Academic Collaboration Between the Instituto de Investigaciones de Sanidad Vegetal (INISAV) and University of Florida (UF). Challenges and Opportunities

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Progress in cooperation between INISAV and UF

Project under development: Study of scolitidos (borers-drillers of forestry and fruit trees) in Cuba. Actions taken: Training for two Cuban researchers at UF; Course at INISAV for entomologists taught by a UF research scientist.
Project in preparation: Studies of epidemiology and control of diseases and pests of economic importance in fruit trees, vegetables and citrus in both countries.
Interest in a cooperative research project on pests present in Puerto Rico, Cuba and Florida, specifically the relationship of thrips-orthotospovirus.
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- Project proposal for the production of grains in Cuba.
- Collaboration in pest monitoring programs in the Caribbean area.
- Joint analysis of the risks of dangerous pests.
- Interest in integration of faculty into post-graduate training programs at UF. UF-INISAV.
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- Joint coordination of workshops and events for the exchange of experiences in plant health.

- UF-INISAV. Training, courses and post-graduate preparation of young researchers from INISAV and SSV. UF-INISAV.

- Training for researchers, plant health specialists and producers in Cuba. UF-INISAV.

- Coordination of joint meetings for the monitoring and evaluation of the results of the collaboration. UF-INISAV.
• Interest by UF to support the development of INISAV’s phytosanitary diagnostic laboratory capacity.

• Interest of UF scientists in learning about the Cuban experience in Agro-ecological Management of Pests for small farms. UF-INISAV

• Elaboration of joint publications and exchange of information. UF-INISAV.

• 1st Academic-Scientific Meeting between UF/UH/INISAV held during the VIII Scientific International Seminar of Plant Health. April/2017.
Opportunities

• Cooperative Agreement between INISAV and UF as basis of collaboration on projects of mutual interest.

• *Successful completion of the project* “The Production and export of vegetables, citrus and tropical fruit: Challenges and Opportunities for Cuba and the United States and their competitive insertion in the international economy.”

• Growing interest of scientific and academic institutions to collaborate with Cuba.
Challenges

Achieve progress in all collaborative activities and themes.
Thank you

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