

To who it may concern:

This letter is in support of Delaware Technical & Community College's work in international projects. It has been the University of Agronomical Sciences and Veterinary Medicine-Bucharest honor to work with the College. Most recently we have been collaborating in the project: Delmarva International Poultry Partnership Technical Assistance and Capacity Building in Response to Avian Influenza in Romania August 1, 2006 - September 30, 2007 funded by the United States Agency for International Development and the United States Department of Agriculture. Our collaboration on this project was developed by the Departement of Clinical Studies and Infectious Diseases at the University and Ms. Carla Stone, Office of the President at the College.

This project has exceeded our expectations. So far, our faculty, administration and students have received excellent training in laboratory management which will help us to set up a training program for veterinary laboratory technicians to work in animal disease and food diagnosis and testing laboratories in government and the animal and food industry. This is very important to train technicians so we can meet European Union and international food safety and animal health and welfare standards. We know that laboratory technicians will be very important to fight avian influenza and other disease.

We have made very good contacts with people in the Romanian government and poultry industry that we had not collaborated with before. We are planning to continue this with projects in training for veterinarians in the government laboratories and collaboration projects in animal welfare.

This year, faculty, administrators and graduate students have traveled to Delaware Tech and learned how to develop medical, veterinary and chemical curricula to meet our needs. Most importantly, we are going to develop a training laboratory with the proper equipment and management of the laboratory. In addition to learning about equipment and courses, we are being given new information on how to plan the lab using project management. We will have training in this and use it in the future.

The faculty of Delaware Tech has been very helpful to us. We are waiting for them to come to Romania this spring to work with the lab development and to give lectures to us about the courses we need to teach laboratory technicians.

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