



COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

for

Organising the 20th Congress of International Agricultural Museums (CIMA) 2023

between

Shoolini University (SU)

And

The Heritage Foundation (THF)

And

International Association of Agricultural Museums (AIMA)

Background

The South Asian region has had an ancient history of agricultural traditions. For 2500 years, writings in various languages mention the importance of agriculture and farming practice to civilisation, society and economy with its many achievements. The Shoolini University (SU) and its affiliated School of Agriculture is keen to preserve and promote the tangible, oral and intangible agricultural heritage and practice associated with agricultural traditions.

SU has been discussing with The Heritage Foundation and the India chapter of AIMA (International Association of Agricultural Museums, Paris, France) to co-host for the first time in Asia, 20th Congress of the International Agricultural Museums Congress in the last quarter of 2023.

AIMA Executive Committee in 2021 has agreed to hold the Congress of International Agricultural Museums (CIMA) for the first time in India (and in Asia) in 2023. The Congress of International Agricultural Museums (CIMA) takes place normally every three years at different venues, and is an important event in the AIMA calendar. AIMA, an affiliated member of the International Council of Museums (ICOM-UNESCO), began in 1966 in Prague, Czech Republic (then Czechoslovakia). Its previous congresses have been held at agricultural museums and agricultural universities across the world.

The Congress will coincide with the launch of an initiative for documentation of oral traditions in agriculture and living heritage; for a proposed Museum of Agricultural Heritage and Living Traditions, the first of its kind in India. The Museum aims to showcase the many ways that agriculture has evolved through time, facilitate dialogue between farmers, farming communities and agricultural institutions and museums from across India and the globe about agricultural topics, heritage and discoveries. The

proposed museum also forms part of the initiative of the India chapter of AIMA under its “South Asian Network of Agricultural Heritage Museums”.

For these purposes,

This Collaboration Agreement is made as of 30th November, 2022, BETWEEN

Shoolini University located at Kasauli Hills, Solan 173229, Himachal Pradesh (hereinafter referred to as **SU**), which in expression will include its successors, representatives, executors, administrators and permitted assigns) of the **FIRST PARTY**

AND

The Heritage Foundation, located at C 4/5, Second Floor, Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi - 110016, **SECOND PARTY**

AND

International Association of Agricultural Museums (AIMA) with office at AIMA COMPA (Le Musée de l’Agriculture) 1 avenue de la République Pont de Mainvilliers 283000 Chartres France, **THIRD PARTY**

WHEREAS:

1. The Shoolini University (SU) **SHOOLINI UNIVERSITY OF BIOTECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES** situated at Bajhol, Solan 173 229 Himachal Pradesh, a private University recognized by UGC established under Private Universities act of Himachal Pradesh **through** its Vice Chancellor, **Prof. Atul Khosla** (hereinafter called as “**SHOOLINI**”), which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns of the Other Part;
2. The Heritage Foundation (THF) is a non-profit, non-government, heritage research, outreach and conservation organization. It is a national registered society under the Societies Registration Act (1860) of 1984. It works for research, documentation, curation and conservation of tangible and intangible Indic heritage, with an aim to foster awareness and appreciation of India’s history and cultural heritage.
3. The International Association of Agricultural Museums (AIMA) is an affiliated member of the International Council of Museums (ICOM-UNESCO), with head offices at AIMA COMPA (Le Musée de l’Agriculture) 1 avenue de la République Pont de Mainvilliers 283000 Chartres, France. Its purpose is to educate the public about the significance of agriculture to human society, to explain the many ways that agriculture has evolved through time, and to facilitate dialogue between museums across the globe about agricultural heritage, topics and discoveries.

SU is the host institution for the CIMA 2023 and First Party, THF is co-organiser and the Second Party, AIMA is co-organiser and Third Party and are collectively being referred to as the ‘Parties’.

A. Purpose of the agreement

The purpose of this collaboration agreement is to organise the 20th Congress of International Agricultural Museums (CIMA) 2023 at the SU campus in Solan, hereinafter to be referred to as ‘CIMA 2023’. And to theron to clarify the expectations, roles, and responsibilities of the collaboration between the different Parties.

- A. It is the intent of the Parties to jointly **collaborate** on the organisation of CIMA 2023 at SU campus in Solan
- B. To identify and **make suitable logistical arrangements** for the smooth conduct of the CIMA 2023 for the duration of the programme.
- C. To organise **post congress visits** for select participants to agricultural institutions and farms in Himachal Pradesh/Punjab/Haryana.

B. Roles and Responsibilities for CIMA 2023

The purpose of this agreement is to establish the roles and responsibilities of the different parties.

