

the
abdus salam
international centre for theoretical physics

F E D E R A T I O N A R R A N G E M E N T

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter called "UNESCO") and the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter called the "Agency"), and represented for this purpose by the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Italy (hereinafter called the "Centre") and the

Department of Physics, Al-Baath University at Homs, Syria

(hereinafter called the "Institute")

Recognizing that frequent and continuing contact between scientists working in related fields is fundamental to the creative process required to ensure the further development of science, as well as its proper application in relation to the requirements of society, and

Recognizing as well the effective role of the Centre in fostering such contact at the international level in respect of the related disciplines of theoretical physics, experimental physics and applied mathematics,

have agreed as follows:

1. A minimum of two scientists of the Institute active in research will visit the Centre at times and for periods to be determined jointly by the Institute and the Centre. Such visits will coincide with ongoing activities at the Centre which are directly relevant to the field of specialization of the individual scientists concerned. The minimum duration of each such visit will be two weeks.
2. The selection of scientists for such visits shall be made by the Institute, in consultation with the Centre, and this shall be done on a broad basis so as to permit as many of its staff who are able to do so to benefit from such contact. In making a selection, advice received from the appropriate Institute advisory body will be taken into account. However, as a rule, those selected should be junior members, and in no case older than forty, of the Institute.
3. The expenses of visits undertaken in relation to this Arrangement shall be financed on a cost-sharing basis. The Centre shall pay to each scientist in the local currency of the Centre an amount intended to contribute towards daily subsistence expenses. This amount shall be determined by the Centre, and the total amount to be paid for this purpose shall be limited to 60 days for all such visits. The Centre shall also contribute towards travel expenses of scientists from the Institute to the Centre in an amount not to exceed Italian Lire 600,000 per person and Italian Lire 1,200,000 for the total of all such visits. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the Centre's Travel Standards (see attachment).

4. At the end of his/her visit to the Centre, and in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the Federation Programme, the visitor will have an informal talk with senior members of Abdus Salam ICTP staff, describing the experience during relevant visit and a personal account of the conclusions reached through his/her research effort. One of the senior members of Abdus Salam ICTP will write down a short report. In addition, the visitor engages himself/herself to provide the follow-up information (publications, etc.) that the Centre deems necessary.

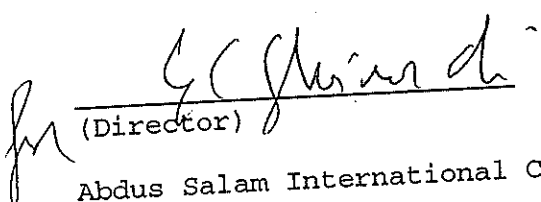
5. Scientists coming to the Centre under this Arrangement shall not be entitled to any other payment or subsidy from the Centre and the Centre shall not have any liability in the event of death, injury or illness of scientists occurring during their travel or stay in Trieste.

6. While the primary purpose of this Arrangement is to make provision for visits to the Centre of scientists from the Institute, the parties to this Arrangement may agree to provide for visits of scientists from the Centre to the Institute. The terms and conditions of such visits shall be the same as outlined above.

7. This Arrangement shall enter into force upon signature by the Director of the Centre, on behalf of UNESCO and the Agency, and the authorized representative of the Institute.

When considering the contract for renewal, the Centre will take into account, among other factors, the level and age of the proposed candidates as well as the necessity to rotate this Arrangement among different institutes in the same geographical area.

8. This Arrangement shall terminate of 31 December 1998 unless extended by the Parties thereto.

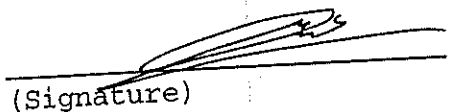

(Director)

Trieste, Italy
(Place)

1998-03-11
(Date)

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for the
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International Atomic Energy Authority

For the Al-Baath University


(Signature)

Homs - SYRIA
(Place)

1998-03-31
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