

RECOOP Research Grant Agreement

This Grant Agreement ("Agreement") is entered effective as provided hereinafter by and between the

Parties

Institution: **Association for Regional Cooperation in the Field of Health, Science and Technology**
Short name: **RECOOP HST Association**
Seat: Szalánci utca 5, 1124 Budapest, Hungary
Registration number: 4160
Represented by/Statutory representative: **Dr. Sandor G. Vari, MD.**
Position: **President of the RECOOP HST Association**

Bank name:
Account number (IBAN):

(hereinafter referred to as "RECOOP"),

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Institution: Slovak Medical University in Bratislava
Short name: **SMU**
Seat: Limbova 12, 833 03 Bratislava, Slovakia
Registration number: 00165361
Represented by/Statutory representative: **prof. Peter Šimko, MD, PhD**
Position: Rector of the Slovak Medical University

Bank name:
Account number (IBAN):
(hereinafter referred to as "SMU").

In consideration of the mutual promises and agreements set forth in this document, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

I. Introduction

Twelve years ago, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (CSMC) started to build a regional research organization in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and created the International Research and Innovation Management (IRIM) Program to implement Cross – Atlantic regional relationships in biomedical research for mutual benefits. In 2006, Cedars–Sinai Medical Center with eleven CEE universities and academic organizations from six countries (Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Ukraine) formed the Regional Cooperation for Health, Science and Technology (RECOOP HST) Consortium. In 2012, CSMC and the CEE partner organizations

agreed to form the RECOOP HST Association and it is expected that the strategic partnership will add value to both CSMC and CEE partners.

II. Objectives

This Agreement is a legal and contractual base for funding the grant application approved by the General Assembly of the RECOOP within the RECOOP Grant and Fund Mechanism for:

- Bohdan Malaniak CSMC - RECOOP Young Scientists (BMYS) Research Grant

Project number: **RECOOP BMYS RG 2019 Matsyura – Sarkadi – Benkőová, Pospíšilová #010**

Project title: **Enterovirus diagnosis: Upgrading to a higher level**
Grantee: **Brigita Benkőová, MSc., Michaela Pospíšilová, MSc.**
Supervisor: **prof. Shubhada Bopegamage, MSc., PhD.**
Department/Laboratory: **Department of Virology, Institute of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, SMU**
Duration: **12 months**
Starts on:
Terminates on:

Cooperating partner (CRRC): **Faculty of Medical Health Sciences, University of Defence, Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic**

Co-partner (CRRC): **Professor Pavel Boštik, MD, PhD,
Young scientist – Radek Sleha, MSc., PhD**

Total awarded sum: **5.000 USD**

Matching fund: **2.500 USD**

The project and the budget of the project are as integral parts of this Agreement set out in Annex no. 1 and 2.

The objectives of this Agreement are:

- a) to support and foster research activities of the CSMC RECOOP Research Centers (CRRC) and projects that are strongly related to a RECOOP Common Mechanism of Diseases Research Strategy and areas of interest:
 - obesity, correlation of peripheral and central insulin resistance;
 - obesity, apoptosis, mitochondrial dysfunction;
 - obesity, reproductive health, myometrium contractility;
 - obesity, pregnancy, gestational diabetes, birth outcome;
 - obesity, breastfeeding, immune development of new born;
 - obesity, low grade inflammation, neurodegenerative diseases;
 - obesity, low grad inflammation, cardiovascular diseases;
 - low grade inflammation and immune system response;
 - research in oncology, infections, immunology, life style and quality of life;
 - environmental pollution, low grade inflammation, neurodegenerative diseases;
 - new drug development, nanomedicine and nanosafety;

- b) to create an environment that facilitates the efficient and effective utilisation of the RECOOP funds.

The above objectives will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

Grantee shall:

- independently or in collaboration with the cooperating partner (CRRC) conduct the research activities specified in the grant application in compliance with the approved timetable and expenses and in accordance with the RECOOP Grant and Fund Mechanism rules and conditions;
- follow the funding rules listed in part III;
- prepare interim and final reports on research progress and on project expenses (including matching fund) and submit them to the RECOOP every six months for evaluation;
- provide in time all information and support to the RECOOP for necessary purchase arrangements and grant administration;
- not provide any research data or material to the third parties without prior approval of the RECOOP.

RECOOP shall:

- transfer the funds to the *SMU* in compliance with the grant application and BMYSRG RECOOP Purchasing Inventory for the project under the funding rules listed in part III.
- evaluate interim and final progress and financial reports submitted by Grantee every six month.

