



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between**  
**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, U.S.A.**  
**and**  
**BRNO UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BRNO,**  
**CZECH REPUBLIC**

In accordance with a mutual desire to promote further cooperation in higher education between the United States of America and the Czech Republic, Brno University of Technology, Brno, Czech Republic, and The Ohio State University, on behalf of its College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Columbus, Ohio, USA enter into this formal agreement for the purpose of educational and cultural exchange.

The institutions have found it mutually beneficial to initiate the following cooperative activities:

- (1) Exchange of theses, teaching materials, and other scientific and technological literature
- (2) Research collaboration
- (3) Exchange of faculty and scholars for lecturing, advanced studies, and research, and
- (4) Conduct of joint workshops, symposia, etc. on topics of mutual interest.

It is understood that the details of joint activities, conditions for utilization of the results achieved, and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges, and all other forms of cooperation will be negotiated for each specific case. All specific arrangements will require separate written agreements. It is also understood that any financial arrangements will be negotiated in each specific case and will depend upon the availability of funds. Each party agrees to seek financial resources for supporting such exchanges and collaboration.

**Visiting Scholars and Researchers: Visa and Insurance Requirements**

Under this Agreement, Visiting Scholars and Researchers taking part in programs shall comply with the immigration requirements of the Host Institution.

1. The Host Institution will provide the appropriate counseling and other assistance to the Visiting Scholars or research scientists. Information on housing options will be provided.
2. The Host Institution shall provide the Visiting Scholars with a formal letter of invitation and other documents as may be required to establish Visiting Scholar status to obtain visas and for other purposes.
3. To qualify for J-1 visa, Visiting Scholars to The Ohio State University must demonstrate that they have sufficient funds to cover such living expenses which amount to approximately \$19,200 per calendar year, pro-rated accordingly, or the actual cost of living per calendar year, pro-rated accordingly. In addition, Visiting Scholars must purchase health insurance subject to The Ohio State University's rules. See: <http://oia.osu.edu/int-scholars/j-1-visiting-scholars/required-health-insurance.html> for

full explanation of The Ohio State University's health insurance coverage requirements.

4. The Host Institution shall provide a post-arrival orientation to assist Visiting Scholars in settling quickly into life at the Host Institution.
5. All scholar services and facilities of the Host Institution will be made available to Visiting Scholars.
6. Each Party is responsible for providing complete information about the terms and conditions of this Agreement to its participants, including the pertinent laws and regulations of the host countries and the respective host institutions.

#### **Financial Arrangements**

It is understood that the details of joint activities, conditions for utilization of the results achieved, and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges, and all other forms of cooperation will be negotiated for each specific case. It is also understood that any financial arrangements will be negotiated in each specific case and will depend upon the availability of funds. Each party agrees to seek financial resources for supporting such exchanges and collaboration.

#### **Intellectual Property Law**

Each party reserves the right to publish the results of this Collaboration. Before submission for publication, however, each party shall notify the other of its intention to publish, and shall submit the manuscript to the other party for review and comment. The reviewing party shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the manuscript to present any written comments to the other party. The reviewing party's comments shall be given due consideration by the other party. The publication of the results may be delayed at the reviewing party's written request for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date that the reviewing party received the manuscript if it contains a disclosure of an invention that was invented by one or more employees of the reviewing party and the reviewing party desires to file a United States or foreign patent application. It is understood that in no case can this provision for delay of publication cause a delay in the normal academic progress of a graduate student of either party with respect to the preparation and submission of a graduate thesis or dissertation. Ownership of inventions shall follow inventorship, which will be determined pursuant to applicable patent laws.

#### **Dispute Resolution**

This Memorandum of Understanding established by The Ohio State University cannot be subject to Binding Arbitration. This MOU shall be governed by, construed, enforced, and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio applicable to agreements made and to be performed entirely within such State, without giving any effect to any conflicts or choice of laws principles which otherwise might be applicable. Any action or proceeding against any of the parties hereto relating in any way to this MOA or the subject matter hereof shall be brought and enforced exclusively in the competent courts of Ohio, and the parties hereto consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in respect of such action or proceeding.

**Export Control Laws**

It is recognized and understood that this MOU is subject to all applicable U.S. export control laws and regulations controlling the transfer of technical information or items out of the U.S. The transfer of certain technical information or items may require a license from the U.S. Government. All parties must comply with all applicable export control laws and regulations and no party may export or allow the export or re-export of any information or item when to do so would constitute a violation of those laws or regulations.

**Liaison Offices**

Each party shall designate a person or office to serve as a liaison responsible for the implementation of this agreement.

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This agreement will be in force for a period of five (5) years from the latest date appearing below. It may be renewed for additional periods of five years if both institutions, acting independently, agree in writing to renew at least six (6) months before it expires.



**Signatures**

**The Ohio State University**

**Brno University of Technology**

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Cathann A. Kress, PhD Date  
Vice President for Agricultural Administration  
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Dean, Faculty of Chemistry, BUT

*Michael Papadakis* 12-2-2022

Michael Papadakis Date  
Senior Vice President of Business and  
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Rector, Brno University of Technology  
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