

APCTP Membership Agreement

This Agreement is made this November 18, 2006 by Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics, Hogil Kim Memorial Bldg. 5th floor, POSTECH, San 31, Hyoja-dong, Nam-gu, Pohang 790-784, Republic of Korea (hereinafter called "APCTP") and The Research Institute of Science, Science Technology and Environment Agency, Vientiane Capital City, Lao PDR (hereinafter called "RIS-STE A").

Article 1. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to promote the cooperation between two involved parties in leading research in theoretical physics, facilitating international collaboration, and contributing to the advancement of physics in the Asia Pacific region.

Article 2. Objectives

This agreement shall engage in the following objectives in order to achieve the purpose under Article 1 hereof:

- (1) Cooperate in joint research and academic activities in the theoretical physics
- (2) Educate and train physicists, in particular, young scientists
- (3) Support all related research activities in the theoretical physics

Article 3. Member Entity and Obligation

The RIS-STE A agrees to become a Member Entity of APCTP on behalf of Lao PDR.

- (1) The RIS-STE A as a Member Entity shall make best efforts to achieve the objectives under Article 2 hereof
- (2) The RIS-STE A shall contribute no less than the fixed amount determined by the Board of Trustees each year. However, the membership due can be reduced by a decision by the Board of Trustees, with 2/3 or more of all Trustees voting in favour.
- (3) The RIS-STE A shall nominate a member for the General Council to represent the member country upon request.

Article 4. Benefit

- (1) Scientists in member countries shall receive the benefits of APCTP activities with a higher priority within the limits of APCTP budget.
- (2) The RIS-STE A can advise APCTP on the coordination of its cooperative activities with member countries.
- (3) If the RIS-STE A fails to satisfy its obligation as a Member Entity for more than three (03) years, the corresponding member country shall not be provided the benefit.

Article 5. Guidelines for Cooperation

The following general guidelines for cooperation will be observed under this agreement.

- (1) Both parties reserve the inclusive right of the outcome of any research performed such as data, theses, reports, and any kind of material, and publishing, translating, or reprinting in scientific or related journals them.
- (2) Each of the parties agrees that it will not make use of, disseminate, or in any way disclose any important information of the other party to any person, institute, firm or business without mutual consent.
- (3) Any claims about the Intellectual Property Right under this agreement shall be settled by amicable negotiation between parties.

Article 6. Effect of Signature

- (1) Each party signing this Agreement intends that it shall take effect as an instrument under seal.
- (2) It will be automatically extended, unless either party gives six month's advance notice in writing to terminate the agreement.

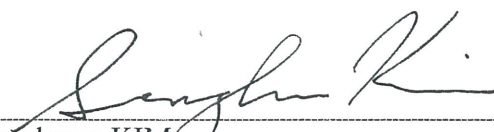
Article 7. Revision

This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent, and the Revision Agreement will be in effect from the date of signature.


Article 8. Termination

The RIS-STEPA can secede by notifying its intention to the Executive Director, or by a decision by the Board of Trustees, with 2/3 or more of all Trustees voting in favour.

In witness whereof two parties hereto have executed this agreement in duplicate as of the date and year written below.


Seunghwan KIM
Executive Director
Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics

Date : Nov. 18, 2006


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Director General
Research Institute of Science,
Science Technology and Environment Agency

Date : Nov 18, 2006