

Memorandum of Understanding
Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture

The Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture (“PIPRA”) is a collaboration among public and private non-profit research institutions and universities that conduct agricultural research for the public benefit (“Institutions”). PIPRA’s objectives are to promote the management of intellectual property related to agriculture (the “Technologies”) and to achieve freedom to utilize agricultural innovations for research, commercial use, economic development, specialty crops and humanitarian purposes.

This Memorandum is executed among and between the Institutions of this collaboration (the “Members” as listed in Annex A) to formalize their commitment to the objectives of PIPRA. The Members agree that this cooperation will initially involve:

- a. Developing guidelines for licensing and sponsored research to encourage overall development of research innovations for use in agriculture while also retaining rights that member institutions need to fulfill their mission of research and product development for the broader public benefit and humanitarian purposes.
- b. Contributing non-confidential information to a common database that provides an overview of the Technologies, whether available or encumbered.
- c. Exploring the possibility of bundling specific Technologies for commercial use and/or humanitarian purposes.

The Members acknowledge that this cooperation may take many forms and further agree that they will participate in good faith to identify strategies that effectively achieve these objectives. To this end, the Members agree to identify a representative and to provide sufficient resources so that the activities under this Memorandum may be performed.

The Members further agree that participation in this collaboration does not require a commitment of any specific existing or future intellectual property to a particular management approach. Rather, the Members will seek to identify opportunities for collaboration in intellectual property management.

This Memorandum shall remain in effect until December 31, 2011. Renewals, if any, will be by the mutual agreement of the Members. Any member institution may terminate its respective participation in this collaboration upon sixty days written notice to all Members of this collaboration.

THEREFORE, this Memorandum is hereby executed by an authorized representative of the named member institution:

[MEMBER INSTITUTION NAME]

Name:

Title:

Date: