



FRAMEWORK MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

the ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI FISICA NUCLEARE (Italy)

and

ISFAHAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (Iran)

The Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (hereinafter referred to as INFN), a public research body under the supervision of the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research, having its registered seat at Via Enrico Fermi, 40 00044 Frascati, Italy, represented by its President, Prof. Fernando Ferroni,

and

Isfahan University of Technology (hereinafter referred to as IUT), a governmental run university under the supervision of the Iranian Ministry for Science, Research and Technology, represented by its President, Dr. S.M. Modarres Hashemi,

Hereinafter individually referred to as "the Party" and collectively as "the Parties",

- desiring to enrich their respective educational and research programs and to strengthen and expand the mutual contacts between both Institutes;
- wishing to promote further their collaboration in common projects;

have agreed as follows:

Article 1 - Purpose of the cooperation

The purpose of this Framework Memorandum of Understanding (in the following "MOU") is to establish a general framework of scientific and technical collaboration between the Parties. The main task of the cooperation between the Parties is to provide additional opportunities to exchange ideas, information, skills and researchers, and to support cooperative activities in the field of science and technology between the two Institutions.

Article 2 - Forms of research cooperation

It is agreed that the collaboration shall include as priority activities the following:

- · Exchange of information and technologies;
- Exchange of equipment;
- · Exchange of senior and junior researchers;
- Joint projects of experiments and R&D efforts;
- Organization of seminars and workshops;
- Any other forms of cooperation as agreed between the Parties

The collaboration defined in Articles 1 and 2 shall be carried out through specific, separate Implementation MOUs between IUT and INFN detailing the scope of each project, the required human and financial resources, the time schedule and its management.

Article 3 - Financial provisions

The financial support for the cooperation referred to above will be provided according to the availability of funds in the ordinary annual budgets of the Parties.

As regards the exchange of scientists, travel expenses shall be borne by the sending Party, while lodging and living expenses shall be borne by the hosting Party according to its internal rules and procedures.

Article 4 - Coordination

Each Party shall designate by exchange of letters within 30 days from the signature, one Representative in charge of coordinating the activities of reciprocal interest foreseen under the present MOU.

Article 5 – Settlement of disputes

Should any dispute arise between the Parties related to the performance of their respective obligations under this MOU, the Parties shall endeavour to settle the dispute informally and in good faith.

Article 6 - Publications

Any publications arising from the results obtained from the Collaboration shall be jointly regulated.

Article 7 – Intellectual Property

The intellectual property resulting from the execution of the joint research activity shall be regulated through specific MOU between the Parties.

Article 8 – Entry into force, validity and termination

- 8.1 The present Framework MOU is concluded for a period of five (5) years and shall enter into force on the date of signature by the last Party. This Framework MOU may only be renewed if, after a review process between the Parties, the Parties agree in writing to renew it.
- 8.2 The Parties may agree to amend the present Framework MOU at any time. Any of them can terminate it by a written correspondence to the other Party six months in advance. The specific Implementation MOU in force at the time of withdrawal shall be considered valid until their termination.

Article 9 - Miscellanea

- 9.1 To guarantee a correct and safe research process, both IUT and INFN staff while staying at the host Institution in the framework of the present Framework MOU, shall be required to follow all rules and safety obligations of the hosting Institution.
- 9.2 In participating in this MOU, each Party shall abide by the applicable laws and regulations of their respective countries.
- 9.3 Every collaborating researcher shall not disclose to any third party confidential information received from his/her partner to the research without the latter's written consent.

9.4 This MOU is based on equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

This MOU is drawn up in English and all documents, notices and meetings pertaining to this MOU shall be in English.

For INFN

President of the Istituto Nazionale Di Fisica

Nucleare

Prof Fernando Ferroni

Date: March 1, 2016

For IUT

President of Isfahan University of Technology

Dr. S. M. Modarres Hashemi