

**AGREEMENT ON THE AFRICAN
REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE
PROGRAMME IN INSECT SCIENCE
(ARPPIS)**

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the mandate of the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (hereinafter referred to as “the *icipe*”) is the development of suitable insect pest and vector management strategies for resource poor rural communities in tropical and subtropical developing countries; and to strengthen their scientific and technological capacity through graduate training and collaborative research;

WHEREAS the *icipe* has a team of international scientists, including those from developing countries; and has established a reputation for academic and research excellence in its area of operation;

WHEREAS the African Universities are accredited and internationally recognized institutions of higher learning situated within Africa; and have the national mandate for and a long-term commitment to human resources development through graduate and postgraduate training;

WHEREAS the African Universities are desirous of enhancing the education and training of a young scientific leadership in insect science and pest and vector management for sustainable development, both at national and regional levels; and having the intellectual capacity to make a significant contribution towards the achievement of these objectives;

WHEREAS the Research and other Higher Education Institutions are willing to support the *icipe* and African Universities towards the education and training of a young scientific leadership in insect science and pest and vector management for sustainable development both at national and regional levels;

WHEREAS the African Regional Postgraduate Programme In Insect Science (ARPPIS) is a collaborative training programme between the *icipe*, participating African Universities in the field of postgraduate training in insect science and pest and vector management and non-universities; and is a new approach to training through an interactive scientific network designed to enhance the quality and cost-effectiveness of post graduate education and training in these insect-related fields in the African region;

WHEREAS The *icipe* and The Universities inspired by their common objectives and intent, and in accordance with the general terms of participation of African Universities in ARPPIS agreed upon at the Bellagio Planning Conference in September 1981 and at Juja in 1989;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Vice Chancellors of the Participating Universities and the *icipe* cognizant of the significant role that ARPPIS has continued to play since inception in the training and development of African scientists in insect science, recognizing the potential contribution of research and other higher education institutions towards the ARPPIS, and cognizant of the need to establish a sustainable mechanism to support the ARPPIS hereby agree to participate in the ARPPIS network as collaborating partners under the Terms of collaboration in the following ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 1

Use of terms

“**AAB**” shall mean the ARPPIS Academic Board established under Article 5 of this Agreement. .

“**Agreement**” shall mean this Agreement on the ARPPIS.

“**ARPPIS**” shall mean The Africa Regional Postgraduate Programme in Insect Science.

“**CVC**” shall mean the Council of Vice-Chancellors established under Article 3 of this Agreement.

“*icipe*” shall mean The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology

“**Research and Higher Education Institution member**” shall mean a national or international institution engaging in agricultural, health and environmental research or in a related activity, including funding agencies.

“**University**” shall mean an institution of higher learning recognized as such by a national government and granted authority, powers and charters to offer undergraduate, graduate and post graduate degrees regardless of whether the institution receives funding from public or private sources.

ARTICLE 2

Objectives

The objective of the ARPPIS network shall be to carry out postgraduate training in insect science and pest and vector management; through an interactive scientific network designed to enhance the quality and cost-effectiveness of post graduate education and training in these insect-related fields in the African region.

ARTICLE 3

Council of Vice Chancellors

- (a) It is hereby established a Council of Vice Chancellors (“CVC”) which shall be the highest decision-making organ of ARPPIS.
- (b) The CVC shall comprise all Vice Chancellors or Rectors or Presidents of all member universities of the ARPPIS and the Director General of *icipe*.
- (c) The Council of Vice Chancellors shall provide broad policy direction and framework and support to the ARPPIS network.
- (d) The CVC shall also be responsible for establishing, guiding giving direction on sustainable funding of the ARPPIS network and its activities.
- (e) The CVC meet at least once a year.
- (f) The CVC shall on its first meeting make rules and regulations to the procedure of its meetings.

