is desirable.

4. Through this agreement, both the organization and execution of mutual scientific events shall be made possible and furthered.

5. For the sake of teaching purposes, the agreement shall serve to further and facilitate the creation of scientific publications, textbooks, audio-visual and other teaching materials as well as specialized sample collections.

3.0 Regulations for Implementing the Exchange

1. Both institutions agree that per academic year a maximum of 2 students of veterinary medicine from one university can be exchanged for the duration of one semester (approximately 3 months). Exchange students will have an opportunity to participate in special training programs and in practical course work; participation presupposes integration into the respective training situation of the individual. Qualifications obtained through such participation (e.g. certificates for mandatory practical training) may be mutually recognized by both institutions. Students from Giessen, may receive credit for course work performed in the U.S.A. that corresponds to the requirements established in paragraph 1 No. 2 lit b and lit c in the Statute for Certification of Veterinarians from April 22, 1986, by applying to the responsible administrative office. The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine will be responsible for equivalent accreditation of course work performed in Giessen. The institution of origin may establish that the students has adequate command of the language of the host country.

2. Both parties agree that the number of respective guest scientists be determined by the needs and possibilities of the host university. A set number is not predetermined. Admission as guest scientists must be justified before the respective dean of the college. A specific time limitation for the guest visit is to be set.

3. This agreement does not warrant or imply a financial obligation. Both parties agree to apply for the financial resources required for the exchange of students from national and international support programs. The financial requirements of the host university (e.g. matriculation fees) are to be respected and defrayed by the students.

4. To cover the financial costs of the stay of guest scientists, both universities must depend upon third-party resources. Both universities agree to make the efforts required to obtain the necessary funding to support the partnership.

4.0 Administrative Regulations

1. Applications to participate in this partnership agreement are to be presented to the deans of the two veterinary medical schools/faculties. The corresponding committees of the respective universities will decide upon the granting of permission to take part in the exchange program.
2. Each of the schools/faculties will name at least one partnership representative (coordinator) for the partnership agreement, whose responsibility it will be to informs the dean and the school/faculty concerning the current progress of the partnership.

3. If it becomes necessary in order to continue and fulfill the agreement, the partnership representatives can, with approval and in the name of the dean, organize mutual visits. These visits may include additional members that are involved in the exchange attach himself. The financing of these visits must be settled before they take place.

4. This agreement will be prepared in both German and English language versions. Both versions will be valid.

Signatures

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The President

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Date 7/9/98

Date 8/17/98

For the University of Tennessee
Vice President
Institute of Agriculture

For the College of Veterinary Medicine
The Dean

Date 7/9/98
Report on the Cooperative Agreement between the College of Veterinary Medicine, Knoxville, University of Tennessee, USA, and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Justus-Liebig-University, Giessen, Germany.

The "Cooperative Agreement" was introduced in the winter semester of 1998/99 in order to maintain a cooperation in the area of research and teaching in veterinary medicine. The aim of the agreement was to establish an exchange of 2 students per year as well as an exchange of guest researchers from both faculties. Since the inception of the program 9 students and one postdoctoral researches from Giessen have visited Knoxville. The students attended practical courses for up to 3 months. One assistant professor, Dr. Werner Kramer, held lectures on veterinary surgery in Knoxville from June to August, 2000. The exchange persons have all reported very positively on their stay in Knoxville. Therefore, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Giessen suggests that the Cooperative Agreement be continued for another 5 years in order to further foster this partnership.

The German partner would very much support the visit of students and post-doctoral researchers in Giessen. In the future Ph.D-students also may stay for thesis work in Giessen in order to participate in the newly approved Ph.D study courses of the Faculty of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine in Giessen.

Gießen, June 12, 2003

Prof. Dr. Ernst Petzinger

Partnership Coordinator
Today the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Justus-Liebig-University Giessen, is extending the partnership agreement with the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee, for another 5 years.

With this document the dean, the body of the professors, the students and the staff of the faculty in Giessen honor the exceptional accomplishments and the profound importance of the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee.

It is our sincere wish that this partnership will continue to the success of the combined interests of both faculties in regard to academic education for the sake of the veterinary medical profession and for the well-being of animals.

*Ad multos, concordia et pace faustos annos*

Gießen, August 2003

The Dean

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Bernd Hoffmann