

AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC EXCHANGE
BETWEEN
THE INSTITUTE FOR COSMIC RAY RESEARCH
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO
AND
EUROPEAN GRAVITATIONAL OBSERVATORY / THE VIRGO
COLLABORATION

The Institute for Cosmic Ray Research (ICRR) in the University of Tokyo (Japan) and the European Gravitational Observatory (EGO) located in Cascina jointly supported by the *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique* (France) and the *Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare* (Italy) / the Virgo Collaboration between laboratories of CNRS (France), INFN (Italy), Nikhef (The Netherlands), Hungary and Poland, (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"), in the firm conviction that academic exchange between the Parties will promote scientific advances in the field of gravitational wave science, hereby establish the following Agreement.

Article 1. The Parties agree to implement exchanges and other activities in areas of academic research of mutual interest through the following.

- (1) Short-term and longer-term visits in both directions, by faculty and administrative staff and researchers.
- (2) Short-term and longer-term visits in both directions, by students.
- (3) Conducting collaborative research.
- (4) Holding joint lectures and symposia.
- (5) Exchange of academic information and materials.

Article 2. Actual projects to be implemented for the realization of specific exchange activities as defined in the preceding article shall be decided through discussion between the Parties.

Article 3. In the case that research results impacting upon matters of intellectual property rights are expected to arise in the course of collaborative projects carried out under the terms of Article 1 above, the Parties shall discuss in good faith and agree in a separate document the conditions regarding the treatment of intellectual property rights so arising, prior to the start of the collaborative project in question and in accordance with the policies of each Party.

Article 4. This Agreement is valid for five years effective from the date of the final signature affixed below by the Parties hereto (hereinafter referred to as the "term"). The term of the Agreement may be extended upon agreement by the parties. Either Party may terminate the Agreement during its term by giving six months advance written notice to the other Party.

Article 5. This Agreement is created in duplicate in English, each of those duplicates being deemed original.

The Parties hereby establish this Agreement by duly signing it, as of the respective dates below.

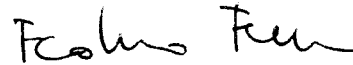
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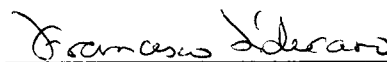
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The Virgo Collaboration



Spokesperson, EGO Scientific Director
Francesco Fidecaro

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