

Annex to the Cooperation Agreement
between
International Center for Relativistic Astrophysics Network (Pescara, Italy)
and
National Academy of Science of Belarus (Minsk, Belarus)

Following the Cooperation Agreement between International Center for Relativistic Astrophysics Network (hereafter referred to as ICRANet) and National Academy of Science of Belarus (hereafter referred to as the NASB) signed on September 6, 2013 ICRANet, located in Pescara (Italy), Piazza della Repubblica n.10 (C. F. 91080720682), directed by Professor Remo Ruffini, and NASB, located in Minsk (Belarus), Independence Avenue 66, chaired by Academician Vladimir G. Gusakov, hereafter referred to as 'Parties', agree to create in Minsk an ICRANet international academic center (hereafter referred to as ICRANet-Minsk), to foster scientific research in relativistic astrophysics, gravitation and cosmology in Belarus and their integration into international activities in this field. Initially ICRANet-Minsk will be based in the B.S. Stepanov Institute of Physics of NASB (hereafter referred to as Institute of Physics).

Article 1

ICRANet-Minsk will operate in areas of relativistic astrophysics, gravitation and cosmology, in the theoretical and observational fields, in close collaboration with ICRANet. The activities of the ICRANet-Minsk will include organization of schools, courses, workshops, and conferences, training and research at post-graduate and post-doctoral levels in areas of competence of the ICRANet-Minsk, combined with an active visiting program.

Article 2

1. ICRANet will provide an international support for the operations of the ICRANet-Minsk.
2. ICRANet will extend the IRAP-PhD program to the interested research institutions of Belarus.
3. ICRANet will allow for the Belarusian Party to use the facilities and structures of the ICRANet Seats, in Rome (Italy), Pescara (Italy), Nice (France), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), and Yerevan (Armenia), and from there to collaborate with scientific institutions of these and other countries.
4. ICRANet will help to build scientific data center in ICRANet-Minsk, providing computer facilities and data transfer from ground and space based observatories.

Article 3

1. NASB will provide financial support to ICRANet-Minsk, based on the State scientific programs and joint international projects, subject to the legislation of the Republic of Belarus.
2. Initially the rooms for ICRANet-Minsk will be provided by the Institute of Physics and the former will be considered as a department of the Institute, in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus.
3. The NASB will coordinate the scientific activities carried by ICRANet-Minsk and will foster cooperation between ICRANet-Minsk and Belarusian research institutions.
4. The annual programs of activity of ICRANet-Minsk will be approved by the governing bodies of NASB and ICRANet.

Article 4

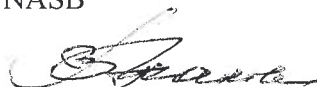
Initially ICRANet-Minsk will recruit the Director, 2 scientists, as well as a system administrator and a secretary, following the national rules. The Director of ICRANet-Minsk will be approved by the corresponding Vice Chairman of NASB Presidium and the Director of ICRANet.

Article 5

The present Annex to the Cooperation Agreement shall be in force from the date of signing of both Parties.

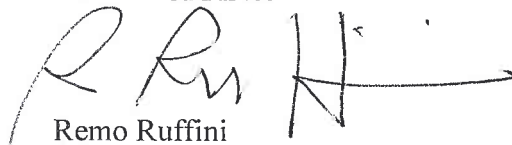
Done in Minsk on 18 July 2016, in two original copies, each in Russian and English, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation the English version shall prevail.

For the NASB



Vladimir G. Gusakov
Chairman of Presidium

For the ICRANet



Remo Ruffini
Director