

Memorandum of Understanding between the International Centre for Theoretical Physics – South American Institute for Fundamental Research (ICTP-SAIFR) and the Instituto de Física Teórica (IFT) UAM-CSIC, Madrid

The purpose of this agreement is to encourage scientific exchange visits and collaborations between researchers at ICTP-SAIFR and IFT UAM-CSIC in order to promote progress in all research areas of common interest, to build academic ties between the two institutions and to collaborate on their programmes for the promotion of science at the international level.

It is agreed that:

1. *Postdocs, advanced PhD students and faculty researchers at both institutions will be encouraged to spend extended visits of two to four weeks at the other institution.*

In order to qualify for such a visit, a candidate must submit a request at least two months prior to the visit. The request should explain the benefit of the proposed visit and contain a brief description of the research to be undertaken during the visit.

IFT UAM-CSIC will support the economy class travel costs of IFT UAM-CSIC researchers coming to ICTP-SAIFR, and ICTP-SAIFR will support the economy class travel costs of ICTP-SAIFR researchers coming to IFT UAM-CSIC.

The host institution will provide office space and computing facilities, and will cover local costs in the form of accommodation and living expenses. The allotted contribution for living expenses will be at the discretion of the host institution.

Upon completion of the visit, a short report will be provided by the visiting researcher to their home institution explaining the research outcomes of the visit. It will be the responsibility of each institution to ensure that satisfactory reports from its own members are submitted.

Where the research visit results in one or more publications, the host institution should be acknowledged in the paper, and notified when the publications are submitted, and when they are published.

Normally, a maximum of one such visit will be supported for each PhD student, postdoctoral or faculty researcher per year.

A maximum total of twelve (12) weeks of exchange will be supported by each institution each year.

2. *Both institutions will collaborate on the organization of programs, workshops and schools on subjects of common interest. Scientists of both institutions are encouraged to propose such activities.*

Each institution will designate a coordinator who will receive requests for visits and organization of programs/workshops/schools under this program and ensure that they are dealt with in a timely manner.

This agreement is valid for an initial period of two years, whereupon its terms will be revisited in the light of experience, with the expectation that it be renewed on a mutually agreeable basis, for a further two years at a time.



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Date: 25 de fevereiro de 2015



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