ARTICLE 4
ARPPIS Academic Board (“AAB”)

- (a) It is hereby established the AAB.
- (b) The AAB shall be the technical body to oversee the implementation of this Agreement as well as programmes of the ARPPIS.
- (c) The AAB shall from time to time consider applications from non-universities wishing to sign unto this agreement and recommend for their membership to the CVC.
- (d) The AAB shall comprise nominees of the Vice Chancellor or President or Rector of the Universities and members of the *icipe* Board of Post Graduate Training. The nominees of the Vice Chancellor or President or Rector of the Universities shall be individuals in charge of the Universities’ directorate of post graduate training or, the deans of the faculties or schools of science, or the heads of the departments in charge of insect science and shall also act as focal point for the ARPPIS programme at The Universities.
- (e) Where deemed necessary, the AAB shall incorporate nominees from non-university members of the ARPPIS network.
- (f) The AAB shall convene at least once a year.
- (g) The AAB may from time to time appoint committees to enable it effectively discharge its duties.
- (h) The ARPPIS Network Coordinator shall act as the Convener of the AAB, coordinate its meetings and activities and facilitate the implementation of its decisions.

ARTICLE 5

ARPPIS Secretariat

- (a) It is hereby established an ARPPIS Secretariat.
- (b) The ARPPIS Secretariat shall be based at the *icipe*.
- (c) The chief executive of the ARPPIS Secretariat shall be the ARPPIS Network Coordinator.
- (d) The Secretariat’s function is to ensure proper coordination of the ARPPIS with a view to achieving its objectives.
- (e) The ARPPIS Secretariat shall also serve as the Secretariat of the CVC.

ARTICLE 6

Sub-regional Centres

- (a) In order for the ARPPIS to effectively meet its objectives the CVC on the recommendation of the AAB shall appoint and or designate selected member Universities from time to time as Sub-regional Centres offering Masters Degree Programmes in insect science taking into account the already existing Sub-regional Centres established pursuant to the Juja Declaration.
- (b) The Sub-regional Centres so designated shall as much as possible be distributed geographically equitably within Africa.
- (c) Each member university shall upon executing the instrument of signature of this Agreement be informed by the ARPPIS Secretariat of the Sub-regional

- Centre that the University shall identify itself with for purposes of training of ARPPIS Master Degree Programmes in insect science.
- (d) The functions of the Sub-regional centres shall be to carry out the mandate as outlined in the Juja Declaration.
 - (e) The ARPPIS Secretariat may from time to time delegate its coordination functions to the Sub-regional Centres insofar as the administration of Masters Degree programmes in insect science is concerned.

ARTICLE 7 UNDERTAKINGS

1. Sponsorship and Registration of Candidates for Staff Development

- (a) That The Universities shall screen candidates, both from the Universities as well as from the national programmes of the country, to the ARPPIS;
- (b) That The Universities shall register candidates for their degrees under the ARPPIS programme; that such candidates shall register through the specified procedure of particular Universities;
- (c) That from time to time, candidates registered at the University under the ARPPIS programme, having satisfied the tuition requirements of the University, shall receive research training at *icipe*, the University or other research and higher education institution.

2. Faculty Appointment and Recognition

- (a) That selected staff from The University shall be appointed as Visiting Scientists to the *icipe* or research and higher education institution and to the ARPPIS for purposes of lecturing, student research supervision or collaborative research projects.
- (b) That selected scientific staff from The *icipe* or research and higher education institution shall be appointed to honorary academic positions in the University according to the University's procedures.
- (c) That any member of one institution who is on honorary appointment to the other institution will be treated under the same academic, administrative and financial regulations of the host institution.

3. Understanding on Cost-Sharing

- (a) That in the spirit of collaboration, and in view of the need to keep programme costs within training fellowship levels, The *icipe* and the University shall cooperate in minimizing the costs of training in ARPPIS;
- (b) That The *icipe* shall directly meet the costs incurred by it in implementing the programme; that such costs would include:
 - (i) student research and computer costs including fieldwork

- (ii) thesis preparation costs
- (iii) research supervision fees;
- (iv) student book allowance and stationery expenses
- (v) student stipend, medical and living allowances; and
- (vi) programme administration.

(c) Further, that the University shall not charge the *icipe* fees equivalent or similar to the same costs already incurred directly by the *icipe* in respect of ARPPIS candidates registered with the University.

