

**Agreement for Cooperation between the International Centre for
Theoretical Physics – South American Institute for Fundamental Research
(ICTP-SAIFR) and the Mainz Institute for Theoretical Physics (MITP) at
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz**

The purpose of this agreement is to encourage scientific exchange visits and collaborations between researchers at ICTP-SAIFR and MITP in order to promote progress in all research areas of common interest and to build academic ties between the two institutions.

It is agreed that:

1. Graduate students, postdocs and faculty researchers at both institutions will be encouraged to spend extended visits of up to three months 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.
2. Each institution will appoint for the purposes of this collaboration an exchange visit coordinator, who will receive requests for visits under this program and ensure that they are dealt with in a timely manner.
3. MITP will support the economy-class travel costs of MITP researchers coming to ICTP-SAIFR, and ICTP-SAIFR will support the economy-class travel costs of ICTP-SAIFR researchers coming to MITP.
4. The host institution will provide office space and computing facilities and will cover local costs in the form of airport transfers, accommodation and living expenses. The allotted per diem for living expenses will be at the discretion of the host institution.
5. Upon completion of the visit, the visiting researcher will provide a short report to his or her 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.
6. A maximum of 26 person-weeks of exchange will be supported per academic year by each institution, with the possibility to increase this number if deemed of mutual interest. A maximum of 10 student visits in each direction will be supported per year. Normally, a maximum of one visit will be supported for each postdoctoral or faculty researcher per year.

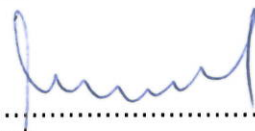
7. In cases where the research visit results in one or more publications, the host institution should be acknowledged in the paper(s) and notified when the publications are published.
8. Master and PhD students from both institutions will be encouraged to participate in schools at the partner institution.
9. It is proposed that this agreement will be in effect for a period of five years from the date of signing, whereupon its terms will be revisited in the light of experience.
10. All intellectual property belonging to a party providing it to the other before, on or after the date of this Agreement shall remain the property of the party providing it. Any intellectual property rights created in the course of activities anticipated by this Agreement shall vest in the party which created them (or whose employee created them).
11. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in performing its rights and obligations under this Agreement each party shall at all times comply with its national data protection law.
12. If this Agreement or any part thereof is found to be illegal, that part will be severed and the illegality shall not affect the untainted parts of this Agreement, which shall continue to be valid. Notwithstanding the above, in the event of any such deletion the parties shall negotiate in good faith in order to agree on the terms of a mutually acceptable and satisfactory alternative provision in place of the provision so deleted.
13. Either institution may terminate the agreement by providing the other institution with written notice at least six months prior to the suggested date of termination. If either party terminates this agreement, each party agrees to carry out any obligations and responsibilities assumed prior to the termination date.
14. This Agreement will become effective when signed by the official representatives of each institution. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives:


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Nathan Berkovits
Director, ICTP-SAIFR

Date: Nov. 1, 2016
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Matthias Neubert
Director, MITP

Date: Nov. 1, 2016
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Georg Krausch
President, Johannes Gutenberg University

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