

RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION

WHEREAS I wish to participate in a conference entitled _____ beginning on _____, 20____ and ending on _____, 20____, as well as any activities offered therein (hereinafter, collectively all activities referred to as the "Conference").

IN CONSIDERATION of the University of Manitoba (the "University") arranging for me to have the opportunity to participate in the Conference in a location off campus from the University and beyond the control of the University, more specifically at _____ (the "Destination"):

1. I ACKNOWLEDGE that I am responsible for arranging transportation to and from the Destination.
2. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE that there are potential risks associated with participating in the Conference, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) **Vehicular and travel-related risks** due to vehicle roll-over or collision with animals or other vehicles and other miscellaneous accidents or incidents that may occur while traveling;
 - (b) **Plant and animal allergens** such as pollen, poison ivy, stinging nettle, fungal spores, mosquitoes and ticks;
 - (c) **Weather-related risks** such as tornadoes, lightning strikes, sunstroke, sunburn and hypothermia;
 - (d) **Water-related risks** such as drowning or otherwise suffering harm while in, by or near water;
 - (e) **Food-related risks** such as reactions, illnesses or infections arising from the consumption of food and water, choking and allergic reactions to food ingredients;
 - (f) **Falling risks** from stairs or any other elevated or raised area whatsoever;
 - (g) **Viral and bacterial diseases** such as West Nile Virus, Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome or Lyme Disease that are conveyed by rodents and insects occurring in the vicinity of the Destination;
 - (h) **Bodily-injury risks** such as fracturing or breaking limbs or other external or internal bodily injuries;
 - (i) **Personal safety risks** such as being mugged, robbed or sexually assaulted;
 - (j) **Miscellaneous risks** such as:
 - (i) Errant gunfire from hunting activities, especially during approved hunting periods; and,
 - (ii) Wildfire, especially during the spring, late autumn and dry periods;
3.
 - (a) I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE in the Conference notwithstanding the above-stated risks;
 - (b) I FURTHER AGREE TO ASSUME ALL RELATED HEALTH RISKS of participating in the said Conference.
4. I, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns RELEASE the University, its respective servants, agents or employees from any claims, personal injury, damages, losses or other proceedings while I am engaged in the Conference or thereafter.
5. I FURTHER AGREE TO INDEMNIFY the University, its servants, agents or employees from any damages which may result or claims or demands which may be made against the University arising out of or in consequence of the Conference and/or my actions.
6. I FURTHER STATE that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this Release, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian.

In signing this Release, I am not relying upon any oral or written representations or statements made by the University other than what is set forth in this Release.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS RELEASE AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS MAY HAVE AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand on the date set out below.

Witness

Signature

Date: _____

Please print your name here: _____