The Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Yucatan Center for Scientific Research (CICY), to collaborate on research activities in areas of mutual interest and the commercialisation of appropriate technologies.

CARDI’s Executive Director, Barton Clarke and CICY’s General Director, Dr. Lorenzo Felipe Sanchez Teyer signed the MoU at CARDI Headquarters on June 16, 2015.

On hand to witness the signing were; Bruce Lauckner, Head of Strategic Alliances, CARDI; Dr. Carlos Borroto, Technology Transfer Advisor, CICY and Dr. Humberto Gomez, Specialist Technical Innovation, IICA. Dr. Gomez has been facilitating CICY in the delivery of a training programme in Trinidad for tissue culture scientists from the CARICOM Region.

Under this five year MoU both agencies will; exchange scientific, academic and technical information on areas of mutual interest; facilitate academic as well as student exchanges; identify areas for cooperation and joint research in disciplines of mutual interest and organise and participate in joint scientific and academic seminars and conferences.

Clarke welcomed the signing of this MoU saying that the ability to share and exchange resources have the potential to facilitate and significantly advance agricultural research for both institutions. He also highlighted that through complementary disciplines innovative solutions can be developed for some existing challenges the Region is currently facing. One area of interest to both Institutions is the revitalisation of the coconut industry. After the signing the CICY team met with Dr. Compton Paul, Head Project Implementation Unit, CARDI to discuss how CARDI and CICY can participate in each other’s projects.
About Yucatan Center for Scientific Research (CICY)

CICY (www.cicy.mx) was founded in 1979. It is a public research institution coordinated by the Mexican National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), with the mission to generate scientific and technological knowledge in the areas of plant biochemistry and molecular biology, agricultural biotechnology, natural resources, materials science, water sciences, and renewable energy in order to contribute to sustainable development. It is located at Calle 43 No. 130, Colonia Chuburná de Hidalgo; CP 97200, Mérida, Yucatán, México.

About Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)

CARDI (www.cardi.org) was established in 1974 to serve the agricultural research and development needs of the Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). CARDI is positioned to enhance the socio-economic well-being of the Caribbean people through research for development that improves the competitiveness and sustainability of regional agriculture. The Institute's Headquarters is located at the University Campus, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago.

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