

AGREEMENT AMONG THE SECRETARIA DE AGRICULTURA Y GANADERIA AND THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL MAIZE AND WHEAT IMPROVEMENT CENTER WITH HEADQUARTERS IN THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC.

PREAMBLE

After twenty years of a fruitful cooperation among the Secretaria de Agricultura y Ganaderia and the Rockefeller Foundation, in an agricultural improvement program that it has been of great value not only for Mexico, but also for many other countries of the world, the two cooperative Institutions agree to establishing an International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, with headquarters in the Mexican Republic, in order to continue with their cooperative efforts to share the benefits of the basic investigation in these cultivation with other countries of the world that are interested in such activities.

With the purpose of that this effort will be it more effective possible, the two Institutions formulate and approve the following:

AGREEMENT

1. The Secretaria de Agricultura y Ganaderia and the Rockefeller Foundation agree, to coordinating their efforts for the establishment and operation of an International Organization, devoted to the improvement of the production of the maize and wheat.

2. The organization will be designated "CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE MEJORAMIENTO DE MAIZ Y TRIGO" (C.I.M.M.Y.T.)

3. Residence. - The headquarters of the Center, it will be the place in which the dependencies of the Secretaria de Agricultura y Ganaderia are established as the Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agricolas, the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura and its Colegio de Post-Graduados, in Chapingo, Estado de Mexico; and their own facilities will be integrating part of the joint of the institutions to the fact that is made reference.

4. Jurisdiction. - The Center will accomplish its activities in the place of its residence, in any other part within territory of the Republic or of the collaborative countries, according to the technical requirements of each case. In the national territory will be preferred the dependency facilities of the Secretaria de Agricultura y Ganaderia.

5. Purposes. - The fundamental purposes of the Center will be, that of to help improvement of the production of the maize and the wheat with international projects; through the production of better varieties, the application of advanced cultivation techniques, the greater protection of the sowings against plagues and diseases, as well as of the effect of adverse weather phenomena.

To achieve the objectives to the fact that is made reference, the Center will intensify the search, in world scale, within the available germplasm of these cultivars, of superior genes for greater productivity, top quality and resistance to plagues, diseases and adverse weather factors.

The research programs of the Center will try to combine the best available genes to obtain the basic populations, which will be distributed hereinafter to the researchers of Mexico and of other countries, in order to that they could be used in their regional or national programs of genetic improvement.

The Center will lead basic investigations on genetic structure, physiology, nourishment, ecology, pest control, etc., related to maize and wheat; in order to find the bases and fundamental principles, that serve to develop better methods and techniques that assure, increase and improve the production of these cultivars.

The Center will stimulate national and internationally the experiment making it most prompt, with the purpose of solving the problems that in each case have to be, watching to achieve a higher yield of the maize and wheat.

The Center will promote in Mexico or in any of the countries interested, the training for scientists with wide experience in the activities of the fact that is tried. The purpose is to generalize the improvement activities of the maize and wheat production, based on instructions increasingly attached to scientific top-level procedures.

The Center will not duplicate the investigation projects that other dependencies of the Secretaria de Agricultura y Ganaderia in Mexico are performing, applying equal norm in other countries. On the contrary, it will support and wide their programs maintaining close cooperation in all those cases, in which is considered desirable and feasible by both parts.

6. Partnership.

- It will be integrated by the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, the Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agrícolas, the Colegio de Post-Graduados of the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura de Mexico, and staff elements of the Rockefeller Foundation, when the activities to develop may have interest in achieving the improvement regarding production of the gramineous of the fact that is tried.

7. Government.

- The authority and the administration of the Center will base in the two following organizations by the hierarchic order in which are cited:

- a) The Directive Body integrated by the Secretaria de Agricultura y Ganaderia of Mexico, in quality of President, and by the President of the Rockefeller Foundation, or the person that he designate, as Vice-President.
- b) The Executive Committee integrated by a First Member nominated by the Directive Committee that it will have to be scientific of recognized experience in improvement projects of the agricultural production; a Second Vocal, that it will be the Director of the Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agrícolas; and a Third Vocal that it will be the Director of the Colegio de Post-Graduados of the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura. The First Vocal will have the character of Executive Coordinator.

The Directive Body will establish the programs, budgets and the bylaws that they should govern to the Center and it will be able, to discretion, to select the International Advisory Body, with functions exclusively of advisors.

The Executive Committee is responsible for the development, coordination and execution of the programs of the Center and will develop its activities with the

attributions, faculties and obligations that establish the Directive Body and the interior operation bylaws, without neglecting in all time, to achieving the widest collaboration and harmony among the institutions that integrate the Center.

