



COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT

between

Agencia Nacional de Investigación e Innovación, Montevideo, Uruguay

and

The UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE), Delft, The Netherlands

on

the Development of a Regional Water Institute in Uruguay

The Agencia Nacional de Investigación e Innovación (National Agency for Research and Innovation - called further ANII in this agreement) and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (called further UNESCO-IHE in this agreement) share an interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of water education, research, and innovation.

This agreement aims at coordinating actions between the two institutions (ANII and UNESCO-IHE) to advance on the development of a water institute to be located in Uruguay to first serve the Uruguayan productive sector, and at a later stage have presence in the Latin-American region.

The undersigned, representative of UNESCO-IHE and ANII,

considering that UNESCO IHE and ANII have an MOU signed on June 22th, 2012 on strengthening cooperation in the fields of research, education and capacity building activities

considering as stated in the MoU the “ ... desirous to advance the scientific and human resources development activities in Uruguay and in the Latin America region, by encouraging direct cooperation between both Partners in the field of: Water, Environment, and Infrastructure”

considering that both institutions have also signed several subsequent agreements both for co-financing Masters and PhD studies for Uruguayan participants at UNESCO-IHE, and for delivering training (short courses) in Uruguay.

considering the mission of UNESCO-IHE to expand the knowledge base through research and to build up the capacity of related organizations, knowledge centers and other institutions active in the fields of water, the environment and infrastructure in developing countries and countries in transition.

considering the mission of ANII: (i) to promote the articulation and coordination of the different public and private actors involved in the creation and use of knowledge, in order to power up the synergies between them and make the most out of the available resources; and (ii) to contribute in a coordinated way with other organisms of the National Innovation System, to the development of effective mechanisms of evaluation and follow-up of programs and other Science, Technology and Innovation promotion instruments

desirous to keep working together linking educational and research outputs to the demands of the productive sector.

desirous to bring the collaboration between the parts to a next stage of cooperation

agree:

1 – to coordinate activities conducive to the establishment of a regional water institute in Uruguay as follows:

1.1 Activities to be conducted in order to establish the water institute in Uruguay include the following: (i) the establishment of the organizational structure of the water institute; and (ii) the elaboration of the conceptual document with a proposal for the development of the water institute in Uruguay to be submitted to ANII.

1.2 UNESCO-IHE will provide in-kind staff time to work together with ANII on the establishment of the organizational structure of the water institute in Uruguay. UNESCO-IHE will provide in-kind staff time to conduct several rounds of meetings in Uruguay with representatives from the productive sector and other potential collaborative institutions in Uruguay to establish the water institute consortium. It is envisioned that approximately four (4) round of meetings (of one week duration each) will be needed to establish the water institute consortium.¹ The meetings will be held from February to May, 2016.

1.3 UNESCO-IHE will provide in-kind staff time for elaborating/writing the conceptual document with a proposal to establish the water institute in Uruguay to be submitted to ANII.

1.4 ANII will prepare the agenda for each round of meetings. ANII will contact potential partners in advance. ANII will properly inform them about the establishment of the water institute before conducting each of the UNESCO-IHE's staff visits to Uruguay.

1.5 ANII will contribute with UNESCO-IHE staff travel expenses to conduct the rounds of meetings in Uruguay as described in numeral 1.2.

2 – on the role of UNESCO-IHE on the water institute as follows:

2.1 Once the water institute is established and operative in Uruguay, UNESCO-IHE will take an active role on the organizational structure of the water institute and on the activities carried out by the water institute. UNESCO-IHE will actively participate in the water institute as either a member of the governing board of the institute (a financial contribution will be required from UNESCO-IHE), or as a collaborative institution - not a member of the governing board of the institute (a financial contribution will not be required from UNESCO-IHE). UNESCO-IHE will decide on its role on the organization structure of the water institute at a later stage on the development of the water institute.

2.2 Either as a member of the governing board, or as a collaborative institution, UNESCO-IHE will provide the following services to the water institute:

- (i) Share its technical expertise and international network in the field of water
- (ii) Supervise/guide research activities aiming at promoting innovations for the productive sector in Uruguay
- (iii) Provide post-graduate education at the level of both MSc and PhD

¹ In case that more than four (4) rounds of meetings will be needed to define the water institute consortium, ANII will cover the extra UNESCO-IHE's staff time needed to conduct additional visits to Uruguay in order to successfully complete this activity.

(iv) Deliver training (short courses on relevant water issues) either directly or by coordinating activities together with members of the UNESCO-IHE international network

(v) Collaborate on the alignment of the educational and research component of future MSc and PhD participants (registered at UNESCO-IHE programs and financed by ANII) to the needs and demands of the water institute.

The services provided by UNESCO-IHE will be charged considering the specific scope of each activity in a separate contractual agreement.

The designated coordinators for this joint scholarship program are:

For UNESCO-IHE:
Hector Garcia, PhD

For ANII:
María Laura Fernández

This agreement shall remain in force from the last date of signature by the designated representatives of each party until the end of the initial period of 6 years. It may be reviewed or renegotiated at the request of either party and terminated by mutual written agreement.



Fernando Brum
President, ANII

Date:

01/12/2015



Dr. Fritz Holzwarth
Rector ad Interim, UNESCO-IHE

Date:

25/11/2015