

## **Letter of the project agreement**

between

**NATURE RESEARCH CENTRE**

**Vilnius, Lithuania**

and

**Kharkiv Zooveterinary Academy**

**Kharkov, Ukraine**

Kharkiv Zooveterinary Academy, represented by Rector, Academy Professor, Dmitry Baranovsky (hereinafter – Party 1) and the Nature Research Centre, represented by Director Prof. Habil. Dr. Vincas Būda acting on the basis of the regulations of the institution (hereinafter – Party 2), collectively referred to as Parties, consider their common interest in promoting the mutual cooperation in the Joint Ukrainian-Lithuanian Research and Development Projects and have set forth the following Agreement of scientific cooperation.

### **THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

The aim of this Agreement of scientific cooperation shall contribute towards the ensuring development of the international project between the Party 1 and Party 2 on implementation of the project “Biological control of forest invasive pathogens to preserve biodiversity in European noble forest and woodland ecosystems“(Hereinafter – Project).

### **SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES**

Parties have agreed to carry out scientific cooperation, beneficial for both Parties. This consortium will collect data on invasive organisms relevant for the various regions following concertedly elaborated schemes. Assessment teams will be established by the researchers involving experienced researches and students of forest protection. Since these coordinated activities also address the increasing awareness in the population on upcoming risks from invasive organisms, also a broad spectrum of interested laypersons as a group of people supporting the work by supplying observations on spread of invasive species will be involved in frame of ongoing projects in both countries.

Both Parties undertake to promote and develop co-operation in the following ways, subject to the availability of the resources (*Objectives 1-5* are according to descriptions in the Project):

1. To monitor of *Dothistroma* needle blight, ash dieback and pitch cancer in Ukraine and Lithuania (Party 1 implement *Objective 1* in Ukraine; Party 2 implement this *Objective 1* in Lithuania);
2. To identify and assess the potential effective biocontrol agents of ash and Scots pine pathogens *in vitro* (*Objective 2* implement both Parties);
3. To increase knowledge of the pathogens and their biology, and to investigate possible biocontrol methods by testing association of fungi and bacteria with alien invasive pathogen (*Objective 3* implement both Parties);
4. To disseminate our results during two workshops in each country and as a result of scientific visits to Ukraine and Lithuania, to exchange the experience, information

and outcome of results among our institutions during our activities (*Objective* implement both Parties);

5. To publish obtained results in final two papers outlining the conclusions regarding the biosecurity implications and risks of the changing dynamics of invasive plant pathogens and concerning potential effective biocontrol agents (*Objective 5* implement both Parties).

#### **EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION AND MATERIAL**

The Parties agreed to implement exchange of scientific experience, plant material and scientific information, in accordance with all national and international laws relating to the exchange of plant material and data.

#### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

The Parties assure that the foreseen forms of dissemination of information about the results of the Project fully comply with the confidentiality commitments and legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ukraine regulating the protection of an intellectual property.

#### **FINANCING**

The Agreement does not provide for any financial obligations of the Contracting Parties. All financial obligations are discussed and agreed by the Parties in every specific case on the basis of separate contacts.

#### **VALIDITY OF AGREEMENT**

The Agreement is valid for the period of the implementation of the Project: from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2018 till the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 2023.

#### **OTHER CONDITIONS**

Amendments and additions to the Agreement shall be made by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties by concluding Supplementary Agreements.

Additional agreements and appendices to the Agreement are integral parts thereof and are legally binding if they are set out in writing, signed by the Parties and sealed with their seals.

This contract shall be interpreted and regulated in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine and Republic of Lithuania. In the event of disputes related to the implementation of the Treaty, the Parties undertake to resolve such disputes through negotiations. In the event that such a settlement is impossible, disputes shall be settlement is impossible, disputes shall be subject to a court ruling in accordance with the current legislation of Ukraine and Republic of Lithuania.

This Agreement is signed in 2 copies in English and 2 copies in Ukrainian with an identical legal force, one copy for each of the Parties.

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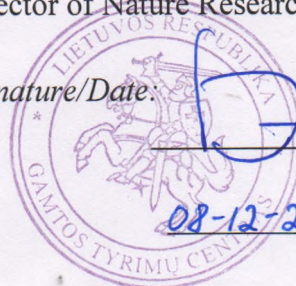
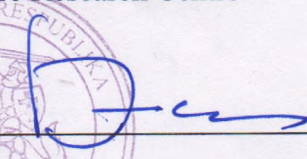
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For and on behalf of Nature Research  
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