(d) That the *icipe* shall pay university fees in respect of

- (vii) registration fees
- (viii) tuition; and
- (ix) thesis examination fees.

However, where the student is a member of faculty of the University and is on staff development training, The University shall waive all fees except for registration and thesis examination.

(e) That subject to the provisions of the fellowship, scholarship or grant The *icipe* shall pay for transport to and fro (by air, land or sea) and subsistence allowance, for University supervisors visiting ARPPIS, and for ARPPIS students visiting the University for seminars and thesis defense; and that the University shall when and where available, provide the student with hostel/guest house accommodation at reduced cost.

(f) That The University shall fully sponsor the participation of the Vice-Chancellor's nominee at the AAB meetings held annually, at any venue declared by the AAB.

ARTICLE 8

Rules governing ARPPIS Scholars

A scholar under ARPPIS shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the university where he or she is registered for a degree as well as the rules and regulations of the institution where he or she is conducting research.

ARTICLE 9

Intellectual Property

- (a) A member university or research and higher education institution member is hereby required to enact an institutional intellectual property policy.
- (b) The ARPPIS Secretariat where called upon, shall provide technical assistance to the member university or research and higher education institution member to enable it enact institutional intellectual property policies.
- (c) The intellectual property policy and laws that shall govern a scholar's work shall be those of the university where the scholar is registered and the country

- the university is situated and of the institution where the scholar is conducting research and the country the institution is situated.
- (d) The intellectual property in a scholar's work may also be subject to conditions that may be attached to the donor or funder of the scholar's work.
 - (e) Prior to registration of an ARPPIS scholar at a University, intellectual property rules that will govern the scholar's work and research shall be discussed and agreed on between the scholar, the University and the institution where the scholar will receive research training.

ARTICLE 10

Technical and Scientific Collaboration

The parties are free to enter into agreements and understandings on collaboration on technical and scientific activities beyond the scope of this agreement. However such further agreements or understandings shall be the subject of arrangements separate and distinct from this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11

Settlement of Disputes

- (a) The parties shall endeavour to interpret this Agreement on the ARPPIS in a mutually supportive manner.
- (b) Where disputes occur, the parties shall resort to methods of conciliation and mediation and should this fail, by arbitration.

ARTICLE 12

Amendments to the Agreement

The Parties may, from time to time by mutual consent amend, modify, add to or delete any sections, phrases or words in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 13

Entry into force

This Agreement shall enter into force immediately upon the ARPPIS Secretariat receiving instruments of Signature from ten Parties.

ARTICLE 14

Signature

- (a) Signature of this Agreement by the eligible Parties shall be by the Party intending to sign this Agreement depositing an instrument of signature with the ARPPIS Secretariat in the form attached in the Schedule to this Agreement.
- (b) Upon receipt of an instrument of signature from an eligible Party, the ARPPIS Secretariat shall inform in writing, all the other Parties that shall have previously signed this Agreement.

ARTICLE 15
Repeal of Previous Agreement

Upon entry into force of this Agreement all other previous agreements between *icipe* and any of the Parties for collaborative participation on the ARPPIS shall be deemed to be repealed.

ARTICLE 16
Withdrawals

- (a) At any time after one year has lapsed from the date on which this Agreement has entered into force, a Party may withdraw by giving written notice to the other party through the ARPPIS Secretariat.
- (b) Any such withdrawal shall take effect upon expiry of one year after the date of its receipt by the ARPPIS Secretariat.

ARTICLE 17
Authentic Texts

The original of this Agreement, of which the English, French, Arabic and Portuguese texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the ARPPIS Secretariat.

Schedule

Instrument of Signature

[To be signed by the Vice Chancellor, President or Rector of University, Director general of *icipe* or the executive head of a research and higher education institution]

SIGNATURE

WHEREAS the Agreement on the Africa Regional Postgraduate Programme in Insect science was concluded at [place] on [date], NOW THEREFORE, I, [name and title of the Vice Chancellor, President or Rector of University, Director General of *icipe* or the executive head of a research and higher education institution] declare that the [name of institution], having considered the above mentioned agreement accedes to the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this instrument of signature at [place] on [date]

[Signature]

In the presence of [witness]