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COMMUNITY-COST CONCERTATION AGREEMENT¹ ON A CONCERTED ACTION PROJECT ON THE EFFECTS OF THERMAL PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION ON THE QUALITY AND NUTRITIVE VALUE OF FOOD (COST PROJECT 91)

The European Economic Community, hereinafter referred to as “the Community”, Sweden and Switzerland, hereinafter referred to as the “participating non-member States”,

Whereas a European concerted research project in the field of food technology is likely to contribute effectively to a more economic use of natural resources;

Whereas a programme of research in the field of food technology has been proposed by the Swedish delegation within the framework of European Co-operation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST);

Whereas by its Decision of 22 October 1979 the Council of the European Communities adopted a Community concerted action project on the effects of thermal processing and distribution on the quality and nutritive value of food;

Whereas the Member States of the Community and the participating non-member States, hereinafter referred to as “the States”, intend, subject to the rules and procedures applicable to their national programmes, to carry out the research described in Annex A and are prepared to integrate such research into a process of concertation which they consider will be of mutual benefit;

Whereas the implementation of the research covered by the concerted action project will require a financial contribution of some 9 million European units of account from the States,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Community and the participating non-member States, hereinafter referred to as “the contracting parties”, shall participate for a period extending until 26 October 1982 in a concerted action project on the effects of thermal processing and distribution on the quality and nutritive value of food.

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1981 in respect of the following States and organization, i.e., the first day of the month following that during which the Community and at least one of the participating non-member States had notified the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities of the completion of the procedures necessary under their internal provisions for the implementation of the Agreement, in accordance with article 6 (2):

<i>State or organization</i>	<i>Date of the notification</i>
European Economic Community	22 January 1981
Sweden	22 January 1981
Switzerland	22 January 1981

Subsequently, the Agreement came into force for the following States on the date of deposit of the instrument of accession with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Communities, in accordance with article 6 (3):

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit of instrument of accession</i>
Finland	18 May 1981
(With effect from 18 May 1981.)	
Spain	23 July 1981
(With effect from 23 July 1981.)	
Yugoslavia	25 July 1981
(With effect from 25 July 1981.)	

This project shall consist in concertation between the Community concerted action programme and the corresponding programmes of the participating non-member States. The programmes covered by this Agreement are listed in Annex A.

The States remain entirely responsible for the research executed by their national institutions or bodies.

Article 2. The concertation between the contracting parties shall be effected through a Community-COST Concertation Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".

The Committee shall draw up its rules of procedure. Its Secretariat will be provided by the Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as "the Commission".

The terms of reference and the composition of this Committee are defined in Annex B.

Article 3. In order to ensure optimum efficiency in the execution of this concerted action project, a project leader shall be appointed by the Commission in agreement with the delegates of the participating non-member States on the Committee.

Article 4. The maximum financial contributions by the contracting parties to the co-ordination costs shall be:

- 287,000 European units of account from the Community for a three-year period beginning on 27 October 1979,
- 24,000 European units of account from each participating non-member State for the period referred to in the first paragraph of Article 1.

The European unit of account is defined by the Financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities and by the financial arrangements adopted pursuant thereto.

The rules governing the financing of the Agreement are set out in Annex C.

Article 5. 1. Through the Committee, the States shall exchange regularly all useful information concerning the execution of the research covered by the concerted action project. They shall also endeavour to provide information on similar research planned or carried out by other bodies. Any information shall be treated as confidential if the State which provides it so requests.

2. In agreement with the Committee the Commission shall prepare yearly progress reports on the basis of the information supplied and shall forward them to the States.

3. At the end of the concertation period, the Commission shall, in agreement with the Committee, forward to the States a general report on the execution and results of the project. This report shall be published by the Commission six months after it has been forwarded, unless a State objects. In that case the report shall be confidential and shall be forwarded, on request and with the agreement of the Committee, solely to the institutions and undertakings whose research or production activities justify access to knowledge resulting from the performance of the research covered by the concerted action project.

Article 6. 1. Each of the contracting parties shall, after signing this Agreement, notify the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities as soon as possible of the completion of the procedures necessary under its internal provisions for the implementation of this Agreement.

2. For the contracting parties which have transmitted the notification provided for in paragraph 1, this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following that in which the Community and at least one of the participating non-member States transmitted these notifications.

For those contracting parties which transmit the notification after the entry into force of this Agreement, it shall come into force on the first day of the second month following the month in which the notification was transmitted.

Contracting parties which have not yet transmitted this notification at the time of entry into force of this Agreement shall be able to take part in the work of the Committee without voting rights for a period of six months following the entry into force of this Agreement.

3. For a period of six months following its entry into force, this Agreement shall be open for accession by the other European States which took part in the Ministerial Conference held in Brussels on 22 and 23 November 1971. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Communities. A State which accedes to this Agreement shall become a contracting party within the meaning of Article 1 on the date of deposit of the instrument of accession.

4. The Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities shall notify each of the contracting parties of the deposit of the notifications provided for in paragraph 1, of the date of entry into force of this Agreement and of the deposit of the instruments of accession provided for in paragraph 3.

Article 7. This Agreement, drawn up in a single original in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek and Italian languages, each text being equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Communities, which shall transmit a certified copy to each of the contracting parties.

