



August 8, 1983

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The Azores

Dear Dr. Pires:

I appreciated the opportunity for Dr. McCreight and I to visit the Azores and your university recently. I wish to again thank you, your faculty and your staff for the kind and gracious hospitality extended to us.

The visit has given me a first hand review of our URI faculty members' activities and accomplishments in conjunction with your faculty. I now better understand the relationships that have evolved and more about the situation, as it is now, that the USAID grant, which made it all possible, has come to an end.

It is apparent, from our discussions, that both institutions are anxious to continue the close relationships that have evolved over the past six years. Such relationships, as we both know, will have to be supported by other means now that the AID institution-building grant has terminated.

I will summarize the statements I made to you and your staff on June 23, 1983, as I indicated I would.

Means of Supporting and Nurturing the UA/URI Relationship

I. Possible sources of financial support

A. United States Department of Agriculture

1. Portugal Treaty

I will contact the Office of International Cooperation and Development (OICD) as to possible support.

2. University Linkage Program

I will write the Executive Director of the International Science and Education Council (ISEC) as to the possibilities of joining that program.

B. USAID/Washington

1. Science Advisor Program

Dr. McCreight will screen projects developed jointly by UA/URI faculty for submission to the Science Advisor.

2. The URI will consider possible means of utilizing part of its USAID supported Title XII Strengthening Grant to work with UA.

3. The URI will consider possible means of utilizing part of its USAID supported Cooperative Agreement to work with UA.

C. U. S. National Science Foundation (NSF) International Cooperation Program.

Dr. McCreight will encourage joint faculty project development that might qualify under this program.

II. Other Means of Nurturing the UA/URI Relationships

A. Sabbatical Leaves

1. My office will encourage URI faculty to consider sabbatical leaves at UA. Most feasible will be six month leaves where the faculty receives full pay and fringe benefits from URI during the period.

UA would provide housing and a small stipend (on a task performed basis) to help offset food costs.

2. Full agreement would have to be reached by both institutions in every case before approval would be final. In other words, each sabbatical must be negotiated separately.

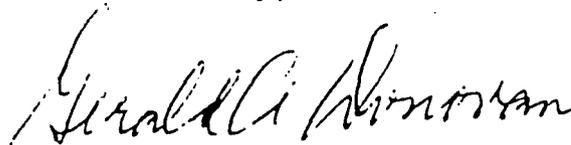
I am sure we will find means of continuing our mutually beneficial cooperative efforts.

Enclosed, please find a draft Memorandum of Understanding for your consideration. We believe it will meet both of our needs. Please review it and suggest any changes, you feel would strengthen it, for our further review.

If you have an opportunity to visit the United States in the near future, please plan to visit our university.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,



Gerald A. Donovan
Dean and Director

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cc: Dr. William R. Ferrante
Dr. Donald E. McCreight

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
AND THE
UNIVERSITY OF THE AZORES

WHEREAS, the University of the Azores and the University of Rhode Island have participated in a cooperative venture since 1976, which has been supported primarily by a United States Agency for International Development grant; and

WHEREAS, the University of the Azores and the University of Rhode Island are mutually interested in collaboration in research, undergraduate and graduate education plus related activities; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to embark on collaborative research, development, and education programs in various disciplines relevant to agriculture, fisheries and related areas; and

WHEREAS, the two institutions have already cooperated to further these interests and now desire to record here their mutual understandings in this regard;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do hereby record their understanding as follows:

ARTICLE I

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to further the following objectives:

1. To develop cooperative and collaborative activities in furtherance of the mutually reinforcing interests of the two institutions;

2. To develop research, development, and education programs and related activities as may be of mutual interest to both institutions;
3. To encourage and nurture faculty and student exchanges.
4. To facilitate the following:
 - a. Promote beneficial staff exchange between the University of the Azores and the University of Rhode Island
 - b. Promote beneficial graduate student exchange between the University of the Azores and the University of Rhode Island.
 - c. Promote, where appropriate, the conduct of the University of Rhode Island graduate students' theses research at the University of the Azores.
5. To enlarge and strengthen the capacities and capabilities of each institution through the cooperative use of materials and facilities which are supportive of the mutually agreed programs.

ARTICLE II

To implement the aims and purposes expressed in Article I, it is mutually understood and agreed:

1. Proposals for cooperative and collaborative work under this Memorandum will be submitted through liaison officers designated by each of the institutions to assure conformity with the aims and purposes described as set forth in Article I;
2. Individual programs of work under this Memorandum will be jointly planned and implemented, and program results and other benefits will be shared and mutually interchanged by the two institutions. Programs of work and budgets will be reviewed and approved by designated representatives of the institutions.

3. (a) In recognition of the mutual interests and benefits to be gained by the University of Rhode Island and the University of the Azores, costs of implementing the graduate education program and other activities will be shared in conformity with these interests and as specifically understood and agreed to.

3. (b) In recognition of local constraints on such funding as identified above, both institutions will collaborate on the solicitation of funding from international agencies for the purpose of implementing cooperative projects.

ARTICLE III

1. This Memorandum of Understanding is effective as of October 1, 1983 upon its execution by the appropriate officer of each of the signatory institutions.

2. This Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual consent and shall continue to be in force and effect indefinitely unless terminated by either party by giving written notice of intent to terminate. In so far as possible such notice will be given one year in advance of the termination date.

Executed for the University of
Rhode Island

Executed for the University
of the Azores

W. R. Ferrante, Acting President

Rector, Machado Pires

G. A. Donovan, Director/ICMRD

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