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RE: Letter of Collaboration

Dear Dr. Dharumaduri,

This letter is to confirm my willingness to be a Lead-PI for the **Indo-U.S. Joint Network Center for Actinorhizal Microbiome Research** between the laboratories of Dr. Louis S. Tisa, University of New Hampshire and Dr. Dhanasekaran Dharumaduri, Bharathidasan University. **This IUSSTF project would allow the exchange of faculty and students between our two research groups.**

As you are aware the topic of microbiome is area of great interest in my research group. We hope to build our reputation in the actinorhizal symbiosis field by investigating the role that non-nodulating bacteria play in the functioning symbiosis. The proposed work described in this proposal fits in nicely with our current and future endeavors.

I look forward to a fruitful collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis S. Tisa'.

Dr. Louis S. Tisa
Professor of Microbiology and Genetics
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