Australian Society of Plant Scientists (ASPS)

Terms and Conditions for Partnership with Other Societies

1. Purpose

These Terms and Conditions ("Agreement") set out the framework for partnership between the Australian Society of Plant Scientists Incorporated (ASPS) and other professional or learned societies ("Partner Society") for the purpose of fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and professional development in plant science and related disciplines.

2. Scope of Partnership

The partnership may include, but is not limited to, the following **allowable activities**:

2.1 **Joint Events** – Co-hosting conferences, symposia, webinars, workshops, and other educational or networking events.

2.2 **Reciprocal Membership Benefits** – Providing agreed benefits to members of the other society, such as discounted event registration or shared access to certain resources.

2.3 **Cross-Promotion** – Promotion of each other's events, news, and opportunities through newsletters, social media, and websites.

2.4 **Co-Branding** – Use of both societies' names and logos in connection with jointly organised activities, subject to prior written approval.

2.5 **Collaborative Awards or Scholarships** – Joint establishment, administration, or sponsorship of awards, prizes, or scholarships.

2.6 **Shared Advocacy** – Coordinated public statements, submissions, or campaigns on topics of mutual interest.

3. Duration

The partnership will commence on the date of signing by both parties and remain in force for [two (2) years] unless terminated earlier in accordance with Clause 10.

4. Responsibilities of ASPS and the Partner Society

4.1 Both parties will act in good faith, maintain open communication, and provide timely responses to partnership-related matters.

4.2 Both parties will allocate appropriate resources to support agreed activities.

4.3 Both parties will respect the other's organisational independence, governance, and policies.

5. Intellectual Property and Branding

5.1 Each party retains ownership of its own intellectual property, branding, and materials unless otherwise agreed in writing.

5.2 Co-branded materials must be approved in writing by both parties before publication or distribution.

6. Financial Arrangements

6.1 Costs and revenues for joint activities will be shared on a basis agreed in writing before the commencement of each activity.

6.2 Unless otherwise stated, each party will bear its own costs for participation in partnership activities.

7. Confidentiality

Any confidential information exchanged during the partnership must be kept confidential and used only for purposes directly related to the partnership.

8. Compliance

Both parties agree to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ethical standards relevant to the activities undertaken under this Agreement.

9. Public Statements

Public statements referring to the partnership or joint activities must be mutually agreed upon before release.

10. Termination

10.1 Either party may terminate the partnership by providing [three (3) months] written notice.

10.2 Termination will not affect any activities already agreed upon or underway unless mutually agreed otherwise.

11. Dispute Resolution

In the event of a dispute, both parties agree to seek resolution through good-faith negotiation before pursuing other remedies.

12. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between ASPS and the Partner Society regarding the partnership and supersedes all prior discussions or agreements.

Signed for and on behalf of the Australian Society of Plant Scientists (ASPS):

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Signed for and on behalf of the Partner Society:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____