

GUIDELINES FOR A  
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES  
BETWEEN THE  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN  
AND THE  
COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS

1. Background

These guidelines are designed to further cooperation between scientists from the United States and Taiwan pursuant to the Agreement dated September 4, 1980, between the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Coordination Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA). The "Taiwan Relations Act" (Public Law 96-8, April 10, 1979) authorizes the continuation of commercial, cultural and other relations between the people of the United States and the people on Taiwan. Such relations are conducted by or through AIT, a non-profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, and CCNAA, a non-governmental organization which has been established to provide assurances and take actions on behalf of the people on Taiwan. AIT works in association with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Washington, D.C., in administering this cooperative program, while CCNAA performs a similar function in affiliation with the Council of Agriculture (COA) in Taipei.

2. Program Goals

To increase the contacts and cooperation between agricultural scientists and institutions of agricultural research and higher learning between our two sides; to provide researchers and institutions with opportunities to exchange information, ideas, skills, and techniques; to enhance opportunities to collaborate in solving problems of common interest, and to utilize special facilities or research opportunities available. Cooperation may be in any of the broad areas of basic and applied agricultural sciences, including forestry and agricultural economics. The types of cooperative activities may include the exchange of scientific information, scientific visits, seminars and workshops, and cooperative research.

3. Implementation and Coordination

AIT and CCNAA shall coordinate and implement the activities agreed to under these guidelines with the agencies of USDA and with similar organizations allied to the COA. Each side shall designate a program coordinator to be responsible under its auspices for the overall coordination of cooperative activities under these guidelines. For each topic identified as the subject of a formal cooperative activity, each side shall also name a topic coordinator.

4. Funding

Funding of cooperative activities under these guidelines shall be carried out on the basis of mutuality, reciprocity, and flexibility. In general, each side shall fund the cost of its participation in cooperative activities and may, if it chooses, provide full or partial support for participation in these activities by scientists of the other side. Decisions on funding for joint activities shall be made by mutual agreement.

5. Review Meetings


AIT and CCNAA program coordinators shall meet periodically, at times and places of their choosing, to review this program of cooperation and guidelines and additions/modifications to same.

6. Initial Areas of Cooperation

The following topics are being considered for initial cooperation activity:

1. New cropping and pest management techniques with emphasis on biological control.
2. New production methods that conserve resources while maintaining or increasing yields. Systems for effective use of soil, water and air resources.
3. Germplasm of plants, animals and organisms that have significant value in agriculture and forestry.
4. Basic research and biotechnology applications for plant and animal production and protection.
5. Post-harvest technology.
6. Aquaculture

Other areas of cooperation may be added from time to time as may be mutually agreed to by AIT and CCNAA.



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