



COOPERATION PROTOCOL
between the
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR RELATIVISTIC ASTROPHYSICS NETWORK
(ICRANet)
and the
CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE MATHÉMATIQUES PURES ET APPLIQUÉES
(CIMPA)

The ICRANet, represented by its Director, Prof. Remo Ruffini, and CIMPA, represented by Christophe Ritzenthaler (Executive Director of CIMPA),

agree

to establish this Cooperation Protocol which is governed by the following clauses:

FIRST:

The main objectives of this Cooperation Protocol are to foster scientific and technological research for students and young researchers from developing countries in the fields of common interest for ICRANet and CIMPA. Among these fields, cosmology, gravitation and relativistic astrophysics will be especially considered.

The research and teaching activities will take place at the venues of the various activities organized by CIMPA in the world and in the ICRANet centers and Member Institutions, which include ICRANet Headquarter in Pescara, ICRANet seat in Villa Ratti in Nice (France), ICRA at the University of Rome, the University of Stanford (California, USA), the University of Tucson (Arizona, USA) and ICRANet Armenia at the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia.

Henceforth we will refer in this document to ICRANet – CIMPA to designate the institutions which participate in this present Cooperation Protocol.

SECOND:

The activities to be undertaken under this Cooperation Protocol will consist of joint actions involving one or more of the following items:

I – The organization of events centered around the development of research and education in sciences, with special attention to developing countries;

II – The promotion and support of technical-scientific and cultural events and activities, also open to the public, useful to foster our actions in the direction of developing countries;

III – The development of opportunities to form students and young researchers from developing countries;

IV - Provide grants to students and young researchers from developing countries in order for them to participate to research programs in our partner institutions;

V – Implementation of socially oriented activities through the academic extension;

VI – Exchange of information concerning teaching and research opportunities in both institutions signatory of this Cooperation Protocol.

THIRD:

The implementation of the activities envisaged by the contracting parties will be specified by means of Work Plans relative to this Cooperation Protocol, to be signed by the contracting parties at the time of definition of common projects, areas of research and education, or any other activities of mutual interest.

FOURTH:

The institutions signatories of this Cooperation Protocol shall adopt, as a general principle, and to the extent of their budgetary possibilities, the financing of academic actions carried out by this instrument.

FIFTH:

I – When activities originating from this instrument of cooperation result in products, improvements or innovations, subject to rights, both parties will establish - according to the law and to proper regulatory legislation, by means of specific instruments and proportionally to the contribution of each institution - the conditions that will regulate property rights.

II –ICRANet and CIMPA mutually agree to mention all the Parties in any work or in any scientific writing related to jointly performed activities or, in any case, carried out with the contribution of all the Parties.

III – All the scientific products resulting from activities originating by the present cooperation protocol will be made available to the scientific community through publications in specialized journals and other channels (such as conferences, meetings, etc).

SIXTH:

The activities developed within the scope of this Cooperation Protocol will be carried by members of both parties, appointed by each institution, according to the nature of the activities in each project, the parties being allowed to rely upon the support of external organizations.

An overall coordinator will be appointed for each of the signing Institutions in order to monitor and supervise the implementation and progress of programs and projects related to the present Cooperation Protocol and to establish plans for the future of this cooperation.

For CIMPA:

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The coordinators will meet at least once a year or by electronic means (such as e-conference), or through visits to partner institutions.

SEVENTH:

This present instrument will be valid for 5 (five) years, starting from the date of its signature. It will be extended automatically for another 5 (five) years through an exchange of letters between the signatories.

EIGHTH:

This present Cooperation Protocol may be canceled by either of the parties, by means of a notification at least 60 (sixty) days in advance – which may be waived if both parties come to a consensual agreement – being advisable, however, to attempt to ensure that ongoing activities are maintained.

NINTH:

Any necessary modification to the present Cooperation Protocol must be stated in Additional Terms that will be negotiated between the parties, without prejudice to ongoing activities.

In particular this instrument of cooperation could be extended to other partnerships, through the express agreement of the parties through an Additional Term.

TENTH:

For purposes of this Cooperation Protocol the parties establish their addresses as:


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CIMPA: 28 avenue Valrose, Campus Valrose, Bâtiment Dieudonné II, 06108 Nice cedex 02 - France;

through which the correspondence held between with respect to the interpretation and enforcement of this Cooperation Protocol should be formalized.

All terms having been agreed upon, the representatives of the parties signed the present instrument in 2 (two) copies in English.


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