Royal Veterinary College
University of London

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN

ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE
University of London
London, United Kingdom

AND

STEPAN GZHYTSKYI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND BIOTECHNOLOGIES OF LVIV
Lviv, Ukraine

The Royal Veterinary College (RVC), University of London (UoL) in the United Kingdom (UK) and Stepan Gzhytskyi University (SGU) in Ukraine establish this Memorandum of Understanding to foster international cooperation between institutions under the format of a "university twinning".

1. Twinning is aimed at creating a long-term partnership between the universities. The initial focus will be on identifying ways the UK university can support their Ukrainian partner during the current Russian aggression; following this the partnership will provide a framework for both institutions to work together on the development of the Ukrainian partner, as well as develop a range of academic collaboration activities.

2. Both parties agree to encourage the following activities, to promote mutually beneficial international cooperation and to support Stepan Gzhytski University in its educational endeavors during and after the Russian invasion:

Phase 1

(a) Providing support to SGU faculty, students and professional staff;
(b) Support in sharing or development of online materials;
(c) Support for faculty and research scholars;
(d) Exchange of materials in education and research, publications, and academic information;
(e) Technical assistance;
(f) Hosting of summer schools/programmes;
(g) Provide cultural and intellectual enrichment opportunities for staff and students of both institutions;
(h) Provide, where possible, support for equipment and logistics required to support SGU in its educational endeavors during and after the Russian invasion.

Phase 2

(i) Student mobility or exchanges;
(j) Faculty or staff mobility or exchange;
(k) Foster opportunities for collaborative research, publications and colloquia, particularly in the field of veterinary medicine or bioscience.

Before these activities can be implemented, both parties shall discuss the problems involved to the satisfaction of each party and enter into specific activity agreements based on the mutually agreed objectives and outcomes of the relationship.

2. This MOU shall be applicable to educational, research and where relevant, clinical organisations attached to each party.

3. This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior discussions, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, is merged in this agreement.

4. This MOU is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial relationships between the parties. Rather, it is designed to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial exchange process for teaching, research and outreach activities.

5. Each Institution shall have responsibility for its own costs and expenses in connection with this MoU, unless otherwise agreed in writing. However, wherever possible, the RVC will look to offer as much support as possible at no or limited cost to SGU.

6. This MOU shall become effective as of the date of signatures of both parties for a period of five years.

7. The parties intend to review this MOU every five years to evaluate the progress and the quality of the cooperation. This MOU may be amended only by the written consent of the parties.

8. This MOU may be terminated by either party with a minimum of 120 days written notice. Activities in progress at the time of termination of this MOU shall be permitted to conclude as planned unless otherwise agreed.

9. All background Intellectual Property will remain in the ownership of the originating institution. Access to such Intellectual Property will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis through agreements. Any new Intellectual Property generated as a consequence of this MoU or under an agreement arising will normally be owned by the party creating it, although variations to this position may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis through an Agreement. Licences for the exploitation of Intellectual Property will also be governed on a case-by-case basis through Agreements.

10. The Institutions undertake to keep confidential all information obtained or provided as a result of negotiating or executing this MoU or any Agreement and to procure that its employees, advisers and other representatives given access to such information keep it confidential and to use and procure such employees, advisers and other representatives use such information solely for the purposes of implementing this MoU.

11. Both parties acknowledge the merits of positive publicity, but they recognise that neither Institution should make any press announcements or public statement about the proposals in this MoU which have not been agreed in advance by the other party. Any press release or other announcement or promotional material must be agreed between the Institutions in writing prior to issue.

12. Both Institutions subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and non-discrimination and will ensure that any joint activities and facilities are available to all without regard to age, disability, ethnic origin, gender reassignment, trans- gender, marital or civil partnership status, nationality, pregnancy or maternity status, religious belief, sex or sexual orientation, subject to the provisions of the relevant legislation in each Institution's jurisdiction.

13. Each party shall designate a person or office to serve as liaison for implementing this MOU. For RVC, the contact person will be Mrs. Nina Davies, Director of International and Strategic Engagement, Royal Veterinary College, University of London, Royal College Street, London NW1 0TU, UK; +44(0)7590 960 694; W. +44(0)20 7468 5063; Email: ndavies@rvc.ac.uk.

    For SGU, the contact person will be Oksana Palych, Head of the International Relations Department, 50, Pekarska Str., Lviv. Email: iro.lvet@gmail.com

14. This MoU was drawn up in English and the texts are official. If this MoU is translated into a language other than English, in the event of any conflicts between the two versions, the English language version shall prevail and be the sole authoritative version.

Signing for Royal Veterinary College:

Professor Stuart Reid
President and Principal
Royal Veterinary College, UoL

Date 28 June 2022

Signing for Stepan Gzhytskyi University:

Professor Volodymyr Stybel
Rektor
Stepan Gzhytskyi National University of Veterinary Medicine and Biotechnologies of Lviv

Date 28 June 2022