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Agreement on  
**INTERNATIONAL TEACHING AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION**  
between  
**The Institute of Evolution at University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel**  
and  
**Department of Genetics and Breeding Saint Petersburg State University,**  
**Russia**

**Haifa**

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The purpose of this agreement is to establish academic cooperation in graduate teaching and scientific research between the Department of Genetics and Breeding of Saint Petersburg State University (SPbGU) with the responsibility of Head Professor S.G. Inge-Vechtomov and the Institute of Evolution at the University of Haifa University with the responsibility of Director Professor E. Nevo. The Contracting Parties will invest concerted efforts in order to strengthen each other from the complementary technical resources, teaching experience, and scientific potential. Following are the details on possible joint activities.

1. The parties recognize a broad spectrum of genetic, molecular genetic and evolutionary genetic problems, where this collaboration promises to be stimulating and fruitful from both research and advanced teaching perspectives. As a first trial subject, the parties agreed to target the combined efforts on molecular-genetic basis of adaptation to thermal stress in *Drosophila* natural and laboratory populations. The parties are also interested in extending the collaboration to other organisms, including fungi and plants.
2. Joint investigation of the above systems allows using experience and facilities of the both research groups and will be of mutual profit. The research program will be balanced to compromise between the needs for high quality of basic research and its application. Active participation of students and graduate students is assumed within the joint research program under scientific supervision of qualified persons from the both parties.
3. Exchange of scientists for short lecture courses related to the collaborative research; exchange by master and PhD students to take advantage of the complementary facilities; supervision of joint PhD students.
4. Promotion and support of scientific and technological projects; establishing appropriate forms of cooperation with governmental and non-governmental organizations and programs.
5. Participation in international scientific workshops, conferences and meetings that will take place in Russia and Israel.
6. The Parties have not any financial obligations in accordance with this Agreement. Activities in accordance with this agreement will depend on availability of funds. Both parties agree to do their utmost to seek financial support for the realization of this agreement.
7. This Agreement shall enter into power immediately after signing.

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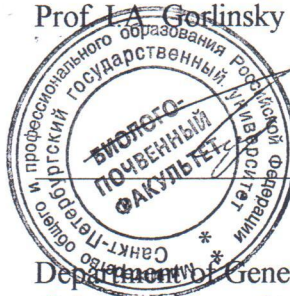
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