



Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste

and

The International Centre for Relativistic Astrophysics Network (ICRANet), Pescara

On the occasion of the visit of the Director of ICTP, Katepalli R. Sreenivasan, to Pescara, we have confirmed our mutual interest in strengthening the contacts between ICTP and ICRANet, which have already been established by virtue of the fact that ICTP is a founding member of ICRA, itself a member of ICRANet.

We consider it important to establish an active collaboration between ICTP and ICRANet which can be articulated along the following lines:

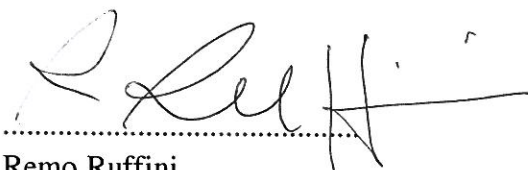
1. Preparation and signing of a cooperation agreement between ICTP and ICRANet along the lines of the agreements between ICRANet and La Sapienza, ICRANet and the University of Nice, ICRANet and ENEA, ICRANet and the University of Minsk, and ICRANet and the University of Rio, which are hereby appended.
2. ICTP will actively consider financing at Trieste a postdoctoral position in Theoretical Relativistic Astrophysics, in whose selection procedures both ICRANet and ICTP will be involved. ICRANet will guarantee full support and contacts between the ICRANet Centers (Pescara, Nice, Rio de Janeiro) and ICTP on this matter. ICRANet will enable the access of ICTP in the scientific exchange and electronic network of conferences.
3. ICTP will also consider establishing a graduate student fellowship in the IRAP Ph.D. program. In turn, ICRANet will promote the entrance of ICTP in the international IRAP Ph.D. program in relativistic astrophysics, whose granting institutions are the University of Rome la Sapienza, the University of Ferrara, the University of Nice, the University of Savoie, the ETH of Zurich and the Free University of Berlin. Non academic institutions such as ICRA, ICRANet, the Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques of Paris and the Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur are also members of the IRAP Ph.D. program.
4. In addition ICTP and ICRANet will cooperate in organizing international scientific meetings, expanding the existing traditional cooperation of more than 25 years between ICRA and ICTP.

5. The two parties agree to explore the possibility of ICTP becoming a full member of ICRA Net.

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Date: 20 February 2009



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