



## **ICRANet PESCARA: IN YEREVAN FOR A PROGRAMMATIC MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

*Narek Sahakyan appointed new Director of the Armenian seat of ICRANet.  
The institute works toward the expansion to Belarus, Kazakhstan and Iran.*

On Thursday June 9 ICRANet, with its headquarter in Pescara, has been the focus of an official meeting held in Yerevan in Armenia. The Director of ICRANet, Professor Remo Ruffini, has met the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Edward Nalbandian, together with the Ambassador of Italy in Armenia Giovanni Ricciulli, with the Ambassador of Brazil Edson Marinho Duarte Monteiro, acting as representatives of the member states of ICRANet, and with other personalities.

On this occasion the new Director of the ICRANet seat in Yerevan, Prof. Narek Sahakyan, has been introduced to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia. Also the Armenian seat benefits of the extraterritoriality, privileges and diplomatic immunity, ratified by law by the President of the Republic of Armenia, Serž Azati Sargsyan. On this occasion it has been made official as well the entrance of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia among the institutes members of the international IRAP PhD program in relativistic astrophysics. Special attention has been given to the coordinating activities carried out by ICRANet Armenia in the scientific collaborations with Belarus, Kazakhstan and Iran, aiming to the possibility to have also these three Countries becoming members states of ICRANet.

The Brazilian Ambassador has underlined to Minister Nalbandian that Brazil, as founding member of ICRANet, has coordinated from its seat in Rio de Janeiro, lines of research of scientists in Latin America: Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Mexico. For this reason important international conferences took place in 2015 in Brazil (<http://www.icranet.org/2cl/>), Colombia (<http://www.icranet.org/1jg/>), Mexico (<http://www.icranet.org/1sv/>), and public conferences have been organized with Institutions having cooperation agreements with ICRANet: Estação Ciências Auditorium - João Pessoa, Espaço Ciência - Recife, Instituto Federal de Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia (IFCE) - Fortaleza and Universidade de Brasília. The Brazilian Ambassador in his speech has also referred to the creation of a data center of ICRANet in Brazil, the "Brazilian Science Data Center (BSDC)" to which the researchers can access from all ICRANet seats and from the entire Latin-American Continent.

Special attention has been given by the Minister Nalbandian and by the Director of ICRANet to the forthcoming visit of the Pope in Armenia that will take place on Sunday, June 26. ICRANet intends to promote in the Middle East countries, with the support of Armenia and Vatican Observatory, which is representative of the Vatican State in ICRANet, scientific activities addressed to the understanding of the universe on the base of Albert Einstein's equations. New activities have been planned exactly in the headquarter in Pescara, starting by this month of June, in cooperation with the seat in Yerevan and coordinated toward Middle East and Central Asia.

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