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COOPERATION PROTOCOL

between the

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR RELATIVISTIC ASTROPHYSICS NETWORK (ICRANet)

and the

UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE LA PLATA (UNLP)

The International Center for Relativistic Astrophysics Network (ICRANet), under law n. 31 of the 10th of February 2005, located at Piazza della Repubblica n. 10, 65122 Pescara, PE, Italy, represented by its Director, Prof. Remo Ruffini, and the Universidad Nacional de La Plata (UNLP), under Law No. 4699/1905, located at Av. 7 no. 776, La Plata, Argentina represented by its President, Dr. Fernando Tauber pursuant to UNLP Ord. 295/18 and its supplementary regulations agree to establish this Cooperation Protocol which is governed by the following clauses:

FIRST: The main objectives of this Cooperation Protocol are to promote the development and dissemination of scientific and technological research in the fields of cosmology, gravitation and relativistic astrophysics between ICRANet and UNLP their Faculties, Departments, Institutes, and Research Centres. Henceforth we will refer in this document to ICRANet – UNLP to designate the institutions which participate in this present Cooperation Protocol.



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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 institutional exchange of graduate, post-graduate students, researchers and faculty members of ICRANet and UNLP; ICRANet
- II – The development of teaching and/or research activities related to the areas of expertise and interest of ICRANet and UNLP;
- III – The organization of symposia, seminars, conferences and short courses on topics and areas of expertise and interest of ICRANet and UNLP;
- IV – The promotion and support of technical-scientific and cultural events and activities open to the public;
- V – The development of opportunities to form university teachers and researchers, by means of specialized advanced high-level courses in areas of interest and expertise of ICRANet and UNLP;
- VI – The organization of training and recycling courses and activities as well as the developing of inter-institutional research areas associated to local graduate programs;
- VII – The promotion of joint publications;
- VIII – Implementation of socially oriented activities through the academic extension;
- IX – Exchange of information concerning teaching and research activities 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 or Specific Agreements 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. Specific Agreements or Accessory Agreements executed here from shall be signed pursuant to the regulations governing them. Furthermore, the people responsible for their execution and control at the UNLP shall be mentioned in the agreements in accordance with art. 9, Ord. 295/18 and similar regulations.



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FOURTH: This Agreement does not imply any financial commitment. Both Institutions understand that any financial agreement shall be duly negotiated in a separate agreement and shall depend on the budget availability of each Institution.

Both Parties shall try to get funding from other institutions in order to finance the activities within the framework of this Agreement

FIFTH: Partial or final results achieved hereunder shall be published by mutual consent; the participation of each of the Parties shall be acknowledged in the publications. In any case, in every publication or document related to this legal instrument and generated by one of the Parties, mention of this Agreement shall always be made. The other Party shall give express consent to the other, although it shall not be responsible for the content of the publication. 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.

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. Furthermore, the people responsible for the execution and control at the UNLP shall be mentioned in the Specific agreements in accordance with art. 9, Ord. 295/18 and similar regulations. The coordinators will meet at least once a year or by electronic means (such as econference), or through visits to partner institutions.



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SEVENTH: Both parties agree to announce this collaboration agreement on their official web sites. They will include the link to the other Party's official web site. For this purpose, the UNLP's domain will be <https://www.unlp.edu.ar>

EIGHTH: This present Cooperation Protocol may be canceled by either of the parties, by means of a written notification at least six months 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

TENTH: Any dispute arising under or in connection with this Agreement shall be resolved amicably by means of direct negotiation given the cooperative nature of this instrument. For purposes of this Cooperation Protocol the parties establish their addresses as: ICRANet: ICRANet Coordinating Center: Piazza della Repubblica, 10, 65122 Pescara, Italy; UNLP: Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Avenida 7 N° 776 La Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina; through which the correspondence held between with respect to the interpretation and enforcement of this Cooperation Protocol should be formalized.

ELEVENTH: This present instrument will be valid for 4 (four) years, starting from the date of its signature. This term may be expressly extended before its termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this Agreement electronically in English and Spanish on the dates and places set forth in the signatures below.



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On behalf ICRANet

PROF. REMO RUFFINI
Director of ICRANet

On behalf UNLP

DR. FERNANDO TAUBER
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