# Memorandum of Agreement for conducting a Summer School in Plant Biology

Between

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and

The Department of Biotechnology of the Indian Institute of Technology of Roorkee

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To wich intervene

The Strategic Cluster Centre SÈVE of the Université de Sherbrooke,

Faculté des sciences, Département de biologie 2500, boul. de l'Université Sherbrooke (Québec) J1K 2R1 CANADA

And

Professor Hugo Germain

And

Professor Harsh Chauhan

This Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) sets forth the terms and understanding between the Strategic Cluster Centre SÈVE of the Université de Sherbrooke, here represent by Université de Sherbrooke (hereafter referred to as Centre SÈVE), the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières

(hereafter referred to as UQTR), and the Department of Biotechnology at the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (hereafter referred to as IIT Roorkee) to work towards the establishment of a Summer School in Plant Biology, the first edition of which would take place in May 2019.

## Background

The Department of Biotechnology at IIT Roorkee is one of the leading institutions in India in plant biology research and for the establishment of the Summer School the IIT Roorkee is represented by Dr. Harsh Chauhan, faculty in the Department of Biotechnology. The Centre SEVE strategic cluster is the largest research cluster focusing on plant biology in the province of Québec, bringing together over sixty faculty members from various institutions. Dr. Hugo Germain is responsible of international relation for the Centre SEVE and faculty at UQTR. The Summer School aims to bring up to ten M.Sc. and Ph.D. students from the Centre SEVE to IIT Roorkee in May 2019 for the first edition of the IIT Roorkee/Centre SEVE Plant Biology Summer School.

# Purpose

This MoA will list the responsibilities of Drs. Chauhan and Germain.

## Drs. Germain and Chauhan

- Establish a detailed budget to be presented to the Centre SEVE members
- Establish a detailed schedule
- Coordinate on logistics (transportation and housing)

#### Dr. Chauhan

- Make reservations for private taxis for mobility in India
- Reservation of private bus for field trips
- Reservations for housing of the students and accompanying faculty
- · Reservations of a classroom for the Summer School
- Organizing the opening and closing ceremony

#### Dr. Germain

- Present the budget to the Centre SÈVE directorate
- Present the Summer School and its schedule to the members of the Centre SEVE
- Select or help select the participating students
- Inform the student about their to-do list, responsibilities and appropriate follow ups (e.g. vaccination schedules, medication, etc.)
- Seek funding

## Reporting

Drs. Harsh Chauhan and Hugo Germain will be responsible for evaluating effectiveness and adherence to the agreement.

## **Funding**

This MoA is NOT a commitment of funding from any of the participating parties. The IIT Roorkee is not expected to pay for any fees with regards to the Summer School other than for the time contribution of professor Chauhan and other faculty members and students who may be involved. Similarly, the Centre SÈVE has no obligation to pay for the Summer School but may have mobility grants to support participating Centre SÈVE students. The funding is expected to come from the supervisors of the students or the student themselves. Dr. Germain is also actively trying to identify funding sources, which would be shared between the Centre SÈVE students.

The researchers who have students participating in the IIT Roorkee/Centre SÈVE Plant Biology Summer School will be responsible of covering ALL costs, including additional expenses, which may result in a price variation, schedule change or any factor which may affect the final price per student of the summer school. Neither the Université de Sherbrooke, the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, the IIT Roorkee, Hugo Germain or Harsh Chauhan could be held responsible of unplanned additional expenses.

#### Duration

This MoA is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from IIT Roorkee, Centre SEVE and UQTR. This MoA shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the IIT Roorkee, Centre SEVE and UQTR and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from IIT Roorkee, Centre SEVE and UQTR, this MoA shall end on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.

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