### Memorandum of Understanding

#### between

the European Centre for Theoretical Studies in Nuclear Physics and Related Areas (ECT\*), the Foundation Bruno Kessler (FBK) (the latter acting as administrator of ECT\*) and

the undersigning agencies contributing to the funding of ECT\*

- 1. The purpose of this memorandum of understanding (MoU) is to promote collaboration between the parties providing partial financial support to the ECT\*. The rules of functioning and mission of ECT\* are defined in the ECT\* Statutes endorsed by the European Science Foundation in 1997, and their new version elaborated in 2008 in order to take into account the transformation of the Istituto Trentino di Cultura into the Bruno Kessler Foundation.
- 2. The parties establish the ECT\* Joint Finance Review Committee (EJFRC). The EJFRC comprises one member appointed by each party who has signed this MoU and is making an annual contribution to the support of ECT\*.
- 3. The EJFRC meets at least once each year. The Director of ECT\* convenes the meetings. ECT\* provides the logistic basis for the practical functioning of the EJFRC and keeps records of the EJFRC decisions.
- 4. The major purpose of EJFRC is to propose within a five year plan, and on a yearly basis, the amount of the financial support for ECT\*, the distribution of the costs between the parties, and to control on a yearly basis the way in which the financial support is used. For this purpose the Director of ECT\* reports on an annual basis to the EJFRC on financial matters concerning this support, the plans concerning the scientific programs and proposals for the development of ECT\*. This report is due at least one month ahead of the EJFRC meeting.
- 5. The EJFRC proposes a timetable for the payments agreed by the parties and takes care that these payments are forwarded to the FBK.
- 6. Additional parties may be admitted as signatories to this MoU upon agreement of the EJFRC's members.
- 7. A full review of the ECT\* program and budget shall be performed by an external international committee composed of seven members (or more if additional expertise is required) who are appointed in the following way: five by the contributors represented on the EJFRC, as well as one each by the FBK and the ECT\*. This review should take place during the fifth year of the period covered by this MoU and not later than 3 months before the next review date of this MoU. In addition, a less elaborate mid term evaluation shall be carried out under the responsibility of the Scientific Board of ECT\*. The results of the reviews are reported to the EJFRC.
- 8. This MoU will be in effect for five years starting from the date of the first signature of the funding parties.
- Parties wishing to withdraw their participation in the MoU should formally express their intention to do so
  with a one year notice. Decisions concerning the reviewing process should then be taken by the remaining
  parties.
- 10. This memorandum is not a legal document but it establishes the understanding between the signatories.

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### **Signatories**

Jean-Paul Blaizot
Director of the ECT\*

DATE 28 DC+ 2008

Andrea ZANOTTI President FBK

DATE .. 29 / 10/08

FBK is a private non-profit foundation, established by law n° 14/2005 of the autonomous province of Trento, inheriting as per by-laws all faculties, duties and obligations of Istituto Trentino di Cultura, with a public interest mission.

By notary act of 24 November, 2006, the founder of FBK is the autonomous province of Trento. As per law n° 14/2005, art. 8, c. 6, FBK, to any legal effect, is equivalent, for its research activities, to "Enti di Ricerca Regionali" (Regional Research Bodies).

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## Signatories (continued)

Marek Jezabek Directer General IFJ PAN (Poland) Acting for COPIN

Jan Styczen Head of COPIN Consortium Council (Poland)

# Protocol of agreement

Within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding between the ECT\*, the Foundation Bruno Kessler and various bodies contributing to the funding of ECT\*,

undersigned by the Head of the COPIN Consortium Council in Poland on December 11, 2008

the COPIN Consortium Council proposes an initial contribution towards the financial support of ECT\* of 5000 €. for the year 2009. For the following years, including 2009, all efforts will be made to increase this support, provided that the special application of COPIN for a grant to the Ministry of Science will be accepted, or at least make effort to keep the support on the above level for 4 years.

Jan Styczen
Head of the COPIN
Consortium Council

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