



LEGAL AGREEMENT
between the
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR RELATIVISTIC ASTROPHYSICS
(ICRA)
the
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR RELATIVISTIC ASTROPHYSICS NETWORK
(ICRANet)
and the
ALZAHRA UNIVERSITY

The ICRA, represented by its President, Prof. Remo Ruffini, ICRANet, represented by its Director, Prof. Remo Ruffini, and Alzahra University, represented by its Chancellor Dr. Mahnaz Molanazari,

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 ICRA, ICRANet and Alzahra University.

The research and teaching activities will take place in Alzahra University in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, in the ICRA Member Institutions 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 ICRA – ICRANet – Alzahra University 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 institutional exchange of graduate, post-graduate students, researchers and faculty members of ICRA, ICRANet and Alzahra University;

II – The development of teaching and/or research activities related to the areas of expertise and interest of ICRA, ICRANet and Alzahra University;

III – The organization of symposia, seminars, conferences and short courses on topics and areas of expertise and interest of ICRA, ICRANet and Alzahra University;

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 ICRA, ICRANet and Alzahra University;

VI – The organization of training and teaching 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 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. In the specific case of exchange of professional between the signatory institutions, the visiting institution shall endeavor efforts to cover transportation expenses of their students, professors and technicians while the hosting institution may cover their living expenses. To finance such expenses, participants must apply to granting agencies and other national or international institutions.

Students, professors, researchers and administrative staff taking part in exchange activities must have health insurance valid during those activities paid by the visiting part.

FIFTH:

I – When activities originating from this instrument of cooperation result in products, improvements or innovations, subject to rights the acquisition of the possible achievements of this agreement will be determined on the basis of the cooperation programs signed by the parties in each case.

II – ICRA, ICRANet, and Alzahra University 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. The first author of each publication should indicate his affiliation to ICRA, ICRANet and Alzahra University in order to publish free of charge in Astronomy and Astrophysics.

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, provided that it does not contradict with the laws and regulations of both parties.

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.

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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 and agree on the names of up to 5 scientists yearly participating in this exchange program.

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 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:

ICRA: c/o Dipartimento di Fisica, "Università La Sapienza", P.le Aldo Moro, 5 - 00185 Roma - Italy;

ICRANet: ICRANet Coordinating Center: Piazza della Repubblica, 10, 65122 Pescara, Italy;

Alzahra University: North Sheikh Bahaee St., Deh-e Vanak, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran;

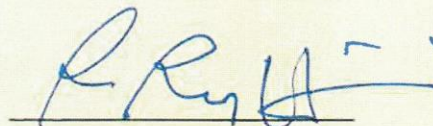
through which the correspondence held between with respect to the interpretation and enforcement of this Cooperation Protocol should be formalized.

All terms having been agreed upon, the representatives of the parties signed the present instrument in 4 (four) copies, two in English and two in Persian. Each party will have a copy in Persian and a copy in English.

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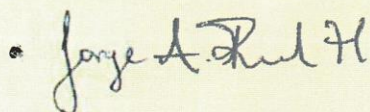
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