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**Academic Cooperation**  
**between**  
**Karolinska Institutet at Department of Microbiology, Tumor and Cell Biology,**  
**and**  
**The University of Latvia**

1. **The University of Latvia, Latvia, and Karolinska Institutet at Department of Microbiology, Tumor and Cell Biology, Sweden** recognize the benefits to their respective institutions from the establishment of this international collaboration and sign this Academic cooperation Agreement with the purpose of developing an academic, research and educational cooperation and of promoting mutual understanding between the two universities.
2. The parties regard the following areas of cooperation as desirable, feasible and of mutual interest, on a basis of equality and reciprocity within the limits of available resources and interests:
  - (i) Exchange of doctoral students, faculty and/or administrative staff;
  - (ii) Joint research activities and possible exchange of academic papers, e.g., such as within the framework of Million Microbiomes from Human Project (MMHP) and cancer research;
  - (iii) Organization of joint academic and scientific activities, such as courses, conferences, seminars, workshops or lectures
  - (iv) Exchange of scientific materials, publications and other information;
  - (v) Co-operation in training projects for specified areas of development;
  - (vi) Opportunities for other forms of co-operation, such as the delivery of award and non-award courses.
  - (vii) Collaborate in preparation and realization of EU and international academic and research projects
3. The terms and conditions of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this Agreement shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of that activity. Third-party funding may be sought, where available.
4. This Academic Cooperation Agreement describes in general terms the basis upon which the Parties intend to collaborate. All activities undertaken pursuant to the Agreement are subject to the approval of the Parties themselves. This Agreement does not affect the ability of the Parties to enter into other agreements or arrangements. Any specific programme or activity will be subject to mutual consent, availability of funds and approval of both Parties.
5. Each party shall ensure that its activities under the cooperation fully comply with all recognized international laws, regulations, guidelines and recommendations in relevant fields, that are in force during the term of this agreement, including but not limited to:

- (i) Any UNESCO Declaration on Ethics Issues, for instance the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, the International Declaration on Human Genetic Data and the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights;
- (ii) Generally accepted principles of academic freedom and in particular the Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel, adopted by the UNESCO General Conference in 1997;
- (iii) All applicable local, government laws and regulations and guidelines governing health and safety, data protection, and where relevant, the use of human or animal subjects, good laboratory practice and good clinical practice; and
- (iv) Any World Medical Association policy included in the Handbook of WMA Policy, for instance The Helsinki Declaration on Ethical Principles for Medical Research involving Human Subjects, International Code of Medical Ethics, Declaration of Taipei on Ethical Considerations regarding Health Databases and Biobank and Statement on Animal Use in Biomedical Research;

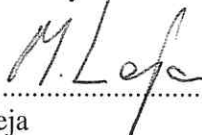
The Parties acknowledge that in all research activities under the collaboration they shall secure all necessary approvals from the relevant research ethics committees before undertaking any part of a research project requiring ethics committee approval. Each Party shall also obtain properly signed consent and acknowledgement forms from any human subjects or their legal guardians to be involved in the project;

The Parties will cooperate for the purpose of ensuring that each of them complies with ethical obligations and will therefore share information relating to ethical approvals obtained in a transparent manner;

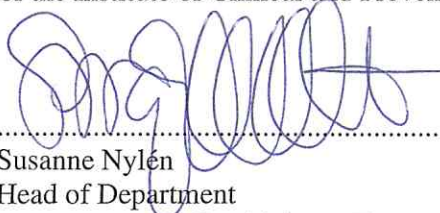
The Parties agree to ensure that all teaching and research personnel engaged in the collaboration under the current Academic Cooperation Agreement shall be entitled to full academic freedom as referred to in (ii) above.

6. The parties agree that this Academic Cooperation Agreement does not give rise to any legal relationship, rights, duties or consequences, except the obligation in clause 5 above. Specifically neither Party acquires any license under intellectual property rights of the other Party.
7. Neither Party shall use the trade/official-marks or trade/official names, of the other or of any of its affiliates, directly or indirectly, in connection with any product, promotion, advertising, press releases, service or publication without the prior written consent of the other Party.
8. The Academic Cooperation Agree shall remain in force for a period of three years from the date of the last signature.
9. The Academic Cooperation Agree may be terminated by six months' prior written notice. In the event of termination, cooperative programs currently underway will be allowed to continue until their conclusion.
10. The Academic Cooperation Agree may be amended or extended by mutual written consent of the two parties.
11. This Academic Cooperation Agree comes into force upon the signing by both parties. This Agreement is signed in two (2) identical copies in English. Both copies are authentic.

For this purpose, the responsible signing parties will be the Head of the Department of Microbiology, Tumor and the President at Karolinska Institutet and the Director of the Institute of Clinical and Preventive Medicine at the University of Latvia



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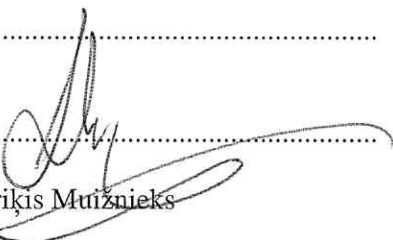
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