The Parties shall provide each other such information as may be needed to facilitate the activities provided for under this agreement.

III. Funding

Total awarded sum of **5.000 USD** will be used to cover expenses specified and justified in a grant application and approved by the General Assembly of the RECOOP in accordance with the RECOOP Grant and Fund Mechanism rules and conditions.

Matching fund of **2.500 USD** represents *SMU*'s contribution to the grant in a form specified in a grant application in accordance with the RECOOP Grant and Fund Mechanism rules and conditions.

Funding of the Grantee from RECOOP – Member Organization will follow these steps:

1. *SMU* opens a separate bank account or subaccount assigned to the project and reports it to RECOOP.
2. *SMU* keeps a distinct bookkeeping for expenditures.
3. Based on the research plan outlined in the grant application, the Grantee solicits price quotes and itemizes the planned purchases in an excel chart "RECOOP BMYS Purchasing Inventory" with valid vendors' prices.
4. RECOOP legal representative reviews the justification and, if it is approved, initiates the bank transfer.

5. RECOOP transfers funds for the project in parts, in the beginning of each fiscal year of the project implementation, to the *SMU's* project bank account.
6. Grantee prepares and issues the Purchase Orders (PO) for the vendors based on the "RECOOP BMYS Purchasing Inventory".
7. Grantee follows analytical accounting for determination of expenditures.
8. Grantee provides RECOOP with analytical accounting statement for the project, together with copies of price quotes, POs and invoices, as a part of the interim and final reports.

Grantee shall not use the grant funds for any travel outside the RECOOP partnership or conference participation, except meetings and conferences organized or sponsored by RECOOP.

IV. Administration

The Parties shall designate an administrative office/person to oversee and facilitate the implementation of any agreements arising out of this Agreement. These offices/persons are:

For RECOOP:

Simona Lauerová
RECOOP Research Administration Manager

E-mail:

Tel: +

For Grantee:

Brigita Benkóová, MSc., Michaela
Pospíšilová, MSc.
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V. Liability

Except for loss or damages caused through gross negligence or intent, the Parties shall have no liability to each other hereunder.

VI. Assurances

SMU represents and guarantees that it has full authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to carry out the research project, and this Agreement will not violate any other agreement to which *SMU* is or becomes a party nor any law, court order or decree to which *SMU* is subject.

VII. Confidentiality

Grantee agrees not to make any public announcements or public disclosures of the research results under and terms of this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of RECOOP.

When publishing any results or partial results of this project supported by RECOOP, the Grantee or cooperating partner must publish a note in a prominent place: "This work was supported by the Association for Regional Cooperation in the Field of Health, Science and Technology (RECOOP HST Association), RECOOP – RECOOP Young Scientists (BMYS) Research Grant, as part of the project number RECOOP-BMYS-2019-010".

The parties may, however, disclose the existence of the relationship established under this Agreement. The Parties shall not, while performing the research project or at any time thereafter, utilize in any manner prejudicial to or incompatible with the interests of RECOOP and *SMU* any information of restricted or confidential nature which may come to its knowledge in connection with the performance of this Agreement. However, any research result arising from this research project is the property of RECOOP.

VIII. Termination

RECOOP has the right to terminate the project and financial support in case of gross violation of *SMU*'s or Grantee's duties listed in parts II., III., VI. and VII.

IX. General

This document contains the entirety of the agreements reached between RECOOP and *SMU* of the date of this Agreement.

All further correspondences and communications between the Parties will be in English.

This Agreement shall be construed as a statement of purpose to promote a genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration between the Parties.

This Agreement intended to create research and financial commitments according to its terms. Neither RECOOP nor *SMU* can assign its rights or obligations without the written consent of the other. If any term of this Agreement turns out to be unenforceable, the other terms shall be unaffected and remain valid and binding. This Agreement may be amended or modified by mutual consent of the Parties.

This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of the later signature hereon and ending upon the expiration of the awarded grant project.

This Agreement has been drawn up in two (2) original copies in the English language, each Party receiving one duly signed copy hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto have entered into this Agreement pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth above.

Agreed for and on be
RECOOP HST Assoc.

Agreed for and on behalf of
SMU

Signature of the Authorized Official

Signature of the Authorized Official

Name: **Dr. Sandor G. Vari, M.D.**
Title: **President**

Name: **prof. Peter Šimko, MD., PhD.**
Title: **Rector**

Date: 04/13/2019

Date: 13-04-2019