All parties agree:

1. To organise the 20th Congress of International Agricultural Museums in 2023 (CIMA 2023) in the physical mode.
2. SU agrees to be the host and co-organiser of the 20th Congress of International Agricultural Museums (CIMA). The congress is to be organised between September - December 2023, dates and programme to be finalised by the AIMA Executive Committee and 20th CIMA Organising Committee. A total of 250 participants are expected to attend the Congress, with 100 national and 100 international participants, including curators, researchers, academics & NGOs working on agriculture heritage documentation and conservation and 50 speakers/ dignitaries who would be invited for specific sessions.
3. To create an Organising Committee for CIMA 2023, with participation of all parties , to coordinate the various Congress activities, from planning and communication to post congress reporting. It will include representatives of all Parties to the agreement, and other collaborating institutions and advisors/experts.
4. To create an Academic Committee for identifying CIMA 2023 themes and focal areas, develop the scientific and technical content, and create working groups for each conference theme.
5. That the implementing agency for CIMA 2023 will be CIMA 2023 Secretariat. This will be hosted by the Heritage Foundation, New Delhi.
6. SU Solan as the host institution will provide in kind support including venue, lodging, local transport, volunteers etc.
7. SU Solan will provide support of staff/Researchers/students/volunteers as required for CIMA 2023 activities, programmes and/or assignments for organising the congress.
8. 20th CIMA Organising Committee would lead fundraising for any other expenses of the 20th Congress such as boarding, travel and other incidentals; as well as funds necessary for the CIMA 2023 Secretariat.
9. The 20th Congress is expected to be a 3 days event followed by 3-4 days of field trips for selected participants. SU assistance is needed in organising this field trip to nearby regions of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and/or Punjab.

Towards this objective, the various parties agree that,

The First Party (SU) will:

1. Provide fully functional venues, auditorium, audio/video projection and live streaming support (broadband internet) and other conference facilities, as determined by the organising committee. However, about 70 participants/delegates will be accommodated at SU Campus whereas others will be accommodated in nearby hotels. Budget for the same would be provided by the organising committee of CIMA 2023.
2. Provide accommodation for participants and delegates in its guest houses, hostels and dormitories as determined by the organising committee.
3. Arrange food & beverages for participants and delegates as determined by the organising committee during the duration of the event. Budget for the same would be provided by the organising committee of CIMA 2023.
4. Provide technical and general conference assistance through its staff and student volunteers.
5. Provide accommodation for the Secretariat team at SU campus in the month leading up to CIMA 2023.
6. Provide invitation letters for International participants for Visa requirements.

The Second Party (The Heritage Foundation) will:

Host the Secretariat of the CIMA 2023 at its office in New Delhi. A field office of the Secretariat will be opened at SU campus in the months leading up to CIMA 2023.

1. Coordinate registration of participants for travel, logistics, Visa and other requirements.
2. Support fund raising activities for CIMA 2023.
3. Develop a website of CIMA 2023 and Social Media handles for members to register and connect with various programmes. Live stream of CIMA 2023 would be done on website and on various Social Media platforms for national and international stakeholders.
4. Design, brand and coordinate CIMA 2023 communication as determined by the organising committee.
5. Create print copies and online versions of pre and post conference publications.
6. Coordinate opening of the exhibition of participating museums to coincide with CIMA 2023 during the conference days.
7. Coordinate field trips and / or study tours for participants and delegates.
8. Appoint Conference Coordinator and other staff for undertaking the activities of the Secretariat.

The Third Party (AIMA) will:

1. Liaise with international organisations and provide links with other national and multilateral organisations.
2. Coordinate participation of its International members and stakeholders in CIMA 2023
3. Coordinate academic content including lectures, workshop themes and presentations from its network.
4. Provide funding support for the Secretariat for CIMA 2023 and support international fund raising.

Copyright and other Clauses

1. The copyright of resource material obtained during conference, presentation, research, including recordings, videos, publications, films, oral histories, etc. for the project will rest with the parties from whom these have been obtained, even after the expiry of this agreement.
2. Subject to the consent of all those involved in the creation of content, or whose knowledge or practice is being disseminated, all content will be published/made public under the Creative Commons license. The Creative Commons license for material so created will remain valid even after the expiry of this agreement.

General Provisions

1. Duration - This agreement shall become effective when signed by the three parties and shall remain in force through June 30, 2024, unless notice of cancellation is given in writing by either of the parties to the other party. Any such notice of cancellation shall be given at least six (6) months before termination.
2. The agreement may be adjusted/added to by mutual consent at any time. Each party reserves the right to review the agreement and implement appropriate periodic modifications as required, after proper written notification to the other party.
3. In case any conflict arises as a result of this agreement, all concerned parties SU, AIMA and The Heritage Foundation (THF) shall share in the final decision as to the resolution of the conflict.
4. Any notice concerning this agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the other party at the following respective addresses:

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First Party

By: 1 SU



Name: **Prof. PK Khosla**

Designation: **Chancellor**

Dated - **November 30, 2022**

Second Party

By: 2 THF



Name: **Vijay Pratap Singh Aditya**

Designation: **CEO & Co Founder**

Third Party

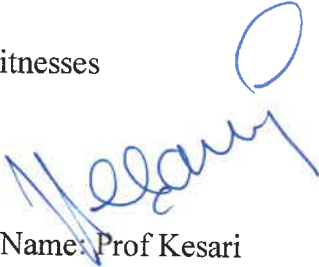
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Name: **Surajit Sarkar**

Designation: **Vice President**

Witnesses



1. Name: **Prof Kesari**



1. Name: **NISHANT**

1. Name:



2. Name: **Meenakshi Sharma**



2. Name: **Nerypome Y. Modwel**

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