

APCTP Membership Agreement

This Agreement is entered into and effective upon the later date of signature by the Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics, Pohang, Korea (hereinafter referred to as “APCTP”) and the National Academy of Sciences of Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty, Kazakhstan (hereinafter referred to as “KazCTP”).

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

The Agreement shall engage in the following objectives in order to achieve the purpose under Article 1 hereof:

- (1) To cooperate in joint research and academic activities in the theoretical physics;
- (2) To educate and train physicists, in particular young scientists;
- (3) To support all related research activities in the theoretical physics.

Article 3. Member Entity and Obligation

The KazCTP agrees to become a Member Entity of APCTP on behalf of Kazakhstan.

- (1) The KazCTP as a Member Entity shall make best efforts to achieve the objectives under Article 2 hereof.
- (2) The KazCTP shall contribute no less than the fixed amount determined by the Board of Trustees each year. However, the membership due will be waived for the first two years by a decision by the Board of Trustees, with 2/3 or more of all Trustees voting in favour.
- (3) The KazCTP 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 limit of APCTP budget.
- (2) The KazCTP can advise APCTP on the coordination of its cooperative activities with member countries.
- (3) If the KazCTP fails to satisfy its obligation as Member Entity for more than three 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 performed research such as data, theses, reports and any kind of material, and publishing, translating, or reprinting them in scientific or related journals.
- (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 on the Intellectual Property Right under this Agreement shall be settled by amicable negotiation between both 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 months' advance notice in writing to terminate the Agreement.

Article 7. Revision

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

Article 8. Termination

The KazCTP 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 favor.

In witness where of, two parties hereto have executed this Agreement in duplicate as of the date and the year written below.

Date: *November 29, 2013*

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Seunghwan Kim
President
Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics

M. Zhurinov
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