

# Student Agreement

## Erasmus Mundus Master in Evolutionary Biology (MEME)

**§1.** Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (address: P.O. Box 72, 9700 AB Groningen), **Coordinating Institution** of the Erasmus Mundus Master in Evolutionary Biology (MEME), in the current contract represented by Prof. Dr. F.J. Weissing, of the one part, and

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date and place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

**the Student**, of the other part,

**HAVE AGREED** to the following terms and conditions.

**§2.** The student hereby commits himself/herself to attend all mandatory elements of the MEME programme.

**§3.** The student understands that he/she shall be excluded from the MEME programme in any of the following situations:

- The student does not attend mandatory elements of the MEME programme (lectures, practical sessions, field trips and meetings) and he/she can neither justify non-attendance with medical certificates nor has permission for non-attendance been granted by the MEME staff. (To ensure permission for non-attendance, the student must ask in advance.)
- The student fails to validate a year of study.
- The student is the subject of disciplinary measures leading to his/her exclusion from the MEME partner universities.
- The student is the subject of legal prosecutions that prevent him/her from attending the MEME programme.
- The student withdraws from the MEME programme, on his/her own decision or by force majeure.

**§4.** After each semester, the local mentor of the student will write a report on the achievements of the student (courses followed, credits and marks obtained) and the progress made in the last semester. This report, which will be sent to the Examination Committee of MEME, will also list any special circumstances (e.g., accidents or disease) that might have hampered the student's progress. If one of these reports shows that the student made insufficient progress without adequate justification, the Examination Committee will send the student an official warning and specify measures to be taken to get back on track. After such a warning has been received, the student will get special attention and intense supervision by his/her local mentor. If one of the following mentor reports indicate that student still did not make sufficient progress, the Examination Committee may exclude the student from further participation in the MEME programme.

**§5.** If the student is excluded from the MEME programme, the student hereby makes a commitment to reimburse the coordinating institution the excess funding from the grant(s) allocated to him/her, which consists in:

- any MEME funds received covering the period following the date of exclusion;
- at the beginning of the Master programme, part or totality (based on the number of months attended) of the (X,XXX) Euros that were deposited on the (place) bank account opened for his/her use by the coordinating institution;
- except for the sums stipulated in §6 and §8.

**§6.** As an exception to §5, the student shall not refund sums he/she perceived for the following:

- the rent of his/her accommodation that is still required on the day of his/her exclusion
- the bank fees corresponding to his/her accommodation insurance, between the day of his/her exclusion and the end of the calendar month;
- the bank charges to pay for his/her bank account and his/her visa card, between the day of his/her exclusion and the end of the calendar year;
- sums the student shall need to live between the day of his/her exclusion and the end of the calendar month, i.e. for food, transportation, within a limit he/she shall agree on with the coordinating institution.

**§7.** Upon exclusion, the student shall in due time and before his/her departure pay for the following:

- the rent of his/her accommodation, for the month of the day of his/her exclusion,
- the bank fees corresponding to his/her accommodation insurance, for the month of the day of his/her exclusion,
- the bank fees to pay for his/her bank account and his/her visa card, for the year of the day of his/her exclusion.

**§8.** In case of exclusion of the student, the coordinating institution shall allocate the student the grant for the month of the day of his/her exclusion, in order to enable the student to fulfil his/her commitments in §7. In addition, the coordinating institution shall allocate the student funds to cover the cost of travel back to his/her country of origin, which the student shall not refund.

**§9.** For the student's information, the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA 2010-0125) between the coordinating institution and the Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) of the Commission of the European Communities which funds the MEME programme, imposes upon the coordinating institution, following the exclusion or the withdrawal of a student from the programme,

- to make the remainder of the grant allocated to that student available to a new applicant;
- to refund the EACEA with the remainder of the grant allocated to that student if no new applicant is enrolled as a replacement;
- except for funds mentioned in §6 and §8, and for the prescribed use only (§6 and §8).

**§10.** The student has the right to appeal all decisions made by the Examination Committee. To this end, a written appeal has to be sent to the MEME Board. The Board will review the case and inform the student about how to proceed within two weeks.

**§11.** Any alteration to the present Student Agreement must be communicated in writing. All alterations to the initial situation must be immediately communicated by the student to the coordinating institution. Upon mutual agreement of contractual modifications, the coordinating institution will issue an *addendum* to the present contract.

**§12.**The present Student Agreement will be governed by Dutch Law.

Signed in \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_

**The student**

**Coordinating Institution,**  
Represented by Prof. Dr. F.J. Weissing