

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND COOPERATION
between**

**the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology,
University of Connecticut, U.S.A.,**

and

**the Department of Ecology and the Center for Advanced Studies in
Ecology and Biodiversity, Faculty of Biological Sciences,
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile**

In view of the positive experience of cooperation between our institutions:

We agree to formally ratify ties.

We dedicate ourselves to a collaborative effort in biodiversity and conservation providing mutual benefit

- I. Due consideration will be given to joint supervision of Ph.D. dissertations. Jointly supervised students will have their degrees conferred by the home university exclusively, without reference to the partner university.
- II. Both institutions agree to facilitate the exchange of research personnel (faculty and graduate students) and of scientific documents and materials. The types of exchange activities foreseen are as follows:

1. Students: Qualified graduate students from either institution may be accepted by host faculties for short periods (one or two semesters) as Visiting Scholars or for degree study, subject to the rules and regulations of the respective Graduate School.

2. Visiting Faculty: To the extent possible, and subject to available resources faculty members will be invited to join the faculty of the host institution.

3. Scientific Documents and Materials: Graduate students and faculty appointed as Visiting Scholars at the University of Connecticut will be provided access to research collections and borrowing privileges at the University libraries.

III. Both parties agree to cooperate in research programs of common interest and expertise.

IV. Both institutions will seek external funding to cover the costs of the collaborative research programs.

V To facilitate the program of cooperation, each university will appoint administrators mandated to coordinate all aspects of the programs. At the University of Connecticut, the contact officer will be the Head of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology or someone he designates. At the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, the contact officer will be the Head of the Department of Ecology or someone he designates.

VI. Visa authorization will be the responsibility of the host institution and the visitor.

VII. The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this Memorandum will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties

prior to initiation of that activity. The protocol of specific areas of cooperation shall describe precisely the work to be developed, the schedule of activities and all the data and information necessary to determine the general and specific objectives of the cooperation. Under such protocol, it shall be stipulated that the personnel from each institution designated to implement each action shall remain employees of their own institutions.

VIII. In the event of any disputes or issues of agreement there will be an established process for resolving them.

IX. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any legal or financial relationship between the parties. The Agreement will be construed as a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial academic cooperation.

X. Program Review

A. The Agreement between the University of Connecticut and the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile will be in effect for a period of five years following the latest date of signature by responsible officials.

B. At the end of three years following the latest date of signature by responsible officials, the Agreement will be reviewed by both parties and renegotiated if necessary.

C. Modifications of the Agreement during the period of its effective dates can take place with the written approval of both parties.

D. Cancellation of this Agreement by either party during the period of its effective dates requires a six-month period between written notice and cancellation.

In witness thereof, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Agreement to be duly executed by their authorized officers as of the dates indicated below

Signed:

For the University of Connecticut

Gregory Anderson
Department Head, Department of Ecology and
Evolutionary Biology

Boris Bravo-Ureta
Executive Director
Office of International Affairs

August 2, 2002

For the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Juan A. Correa
Department Head, Department of Ecology

Fabián Jaksic
Director,
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Biodiversity

Nicolás Velasco
Rector (Subrogante)

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