

# APCTP Membership Agreement

This Agreement is entered into and effective as of 24 March, 2017 by the Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics, Pohang, Korea (hereinafter referred to as "APCTP") and the international Mathematical Research Institute MATRIX, Creswick, Victoria, Australia (hereinafter referred to as "MATRIX").

## Article 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to promote the cooperation between the two involved parties in leading research in mathematical and theoretical physics, facilitating international collaboration, and contributing to the advancement of mathematics and 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 mathematical and theoretical physics;
- (2) To educate and train mathematicians and physicists, in particular young scientists;
- (3) To support all related research activities in mathematical and theoretical physics.

## Article 3. Member Institute and Obligations

MATRIX agrees to become a member institute of the APCTP on behalf of Australia.

- (1) MATRIX as a member institute shall make best efforts to achieve the objectives under Article 2 hereof.
- (2) MATRIX shall contribute the agreed membership fee.
- (3) Member institutes representing Australia can nominate a member for the General Council to represent Australia upon request.

#### Article 4. Benefits

- (1) Scientists in member countries shall receive the benefits of APCTP activities with a higher priority within the limit of APCTP budget.
- (2) MATRIX can advise the APCTP on the coordination of its cooperative activities with member countries.
- (3) If MATRIX fails to satisfy its obligation as a member institute, 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 agree that new intellectual property such as outcomes 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, at all times remain owned by the party who produces such outcomes, and agree that any specific research projects emanating from joint activities will be covered by separate written agreements that prevail over this MoU.
- (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) Both parties agree that any background intellectual property at all times remain owned by the party that makes such background intellectual property available. 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) This Agreement is valid for three years.

#### 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

Either Party may terminate this MOU upon one (1) month's written notice to the other.

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

Date: 24-03-2017

Date: 19/04/2017

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