AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE SCUOLA INTERNAZIONALE SUPERIORE DI STUDI AVANZATI (SISSA), TRIESTE, ITALY

AND

ESCUELA POLITÉCNICA NACIONAL

This Agreement is made by the SCUOLA INTERNAZIONALE SUPERIORE DI STUDI AVANZATI (SISSA), in Trieste (Italy) and the ESCUELA POLITECNICA NACIONAL (EPN) in Quito (Ecuador).

SISSA and EPN recognize the value of educational, cultural, and scientific exchanges between international research institutions, and have determined that sufficient interest exists to establish a formal relationship to encourage the exchange of faculty, researchers, and graduate students. To accomplish this,

SISSA AND EPN AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Each institution will encourage members of their faculty and research communities to participate in this programme. The acceptance of any participants will be at the discretion of the host institution.
- 2. The funding of the travel and accommodation costs of participants in the exchange programme shall be the responsibility of one of the two institutions. It is understood that both institutions normally will need to seek such funds from extramural sources if available.
- 3. Each host institution will provide Visiting Scholar or Researcher status for exchange faculty and researchers accepted from the sending institution. When possible, the host institution will provide appropriate working space and access to library, computer, and related facilities.

- 4. The parties will facilitate the exchange of graduate students. Admission to degree programmes will be subject to normal admission requirements and the approval of faculty in charge of the intended programme of study.
- 5. The two institutions will exchange academic materials of mutual interest, including such items as scholarly publications, curricula information, and pertinent research reports, on a voluntary basis. While the spirit of this agreement encourages exchanges of academic materials, neither institution is obligated to furnish specific documents or a predetermined quantity of documents to the other.

The parties agree to reciprocally mention the other party in any work or scientific paper regarding the research projects covered by this Agreement, carried out in close collaboration by the two institutions.

- The two institutions will seek to invite representatives of each other's academic community, when appropriate, to participate in scholarly conferences and colloquia.
- 7. The visiting scholars participating in the programme shall be subject to the host university's policies and regulations concerning academic personnel and disciplinary and safety measures and intellectual property rights.

TERM AND TERMINATION:

This agreement is expected to operate for five years, from the date of signature by the two institutions, with the expectation of renewal; however, if either institution desires, it may be terminated at any time after the first six months by giving six months' prior written notice to the other.

SCUOLA INTERNAZIONALE SUPERIORE

DI STUDI AVANZATI (SISSA)

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Director

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ESCUELA POLITECNICA

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