8. Activities.

- The activities that the Center develop will have to be derived in invariable form, from advisedly formulated specific projects, in which is detail with all clarity its extent, the purposes that are pursued, the responsible for their formulation and those which will be entrusted with the execution with the projects, clarifying in each case the collaboration contributions in economic availabilities, equipment, genetic materials, facilities, etc., that correspond to each collaborative institution, establishing with all accuracy the opportunity of the contributions.

9. Staff elements.

- Staff of the fact that has the Center for its projects, will be integrated with the group of scientists, technicians, administrative assistance and qualified workers, that in each case will be destined for the activities the Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agricolas, as well as the Colegio de Post-Graduados of the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura and the Rockefeller Foundation, as well as any other dependency of the Secretaria de Agricultura y Ganaderia, that has interest in the activities of the Center.

A member of the Staff of any category that labor directly in the Center, will be nominated by the Executive Coordinator, previous authorization of the Directive Body. The personnel designated for a commission from other dependencies will be directly controlled by the same Executive Coordinator, as long as the commission requires it.

The responsibility of the efficient and correct use of economic availabilities, equipment, material and goods of any nature that they have to be used in each specific project will correspond to the headlines of the collaborative institutions or of given elements of their personnel, that in each case is set in the corresponding work project.

10. Financings.

- To cover the expenses and investments that demand as a rule and in each exercise the activities of the Center, each one of the collaborative institutions, will provide the necessary funds to cover the salaries, expenses and other presentations of their personnel assigned to the Center. In particular way the Secretaria de Agricultura y Ganaderia as well as the Rockefeller Foundation will take to its cargo the following:

a) The Secretaria by conduit of the Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agricolas, of the Colegio de Post-Graduados or of any other of their dependencies interested in the projects that accomplishes the Center, agrees to providing:

- The space that will be necessary in offices, laboratories, greenhouses, stores, etc., in function of the availabilities of their dependencies and of the requirements of the activities of the own Center.
- The area and the water for the irrigations, as well as fertilizing, machinery, implements, tools and vehicles, plus the necessary workforce, in function of the availabilities of each unit.

- The part that in each exercise is counted in the budgets to cover the general expenses of the Central Offices of the Center.

b) The Rockefeller Foundation will take to its cargo:

- Salaries, expenses and presentations as a rule of the elements of its personnel.
- Remuneration of the advising special scientists, which collaborate temporarily in the programs in execution, to achieve the better results in each case.
- The number of scholarships that is determined in each exercise, to specialize technicians in the different interest aspects of the activities of the Center, or for the courses accomplishment of Post-Graduates, in which are developed topics of investigation related to the improvement of the production and utilization of the maize and wheat, and
- The economic availabilities that in each exercise are required, to complement the contributions of the Government of Mexico through the different dependencies of the Secretaria de Agricultura y Ganaderia to the fact that is made reference in the previous point that they can understand: facilities establishment, equipment and funds acquisition for general operation according to the budgets that for each case are formulated and justified.

c) The Foundation will provide furthermore, within the limitations that in each case are justified, funds to encourage the investigation and experimentation in relationship to the goals of the Center, in those countries in which has interest in the objectives that are pursued, achieved with them the establishment of international collaboration contacts.

d) The Center will be able to accept, covering the legal arrangements in force, and by conduit of the Directive Body, any other contribution in cash, in equipment, material, etc., originating from official or particular institutions, national or foreign, that grant to it for the promotion of their activities.

e) The bylaws will establish the form and opportunity in which will be formulated, transacted and approved the expenses budgets, so that the investigations as a rule do not suffer delays that injure the expecting result.

f) To impel with greater extent the development of the scientific investigation projects of the Center, the Secretaria de Agricultura y Ganaderia will transact before the corresponding authorities the necessary facilities obtaining visas grant to enter the country and on the other migrant requirement derivatives from the arrangements in force to the foreign scientific elements that they have to stay during given time in the national territory, encompassing the free introduction and exit of their furniture and other particular ownership. Equally, import, without tax payment and corresponding tariff rights, on vehicles, agricultural machinery, scientific appliances, industrial utilization products in the agriculture, seeds and vegetative materials as a rule, that are required for the development of the activities of the own Center, pursuant to the programs that authorize the Secretaria de Agricultura y Ganaderia.

11. Information.

- To achieve the greater possible benefit of the entire or partial results obtained by the Center in the exercise of its activities, a report will be

published annually containing results of their projects. With respect to the projects that are accomplished cooperatively with different institutions, will be made known the results in publications to cargo of the institution that is responsible of the project.

12. Duration.

- The present Agreement will have force by a period of undefined time. In necessary case, the Agreement will be able be ended by anyone of the interested parties, through notice written with six months of anticipation.

Signed in the Mexico City, to the twenty-five days of the month of October of thousand nine hundred sixty and three.

For the Secretariat By the
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