

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
between the
United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN)
and the
Agriculture Network Information Center (AgNIC)

1. PREAMBLE

In the spirit of endeavoring to increase cooperation in the area of collection and dissemination of agricultural information, the Agriculture Network Information Center (hereafter known as AgNIC) and the United States Agricultural Information Network, USA (hereafter known as USAIN), do hereby agree to this Memorandum of Agreement.

II. GENERAL

A. Parties to the Agreement

This Memorandum of Agreement is between AgNIC and USAIN.

B. Purpose of the Agreement

Endeavoring to increase their cooperation in the areas of collection and dissemination of agricultural information, the parties to the agreement, after approval of their responsible authorities, agree to conclude this Memorandum on organizational cooperation and affiliation.

1. The purpose of this Memorandum is to facilitate and enhance organizational cooperation and to establish formal affiliation between the parties to the agreement.
2. The parties of this agreement with support, promote and encourage opportunities for direct professional contacts between their members.

III TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. Areas of Cooperation

The parties to the agreement agree to develop collaboration programs in area of mutual interest. This cooperation may include:

1. Appointment of Liaison Officers between the two organizations
2. Exchange of minutes between Executive Committees
3. Access to listservs and/or home pages
4. Development of conference or other programming as appropriate
5. Announcement of meeting and other activities of mutual interest to members of both organizations.

6. Assistance with proposal development for extramural support and programs

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

A. Elaboration of this Memorandum

1. It is the intent of the parties to the agreement that general provisions of this Memorandum be translated into specific programs of activity as expeditiously as financing and other capabilities permit. Such programs shall be set forth in implementing memoranda approved in writing by the designated operational officers of both organizations. No implementing memorandum shall amend or contradict the provisions of this Memorandum of Agreement or the governance documents of either organization.
2. This Memorandum shall not be interpreted as constraining the development of possible future programs not specifically mentioned in this document.

B. Responsible Administrative Personnel

1. The parties to the agreement shall be represented in formal negotiation or renegotiation of this Memorandum by the Chair of AgNIC and by the President of USAIN, respectively, or by designated representatives.
2. The designated operational officers of the parties, for purposes of developing and implementing the terms of this agreement are:

AgNIC: Liaison Officer and
USAIN: Liaison Officer

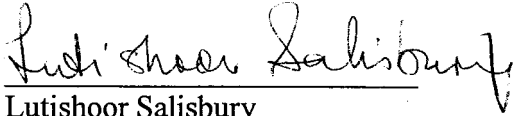
Either party may change its designated operational officer by written notification to the designated officer or other party.

C. Other Provisions

1. This Memorandum is written in English. Any translation will be equal in establishing the mutual obligations of the parties.
2. Nothing in this Memorandum shall create binding obligations which may not be overridden by unilateral decisions reflecting financial or other circumstances confronting the parties to the agreement.
3. This Memorandum is concluded after an initial duration of five years from the date of its joint signing. Thereafter, this Memorandum shall be reexamined and its content adjusted as agreed to by the appropriate authorities of AgNIC and USAIN.
4. This Memorandum may be terminated by either or the parties to the agreement on prior notice of 90 days before the end of the respective calendar year. Any current participants in the Memorandum shall, however, in any case retain their previously-

agreed-to status until the end of the calendar year in which the termination of the Memorandum occurs.

FOR USAIN



Lutishoor Salisbury
President

Date July 19, 2005

FOR AgNIC:



Chair

Date July 25, 2005