



**PROTOCOL**  
**on the establishing of ICRANet-Minsk Center**  
**at the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus**

**The National Academy of Sciences of Belarus** (hereinafter referred to as NAS of Belarus) represented by the Vice Chairman of the Presidium Prof. S.Y. Kilin and **the International Center for Relativistic Astrophysics Network** (hereinafter referred to as ICRANet) represented by the Director of ICRANet Prof. R. Ruffini, hereafter referred to as the “Parties”,

**Considering** that the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus is the highest state scientific organization conducting and coordinating fundamental and applied research in the Republic of Belarus,

**Considering** that the International Center for Relativistic Astrophysics Network is an international organization conducting and coordinating fundamental research in the field of physics and astrophysics,

**Recognizing** the common priority of fostering economic development through innovation, research and development, desiring to strengthen industrial technology cooperation on the basis of mutual benefit, expressing their aspiration to conduct both science and technology cooperation and promote commercialization of its results on the long-term base,

**Decided** to establish the ICRANet-Minsk Center (further – Center) at the premises of the B.I.Stepanov Institute of Physics, NAS of Belarus.

Both Parties in the frame of created Center will cooperate in the following directions:

- a) Participation and integration of Belarusian scientists and young researches in worldwide activity in relativistic astrophysics, cosmology and related areas;
- b) Promotion of commercialization of R&D;
- c) Implementation of joint programs of highly-qualified scientific personnel training;
- d) Exchange of staff, research students;
- e) Joint research activities and publications;
- f) Participation in conferences, workshops and seminars;
- g) Other activities that both Parties mutually agree to.

This Protocol is signed in Minsk on April 26, 2017 in two copies in English.

For the International Center for Relativistic  
Astrophysics Network

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Prof. R. Ruffini

For the National Academy of Sciences of  
Belarus

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Prof. S.Y. Kilin