A General Academic Cooperation Agreement
Between
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY (Nacogdoches, Texas, U.S.A.)
And
TIANJIN ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (Tianjin, P.R. China)

Both institutions agree to establish ties of friendship and cooperation for the purposes of promoting mutual understanding and possible academic, cultural, and exchange of faculty and students.

Tianjin Academy of Agricultural Sciences, represented by Wenlong Lu, Vice President, and, Stephen F. Austin State University (hereinafter referred to as SFASU) represented by Dr. Tito Guerrero III, President, mutually agree to promote scholarship activities and international understanding.

OBJECTIVES
The objectives of this agreement shall include but not be limited to the following:
1. The development of collaborative research projects involving our respective faculties
2. The organization of joint academic and/or scientific activities, such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposia or lectures
3. The exchange of administration, research, and researching personnel
4. The exchange of academic publications and other materials of common interest
5. The cooperation in the fields of crop breeding, pharmaceutical crops, preservation of agricultural products, biotechnology, animal husbandry and veterinarian, precision agriculture, agricultural resource and environment, etc.

Administration and Implementation
1. This general agreement will be in effect for a period of five (5) years at which time it shall be reviewed for possible extension.
2. Both institutions will designate an institutional coordinator to facilitate the development and conduction of the various activities.
3. The coordinators will be responsible for the direction and supervision of all activities of the joint programs under this agreement, subject to the rules and regulations pertaining to each university.
4. The senior officers of each party should often meet together.
5. Both university and academy may initiate specific proposals for activities through institution’s coordinators, and upon signing by the President, Tianjin Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and President, SFASU, shall become part of the general agreement.
6. No financial obligations are assumed under this agreement. Funding for any specific program or activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to initiation of same.
7. The selection of students, faculty, and staff members participating in the exchange programs and projects will occur through a mutually agreed upon process between the university and academy.

8. Supplemental agreements will address such issues as: specific duties and responsibilities, schedules, budgets, evaluations, and any other items necessary to efficiently accomplish the activity.

Approval of the General Academic Cooperative Agreement.

This agreement will become effective upon being signed by the Presidents of both institutions. This agreement may be terminated by either party provided the terminating party gives written notice at least six (6) months prior to termination.

Tito Guerrero, III
President
Stephen F. Austin State University

Date: 7/1/05

Wenlong Lu
Vice President
Tianjin Academy of Agricultural Sciences

Date: 2/11/05