



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF YORK
HESLINGTON, YORK, YO10 5DD, UNITED KINGDOM
AND
INSTITUTO DE DOENÇAS TROPICAIS NATAN PORTELLA,
UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO PIAUÍ
64001-450 TERESINA-PI, BRAZIL**

1. Purpose and Context

- 1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) has been devised in recognition of the particular roles of York and UFPI in research in Neglected Tropical Diseases. York and UFPI share a commitment to high quality research and training in biology and biomedical Sciences.
- 1.2. The context is defined by joint projects that aim to identify new treatments for neglected tropical diseases, in particular leishmaniasis.
- 1.3. Within this overall context the Memorandum of Understanding will focus on the value that can be achieved through working in collaboration to secure achievement of shared aims and objectives.

2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1. The overarching aim of the MOU is to enable York and UFPI to work together to understand the biology of the parasite, the environmental factors that impact on transmission, the immune response to infection and the clinical response to drugs.
- 2.2. The objectives are to
 - 2.2.1. Deliver outputs from currently funded research projects
 - 2.2.2. Seek additional funding for future research activities
 - 2.2.3. Allow postgraduate student exchange for research and training activities.

3. Partnership Management

- 3.1. The parties will communicate via their designated liaison on any development based on the mutually agreed objectives and outcomes of the relationship.
- 3.2. The parties intend to monitor the relationship to evaluate the progress and quality of the mutual cooperation.



4. Liaison

- 4.1. The persons responsible for the maintenance of this relationship are:
- I. The Director of Internationalisation, International Relations Office, University of York.
 - II. The Director of the York Biomedical Research Institute.
 - III. The International Affairs Advisor, Universidade Federal do Piauí.
 - IV. The Director of Instituto de Doenças Tropicais Natan Portella.

5. Duration

- 5.1. This MOU takes effect on the last date of signing for a period of five years.
- 5.2. This MOU may be terminated at any time upon written agreement of the parties or upon six months' written notice of either party.

6. Final Provisions

- 6.1. This MOU is not intended to be legally binding. To the extent that any legal issue arises in connection with this MOU, this MOU shall be interpreted in accordance with English law and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.
- 6.2. If the parties desire to share confidential information, they shall first execute a binding confidential disclosure agreement.
- 6.3. Any collaborations arising out of this relationship shall be subject to a binding written agreement.
- 6.4. The parties acknowledge that this MOU is not exclusive. Each party may enter into similar agreements with other entities for the same or similar purposes.
- 6.5. The parties shall each bear their own costs in carrying out the actions of the MOU, unless otherwise agreed separately between the parties.



7. Languages and Copies

7.1. This MOU is to be drawn up in two identical copies in English and two in Portuguese, with both parties retaining two copies each of this MOU.

Final Provisions

This non-binding understanding between the parties has been signed by their authorised representatives.

For and on behalf of the University of York.

Signature:

Name: Professor ~~Ian Graham~~

Jennifer Potts (HoD)

Title:

Date:


7/11/19

For and on behalf of Universidade Federal do Piauí

Signature:



Name: Professor José Arimatéia Dantas Lopes

Title: Chancellor

Date: