



**COOPERATION PROTOCOL**

between the

**INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR RELATIVISTIC ASTROPHYSICS NETWORK  
(ICRANet)**

and the

**UNIVERSITY OF BRASÍLIA  
(UnB)**

The ICRANet, represented by its Director, Prof. Remo Ruffini, and the University of Brasilia, represented by its Deputy Rector, Prof. Sônia Nair Bão.

considering

The formal agreement of the Federative Republic of Brazil being a Member of ICRANet, signed by the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva, on September 21, 2005, approved by the Legislative Decree No. 292 of the Brazilian National Congress (Official Gazette of Union No. 205, page 3 of October 24, 2007) and finalized by President Dilma Rousseff in August 12, 2011 (see document "Decreto No 7.552 - Pres. Dilma Rouseff".pdf hereby annexed).

agree

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

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**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 several institutions under the coordination of the UnB.

Henceforth we will refer in this document to ICRANet-UnB 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 or post-graduate students, researchers and faculty members of ICRANet and UnB

II – The development of teaching and/or research activities related to the areas of expertise and interest of ICRANet and UnB

III – The organization of symposia, seminars, conferences and short courses on topics and areas of expertise and interest of ICRANet and UnB

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 UnB

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 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.

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**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:**

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.

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.

**EIGHT:**

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.

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