

AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN V.I. LENIN ALL-UNION
ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (VASKHNIL)
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL CROPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE
SEMI-ARID TROPICS (ICRISAT),
PATANCHERU, INDIA

WHEREAS the Academy of Agricultural Sciences, of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) with its headquarters in Moscow is charged with the responsibility for the organization and overall direction of the Agricultural Research Program in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and

WHEREAS the International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics with its headquarters in Patancheru, India, is an autonomous, non-profit making research and training organization sponsored and funded by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) and has, as its major objectives: the conduct of research on improvement of sorghum, chickpea, pigeonpea, and groundnut as well as in farming systems for optimum farm resource management.

WHEREAS, sorghum, groundnut, pulse crops and dryland farming systems research have tremendous potential in the current efforts at upgrading Soviet agriculture, and

Now, therefore, the Academy of Agricultural Sciences, USSR, Moscow, (hereinafter referred to as VASKHNIL) and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, P.O. Patancheru, Andhra Pradesh 502324, India (hereinafter Referred to as ICRISAT) arrive at an agreement for mutual cooperation as follows:

ARTICLE 1

ICRISAT will provide, subject to personnel and budgetary limitations, and as may be mutually agreed upon:

- (a) Consultants to advise and assist the research efforts of VASKHNIL in selected programs;
- (b) Opportunities for cooperative research and in-service short- and long-term training to Soviet scientists;
- (c) Opportunities for research by Soviet scientists for doctoral theses guided by the scientists of both the parties at ICRISAT;
- (d) Relevant scientific literature, information and publications;
- (e) Farming systems technology and germplasm and breeding materials which may be found useful and relevant towards the improvement of Soviet agriculture;

- (f) Opportunities to Soviet scientists for participation in International conferences, workshops, seminars and symposia, which will be conducted by ICRISAT at ICRISAT Center or other places.

ARTICLE 2

VASKHNIL will provide, to ICRISAT, subject to personnel and budgetary limitations, and as may be mutually agreed upon:

- (a) Facilities for office, laboratory and experimental field tests within the VASKHNIL research network;
- (b) Scientific and necessary supporting staff and logistics for the cooperative research projects;
- (c) Germplasm.

ARTICLE 3

- (a) Benefits such as improved breeding materials, machinery, designs and techniques, accruing or arising from this cooperative effort may be used by either or both parties with the due recognition of each party's contribution;

- (b) Research findings as a result of the joint cooperative work of the two parties will be published in the public interest as mutually agreed upon, and
- (c) Research findings published by either party will give credit to the other party's contribution, and at the same time, will be entirely responsible for the conclusions and interpretations reported.

ARTICLE 4

In order to facilitate the implementation of the cooperative undertakings envisaged in this Agreement, VASKHNIL will:

- (a) Extend invitations to ICRISAT staff members to participate in workshops, conferences, investigation tours and other activities related to sorghum, groundnut, chickpea, pigeonpea and dryland farming systems technology conducted by VASKHNIL;
- (b) Assist in obtaining visas and completion of necessary formalities in connection with visits of ICRISAT scientists to USSR;
- (c) Recommend Soviet scientists to participate in conferences, workshops, training programs, and other collaborative activities mutually agreed upon, and assist in going through the related formalities;

- (d) According to the Soviet laws, arrange exemption from customs duties and other related clearance in respect of articles (instrument, equipment, reagent, testing materials and project vehicles) imported by ICRISAT into USSR through mutual consultation for its official use for implementation of projects identified in terms of this Agreement;

- (e) According to the Soviet laws, arrange exemption from customs duties and other related clearance of personal and household effects, (including a personal motor vehicle, or other vehicle, household supplies or similar things) imported by an ICRISAT staff member, assigned to VASKHNIL and its coordination network on the basis of the agreement, for his personal or family use. It is understood, however, that such household goods will not be sold in USSR except in accordance with the laws and regulations of the government;

- (f) According to the Soviet laws, arrange exemption from the payment of any direct taxes or other levies on moneys being salary and other emoluments received from ICRISAT by ICRISAT staff members assigned to VASKHNIL under this Agreement.

- (g) Allow ICRISAT the freedom to transfer its funds to or from one country to another or within the country and to convert its funds into any other currency in discharge of its research and training activities;

- (h) Coordinate the collaboration between Provincial Academies of Agricultural Sciences, Agricultural Universities, other relevant organizations in USSR and ICRISAT and bring these collaboration activities into the workplans between VASKHNIL and ICRISAT;
- (i) After mutual consultation, authorize ICRISAT to sign agreements with other international agencies in USSR to facilitate its project management and logistics support.

ARTICLE 5

The president of VASKHNIL and the Director General of ICRISAT may name members of their respective staff to work out the practical details of cooperation between the two organizations and, in general, to ensure the proper and effective implementation of this Agreement. Such details, as agreed upon, will be confirmed by exchange of letters between VASKHNIL and ICRISAT and such letters will form part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6

The parties will conduct joint consultations and studies on problems of common interest in ICRISAT's mandate areas. This agreement may be supplemented by workplans to be developed jointly. Such workplans will require the approval and signing of both parties for implementation. The two parties will meet in USSR sometime in 1990 to discuss and sign the workplan. They will also meet as and when necessary in future years either at ICRISAT, Patancheru or in a

suitable location in the USSR to discuss and review the progress of work regarding the cooperative programs which are being jointly implemented.

ARTICLE 7

The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signing and shall remain in force for a period of five years. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed for each subsequent period of five years unless either party gives a written notice to the other of its intention to terminate it. The Agreement shall stand terminated at the end of six months from the date of notice.

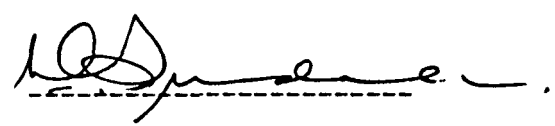
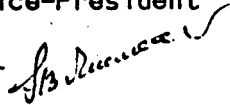
Signed at Patancheru this 25 th day of April 1990 in two originals, in the English language.

Dr. N.Z. Milaschenko

Academician

First Vice-President

VASKHNIL



Dr. L.D. Swindale

Director General

ICRISAT