

**ICRANet Scientific Committee Meeting  
May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)**

The following Members are present:

- ) Prof. Aharonian Felix (Armenia, via Skype connection)
- ) Dr. Bianco Carlo Luciano (ICRA)
- ) Prof. Braga João (Brazil) Chairman
- ) Prof. Della Valle Massimo (Italy)
- ) Dr. Gabriele Gionti, S. J. (Vatican, via Skype connection)
- ) Prof. Remo Ruffini (ICRANet Director)

The following Members are absent but justified:

- ) Prof. Arnett David (University of Arizona)
- ) Prof. Mester John (University of Stanford)

The Agenda:

1. Documents for Unpaid Associate and for Paid Associate appointments to ICRANet Seats;
2. ICRANet relations with Brazilian Scientific Institutions;
3. First Scientific ICRANet Meeting in Armenia (Yerevan, June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014): [http://www.icranet.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=752](http://www.icranet.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=752) and next meeting of the ICRANet Scientific Committee on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in Armenia;
4. Request of resignation by Prof. Joao Braga;
5. Miscellanea

The meeting starts on Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 9.30am at CBPF in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). The President is Prof. Joao Braga and the minutes are taken by the Director.

### **1. Documents for Unpaid Associate and for Paid Associate appointments to ICRANet Seats**

The Director presents the drafts of the Documents. After an ample discussion, the Scientific Committee unanimously approves the Documents in their final form which is reported in Enclosure 1.

The Director will consequently approach all the National appropriate Institutions of the Member Countries to ensure the implementation of the procedure.

### **2. ICRANet relations with Brazilian Scientific Institutions**

The Director recalls the list of all the Brazilian Institutions which have already signed or are going to sign an agreement with ICRANet:

- ) CAPES (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior)
- ) CBPF (Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Físicas)
- ) FAPERJ (Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado do Rio de Janeiro)
- ) Government of the State of Ceará
- ) INPE (Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais)
- ) ITA (Instituto Tecnológico de Aeronáutica)
- ) UERJ (University of Rio de Janeiro)
- ) UFF (Universidade Federal Fluminense)

- ) UFPB (Universidade Federal da Paraíba)
- ) UFRGS (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul)
- ) UNIFEI (Universidade Federal de Itajubá)

Each one of these agreements has appointed two representatives from ICRANet and from the Local Institutions. The monitoring of these collaboration agreements will see:

- 1) the proposal of the joint scientific program of research;
- 2) the participation in the IRAP-PhD program and development of post-doctoral programs;
- 3) request of funding to local financial agencies as well as to ICRANet.

Concerning the IRAP-PhD program, in order to facilitate the recognition of the degrees in Brazil, and also in order to foster the teaching collaboration, it is proposed that initially three Universities in Brazil join the IRAP-PhD Faculty in awarding the Joint PhD degree. The Director will be responsible to implement these activities with the Universities in agreement with their national rules.

The Director of the IRAP-PhD program will transmit the list of the Selected Institutions which have accepted and fitted the conditions for participating to the joint PhD program.

The Scientific Committee unanimously approves.

### **3. First Scientific ICRANet Meeting in Armenia and next meeting of the ICRANet Scientific Committee on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in Armenia**

The Director presents the Scientific Meeting which will take place in Yerevan (Armenia) on June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

<[http://www.icranet.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=752](http://www.icranet.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=752)>.

It is proposed to have in that occasion a Meeting of the Scientific Committee, on June 28<sup>th</sup> in Armenia. The Scientific Committee unanimously approves.

### **4. Request of resignation by Prof. Joao Braga**

The Scientific Committee members thank Prof. Braga for all his efforts in the many years in which he has been a Member of the Committee. They recall in particular the activities in which he is currently involved within ICRANet. These include:

- 1) he is a representative in the ICRANet-INPE collaboration agreement from the INPE side;
- 2) he is following the proposal that has been sent to the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology for funding the Brazilian Science Data Center (BSDC) of ICRANet, which is being developed with the collaboration of ASI within ICRANet.

In addition to this, he has been the President of the Scientific Committee since 2013 after the retirement of the previous President, Prof. Riccardo Giacconi, Nobel laureate. Prof. Braga recalls some uneasiness in guiding the Committee following the Giacconi tradition. All Members of the Committee reassure him that they have full confidence in his activity and they are always ready in order to help him and assist him, but they fully understand his desire to dedicate himself more closely to the other scientific activities.

Prof. Braga confirms his desire to continue the above mentioned activities within ICRANet, with the exception of being a member of the Scientific Committee. He agrees to work together with the Committee in formulating a public call to look for a possible new Member of the Scientific

Committee representing Brazil, since in any way his 6 year term is reaching completion. Therefore he agrees to remain President of the Scientific Committee until this process will be completed. The Scientific Committee unanimously agrees.

#### 5. Miscellanea

Nothing remains to be discussed.

The meeting ends at 3.00pm and the minutes are circulated via e-mail.

The President  
Prof. Joao Braga

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The Secretariat  
Prof. Remo Ruffini

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