[For the testimonium and signatures, see p. 358 of this volume].

ANNEX A

PROGRAMMES COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT

1. Milk products
 - 1.1. Refrigeration
 - 1.2. Coagulation of milk proteins by heat treatment
 - 1.3. Analytical methodology including predictive tests
2. Fruit and vegetables
 - 2.1. Effects of heat treatment
3. Cereals
 - 3.1. Non-traditional heat treatment
 - 3.2. Effects of heat treatment on the biopolymers of cereals, especially with respect to lipid, starch and protein inter-reaction
 - 3.3. Effects of freezing and thawing on the quality of cereal-based foods
4. Fish
 - 4.1. Heat treatment in relation to unused or under-used species and utilization of waste material
 - 4.2. Heat treatment and microbiological safety
5. Meat
 - 5.1. Curing ingredients and their interaction in pasteurized and canned products
 - 5.2. Chilling and freezing of meat
 - 5.3. Heat-treatment processes and interactions with vegetable matter
 - 5.4. Thawing of meat
6. Nutrition
 - 6.1. Heat-treatment processes and protein quality
 - 6.2. Heat treatment and polyunsaturated fat
 - 6.3. Nutritional consequences of the cooking of food

ANNEX B

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMUNITY-COST CONCERTATION COMMITTEE ON
THE EFFECTS OF THERMAL PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION ON THE QUALITY
AND NUTRITIVE VALUE OF FOOD

1. The Committee shall:
 - 1.1. contribute to the optimum execution of the project by giving its opinion on all aspects of its progress;
 - 1.2. evaluate the results of the project and draw conclusions regarding their application;
 - 1.3. be responsible for the exchange of information referred to in Article 5(1) of the Agreement;
 - 1.4. suggest guidelines to the project leader;
 - 1.5. have the right to set up a sub-committee in respect of each of the topics covered, as given in Annex A, to ensure that the project is properly implemented.
2. The Committee's reports and opinions shall be forwarded to the States.

3. The Committee shall be composed of one delegate from the Commission, as co-ordinator of the Community concerted action project, one delegate from each participating non-member State, one delegate from each Member State representing its national programme, and the project leader. Each delegate may be accompanied by experts.

ANNEX C

FINANCING RULES

Article 1. These provisions lay down the financing rules referred to in Article 4 of the Agreement.

Article 2. At the beginning of each financial year, the Commission shall send to each of the participating non-member States a call for funds corresponding to its share of the annual co-ordination costs under the Agreement, calculated in proportion to the maximum amounts laid down in Article 4 of the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in European units of account and in the currency of the State concerned, the value of the European unit of account being defined in the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities and determined on the date of the call for funds.

Each participating non-member State shall pay its annual contribution to the co-ordination costs under the Agreement at the beginning of each year, and by 31 March at the latest. Any delay in the payment of the annual contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by the participating non-Member State concerned at a rate equal to the highest discount rate obtaining in the States on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0.25 of a percentage point for each month of delay. The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay.

Article 3. The funds paid by participating non-member States shall be credited to the concerted action project as budget receipts allocated to a heading in the statement of revenue of the budget of the Commission.

Article 4. The provisional schedule for the co-ordination costs referred to in Article 4 of the Agreement is annexed.

Article 5. The Financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 6. At the end of each financial year, a statement of appropriations for the concerted action project shall be prepared and transmitted to the participating non-member States for information.

ANNEX

MULTIANNUAL SCHEDULE FOR THE CONCERTED ACTION PROJECT: EFFECTS OF THERMAL PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION
ON THE QUALITY AND NUTRITIVE VALUE OF FOOD (COST-PROJECT 91)*Budget Item 3371: Implementation of concerted action projects
in EUA*

	1980		1981		1982		Total	
	AC	AP	AC	AP	AC	AP	AC	AP
I. Initial estimate of overall requirements (figures appearing in the schedule of commitments and payments and in the table of equivalence given in Annex II to the Commission budget)								
— Staff	25,000	25,000	} 96,000	} 96,000	} 96,000	} 96,000	} 287,000	} 287,000
— Administrative operating expenditure	39,000	39,000						
— Contracts	31,000	31,000						
Total (to be covered by appropriations entered in item 3371)	95,000	95,000	96,000	96,000	96,000	96,000	287,000	287,000
II. Revised estimate of expenditure taking into account additional requirements arising from the accession of participating non-member states								
— Staff	25,000	25,000	} 96,000 +	} 96,000 +	} 96,000 +	} 96,000 +	} 287,000 +	} 287,000 +
— Administrative operating expenditure	39,000	39,000						
— Contracts	31,000	31,000						
	2x8,000	2x8,000						
NEW TOTAL	95,000 +	95,000 +	96,000 +	96,000 +	96,000 +	96,000 +	287,000 +	287,000 +
	2x8,000	2x8,000	2x8,000	2x8,000	2x8,000	2x8,000	2x24,000	2x24,000
III. Difference between I and II to be covered by contributions from participating non-member States	2x8,000	2x8,000	2x8,000	2x8,000	2x8,000	2x8,000	2x24,000	2x24,000

AC = Account credited.

AP = Account paid.