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SUMMARY: We visited ICRISAT to negotiate a general Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration between ICRISAT and INTSORMIL, and specifically to work out a sub-agreement and joint Project Proposal for a joint regional sorghum/millet research program for Southern Africa. These objectives were achieved.

ITINERARY:

June 18 - Left Lincoln, Nebraska and College Station, Texas, respectively.
To New Delhi, India via New York.

June 20 - Arrived Hyderabad, India, 9:00 a.m. Discussions with ICRISAT officials.

June 21 - 23 -- At ICRISAT

June 23 - 24 -- Return to U.S. via Bombay.

CHIEF PERSONS MET: (ICRISAT)

Dr. L. D. Swindale, Director-General
Dr. Curtis Jackson, Director, International Cooperation
Dr. Lee House, Leader, Sorghum Research
Dr. Klaus Leuschner, Principal Scientist, Entomology
Dr. Dallas Oswald - Director of Training
Dr. John Peacock - Principal Scientist, Physiology

DETAILS:

1. Memorandum of Understanding.

ICRISAT and INTSORMIL have been cooperating closely for nearly four years without a formal agreement. Because collaboration between the two organizations is increasing and becoming more complex, it was considered appropriate to formalize the basis for cooperation by a Memorandum of Understanding. This was signed June 23, 1983. A copy is attached.

2. Southern Africa (SADCC) Regional Program.

This program has been in the planning stage for more than two years. It is to provide regional research support in sorghum and millet to the nine SADCC countries (Tanzania, Angola, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland). ICRISAT conducted the planning until May, 1983, when INTSORMIL was asked to participate. The program is visualized as a long-term effort, to begin late in 1983. Headquarters is planned to be in southern Zimbabwe. The central staff is to consist of 6 to 8 principal scientists, of which INTSORMIL will provide one or more. INTSORMIL is to coordinate a large degree-level training program as part of the operation.

An agreed project plan and sub-agreement for INTSORMIL/ICRISAT cooperation were drawn up and dispatched to the USAID regional office in Harare, Zimbabwe for comment.

3. Other matters.

During this visit, plans were advanced for:

- a. An International Workshop on Sorghum Entomology, to be held in July, 1984 at College Station, Texas.
- b. A joint workshop on commercial sorghum seed production, to be held in Sudan, October 1983.
- c. Striga training, on a cooperative basis.
- d. Publication of a Striga bibliography, being prepared at ICRISAT.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL CROPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE SEMI-ARID TROPICS (ICRISAT)

AND

INTSORMIL - THE MANAGEMENT ENTITY OF THE SORGHUM/MILLET COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM (CRSP)

This agreement was made and entered into on June 23, 1983 between the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (hereinafter referred to as ICRISAT) and the Management Entity for the Sorghum/Millet Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP), located at the University of Nebraska/Lincoln (hereinafter referred to as INTSORMIL).

ICRISAT has a mandate from the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) to develop improved crops and cropping systems in the semi-arid tropics, for five crops - Sorghum, Millet, Pigeonpeas, Groundnut, and Chickpeas. To carry out this mandate, it conducts research and related activities at a Center located near Hyderabad, India, and at a number of other sites in the semi-arid tropics.

INTSORMIL conducts research on sorghum and millets with major support from a CRSP grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development. INTSORMIL operates as an associated group of U.S. Land Grant Universities, in collaboration with host country research institutions in developing countries, and with international agricultural research centers. Its principal objective is to improve human nutrition through research and technology development with its subject crops.

Since the research objectives of ICRISAT and INTSORMIL cover the same two crops (Sorghum and Millet) and are closely similar in many respects, this Memorandum is considered appropriate to record the intentions of the two organizations to collaborate closely in an appropriate manner, to maximize the effect and efficiency of each.

In principle, ICRISAT and INTSORMIL agree to cooperate wherever possible in the planning, execution and reporting of research related to sorghum and millet. Each organization will retain its own integrity, funding and operational procedures, but joint or cooperative activities will be conducted

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where feasible and appropriate. These activities will take three general forms:

- a. In ongoing research activities based at ICRISAT Center and INTSORMIL institutions, collaboration between scientists of the two organizations will be mutually encouraged, on a continuing basis. If such collaboration is in the framework of approved budgets, no special further agreement between directorates of the two organizations will be required.
- b. In host countries where the two organizations are operating under separate host country agreements and with separate funding- ICRISAT and INTSORMIL scientists operating in such countries will be expected to cooperate to the maximum possible extent. Here also, no further special agreements normally will be required.
- c. In cases where it appears appropriate to the directorates of the two organizations, ICRISAT and INTSORMIL may enter into formalized joint operation, either with shared funding or with funding from individually available sources, according to appropriate specific subagreements and work plans. This class joint activity will in each case require approval by the Director General of ICRISAT and the Program Director of INTSORMIL.

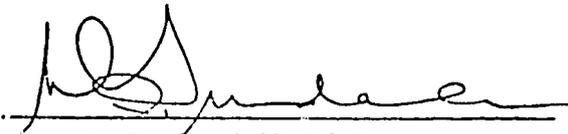
Unless specifically provided for in separate subagreements, ICRISAT and INTSORMIL each will normally provide salary, support, research expenses, and travel costs for its own staff personnel. However, nothing in this agreement is intended to restrict reciprocal staff visits, staff study leaves, professional exchange on a short-term basis, or participation in collaborative activities, in cases where one organization is willing to fund activities of an individual staff member of the other.

Each organization hereby agrees to share information with the other concerning future plans likely to have an effect on collaborative activities. To this end, appropriate representatives of ICRISAT will be invited to attend

major planning and review sessions of INTSORMIL, and vice versa. Costs of travel to such sessions will be borne by either or both organizations, as mutually agreed in advance.

This agreement may be amended by mutual agreement at any time or terminated by either party on provision of ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

Signed at Patancheru (near Hyderabad), India, this 23rd Day of June 1983.



L. D. SWINDALE

DIRECTOR GENERAL - ICRISAT



EARL R. LENG

PROGRAM DIRECTOR - INTSORMIL