ICRANET PESCARA FLIES TO CHINA
TO SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY

Professor Ruffini, Director of ICRANet Pescara, now visiting China, announces the date and location for the Italian celebration of the 20th anniversary of the discovery by the Beppo-SAX satellite of the afterglows of gamma ray bursts.

Pescara, November 7 – This morning Professor Remo Ruffini gave a seminar entitled "Supernovae, Hypernovae and Binary Driven Hypernovae". at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, one of the most influential universities in China, with its 31 departments and more than 1900 professors (see enclosed announcement).

The organizer of this event dedicated to relativistic astrophysics is the youngest member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Professor Jing Yipeng, professor in the Department of Physics at this university and a former IRAP PhD student of Professor Ruffini. Professor Ruffini and Professor Jing Yipeng are discussing the organization of the 5th Galileo-Xu Guangqi Meeting (GX V) which will take place in June 2017 in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Division of Gravitation and Relativistic Astrophysics of the Chinese Physical Society on Mountain Emei, in the province of Sichuan.

On this occasion the location and date for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the discovery of the afterglows of gamma ray bursts has been announced: "We will celebrate this anniversary at ICRANet Pescara for one week starting on February 28, 2017" states Professor Ruffini. "Today these celebrations are particularly important since we are approaching a complete understanding of GRBs and this will be a splendid opportunity to have experts from all over the world at the two Italian ICRANet seats, in Abruzzo and Lazio, where it will be possible to follow all the different paths that led to the comprehension of this great cosmological phenomenon. My trip to China will also open the way to the entrance of this country into ICRANet as a member state."

Indeed China today is one of the countries with the highest education levels and consequently with many far-reaching advances in observations of the universe from space, from Earth and from underground laboratories. These developments in which China is engaged as well as their laboratories, radio telescopes and space missions are all very much appreciated by the international scientific community. In order to promote this great tradition and its success in the development of an international school of relativistic astrophysics, ICRANet is leading an international coordination to create an astrophysical data center and engage students and professors in this endeavor through the IRAP PhD doctorate. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa are joining this effort with Italy.