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PROPOSAL FOR GRANTING THE
TITLE OF EMERITUS STATUS

San Jose, Costa Rica

Appointment of Emeritus status is conferred by the Executive Committee, on its own initiative or by proposal of the Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture.

Article 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate states:

“The Executive Committee may confer appointment and title of Emeritus at its own initiative or by proposal of the Director General, to staff members with high professional personnel classification, who have made outstanding contributions, have completed thirty years of professional practice, have been linked to the activities of the Institute for the past fifteen years, and have completed ten years at its direct service.”

Pursuant to this rule, the Director General of IICA presents to the consideration of the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting, as a candidate for the title of Emeritus Mr. Javier Esparza Duque.

**ABBREVIATED CURRICULUM VITAE
JAVIER ESPARZA DUQUE**

1. PERSONAL DATA

Javier Esparza Duque
Regional Specialist in Agricultural Health and Food Safety

Colombia citizen
Married to Ruth Baen Velasco
Father of Lucia Particia and Javier Esparza Baena

2. ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Professional studies
Agricultural Engineering (1959-1963)
School of Agronomy
National University of Colombia
Palmira (Colombia)

Post-graduate Studies
Doctor's Degree in Agricultural Science (1972-1975)
School of Agricultural Sciences
University of Louvain (Belgium)

3. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

First stage: early 1964 to early 1978

A period of intense activity, including university teaching, agricultural research and administrative positions at the National University of Colombia.

1964 to 1968

Assistant Professor of Agricultural Microbiology and Plant Pathology, Academic Secretary, Professor and Head of Biology Department, Associate Professor and Dean of School of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Narino (Pasto, Colombia).

1969 to 1972

Associate Professor, Head of Microbiology and Plant Pathology, Director of Agronomy Department and Dean of School of Agronomy of the National University of Colombia in Bogota. Vice Rector of the National University of

Colombia. Founding partner, Executive Director and President of the Colombia Association of Institutions of Higher Agricultural Education. Speaker at numerous courses and events organized by IICA.

1972 to 1975

Post-graduate studies at University of Louvain (Belgium) in the field of plant virology. Dissertation on plant virology. Participation in important international events in this field.

1976 to 1978

Associate Professor with School of Agronomy and Graduate Program in Agricultural Sciences of the National University of Colombia and the Colombian Agricultural Institute.

Second stage: early 1978 to present

Period of uninterrupted service to the countries of the Americas as a member of the Regular International Professional Personnel of IICA.

1978 to 1982

Agronomy specialist and, then, IICA Representative in Haiti. Active participation in the administration and management of two important projects financed by the IDB (Development of the Artibonite Valley, and Centers for Integrated Education in Rural Development), as well as in starting up the multinational project (United States-Canada-Mexico-Dominican Republic-Haiti) to eradicate classic swine fever. Special contributions in the production of informational material on agriculture, written in Creole. Ongoing support for the Office of the Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development of Haiti.

1982 to 1990

Plant health specialist stationed in the IICA Office in Chile. Close cooperation with the Agriculture and Livestock Service (SAG) in the fields of agricultural protection and forestry health. Active participation in the development, negotiation and implementation of the Plant Protection Committee for the Southern Cone (COSAVE). Participation in important interinstitutional cooperation programs on plant health issues of priority importance for Chile and the other countries of the Southern Region (with institutions such as FAO, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the US Department of Agriculture, the Ministry of Agriculture of Spain, the Canadian International Development Agency, and others). Special support in developing, negotiating, formulating, implementing and following up on the Chile-Peru/IICA Bi-national Program to Eradicate the Mediterranean Fruit Fly. Special

recognition from the Government of Chile for contributions in achieving “fruit fly-free” status for Chile.

1990 to present

Regional Specialist in Agricultural Health stationed at the IICA Office in Peru. Participation in different cooperation activities on plant health issues in the five Andean countries. Active participation in the establishment and entry into operation of the Andean Forum on Agricultural Health (FASA), as a mechanism for cooperation, coordination and exchanges between the countries and international agencies interested in matters related to animal and plant health and food safety. Promotion of cooperation activities between the Andean countries and the countries of the Southern Cone on issues related to plant health, with a view to facilitating integration and international agricultural trade. Active support of the Chile-Peru/IICA Bi-national Program to Eradicate the Mediterranean Fruit Fly. Participation in the design of the Regional Project to Combat the Carambola Fly in Suriname, Guyana, Brazil and French Guyana. Ongoing support for the Head of the National Agricultural Health Service of Peru, and a number of plant protection initiatives intended to promote fruit and vegetable production and exports. Support for phytosanitary campaigns to combat priority pests for Peru, such as the migratory locust. Active participation in the conception and formulation of the Andean Project to Combat Fruit Flies. Promotion of an initiative intended to promote fruit and vegetable production in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, efforts to encourage the establishment of a branch of the IICA Office/Peru in Cusco, to provide even more cooperation to a region that is emblematic of all Peru.

4. FIELDS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND PRINCIPAL TOPICS OF WRITINGS AND PUBLICATIONS

As stated in the preceding paragraphs, the fields of professional activity in which I have engaged over the years range from teaching, scientific research and administrative positions at the university level, to the provision of technical cooperation to the countries on issues related to agricultural health and food safety, as well as institutional cooperation actions at the national and regional levels, and support in the design, negotiation, execution and evaluation of specific projects. These contributions have been recognized by both national authorities and the primary beneficiaries of same.

Throughout my professional life, which began in Colombia, was enhanced in Belgium and blossomed under the wing of IICA, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Santiago, Chile, and Lima, Peru, and other countries of the Americas, I have produced important scientific and technical publications, prepared numerous documents and training materials on topics related to agricultural microbiology, plant pathology and the control of plant diseases, plant virology, higher agricultural education, university-level teaching methods, the planning of projects and campaigns to combat priority agricultural and forestry pests, the philosophy and strategies of

agricultural health and food safety before and after the World Trade Organization Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, and the improvement of national agricultural health and food safety services.

5. PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATIONS

Scientific and technical associations such as the Faculty Association of the National University of Colombia (ASPU), the Colombian Association of Institutions of Higher Agricultural Education (ACIEAS), the Colombian Association of Agricultural Engineers (ACIA), the Colombia Association of Plant Pathology and Related Sciences (ASCOLFI), the Latin America Association of Plant Breeding (ALAF), and the International Organization for Biological Control of Noxious Animals and Plants/Neotropical Section (IOBC).

Javier Esparza Duque
Regional Specialist in Agricultural Health and Food Safety

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