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International Relativistic Astrophysics PhD IRAP Ph.D.



MINUTES OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE 2011 FELLOWSHIPS INTERNATIONAL RELATIVISTIC ASTROPHYSICS PROGRAM

The IRAP PhD meeting started at 11 AM on the 1st of March at the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis. The President of the meeting: Prof. R. Ruffini. Secretary: Prof. P. Chardonnet.

Are present : J.L. Lippi, P. Coulet, C. Narry Man, P. Chardonnet, G.V. Vereshchagin. By video : C.L. Bianco, S. Chakrabarti, F. Frontera, H. Kleinert, M. Novello and K. Rosquist.

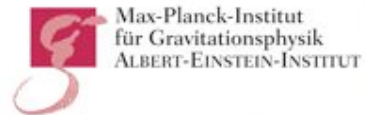
The Faculty approves the agenda:

- 1) IRAP PhD activities for the months of March, April and May
- 2) Graduate students' status
- 3) Financial situation of ERASMUS MUNDUS program
- 4) Ceremony of Award and Degrees ceremony at University of Nice Grand Chateau on 30 May Afternoon
- 5) 2011 Call for the IRAP PhD Erasmus Mundus
- 6) Faculty Members
- 7) IRAP PhD request of Membership

1-There will be an Erasmus Mundus meeting in Pescara on "Recent News from the GeV and TeV Gamma-Ray Domains" in March 21-26 2011, an Erasmus Mundus Meeting in Les Houches "From Nuclei to White Dwarfs and Neutron Stars" in 3-8 April 2011 and an Erasmus Mundus Meeting in Nice in May 16 to June 10 2011. The Faculty unanimously approves.

2-Regarding the graduate student status, the research are going very well and some of them have already published results in international journal. The Faculty recommends to acknowledge the grant from Erasmus Mundus at the end their publication. The Faculty unanimously approves.

3-The Faculty recommends the administration in Nice to proceed with urgency to the remaining payments. The Faculty unanimously approves.



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4-The ceremony of the degree awarding will take place at the Grand Château in Nice on May 30 prior to the consortium meeting. The Faculty unanimously approves.

5- The meeting addressed the admission of the candidates for the Erasmus Mundus call. The extremely high level of applicants to this call is underlined. The Faculty recognized unanimously that in order to admit some of the students of outstanding level, which could not be selected for the Erasmus Mundus call due to limited number of fellowships it is crucial to undertake any possible efforts to have to have additional fellowships for the next call of the IRAP PhD for August 31

The Faculty discuss at length the document received of each candidate and especially the common work done by each members of the Faculty in investigating the relative ranks of the students by examining the presentation letters and direct inquires with academic authorities acquainted with the activities of each students. This process has been extensively executed during the last month and all the Faculty members have participated. In view of the extreme high quality of the participants it is proposed a final list of 9 candidates corresponding to the requirements of Erasmus Mundus call: 5 Cat A, 3 Cat B and 1 from Western Balkans and Turkey. We have finally decided to proceed to the exclusion of 11 candidates whose qualifications were not considered appropriated and admit on equal level the remaining one with the decision to reconsider a new candidate if there is a cancellation among the main list.

The selection is enclosed in EM Mobility database print out and signed in original by the consortium coordinator (main list, reserved list, non selected list). The Faculty unanimously approves the selection.

The Faculty in particular recognized the need to have two extra fellowships at University of Nice Sophia Antipolis in this September call and asked both ICRANet and University of Nice for additional funding. The Faculty also recognized the need of a common effort of all the sites of the IRAP PhD to collaborate on creation of a joint program at a post-doc level to permit further development of students who successfully accomplished the IRAP PhD program, as well as the admission of additional candidates. The Faculty unanimously approves.

6- In view of the large number of the graduate students, the Faculty addressed each partner to increase the number of Faculty members up to three Faculty members per Institution and at the same time possibly to increase the number of Partner. In particular attention should be given to Partners in China, Korea and Australia. The faculty unanimously approves.

7-The Faculty goes to the last item in the agenda to the admission of new members of the IRAP PhD program. The President announced to the Faculty the request of ICRA to become member of IRAP PhD (see enclosure). It also recalls the fundamental role of ICRA since the beginning of IRAP PhD activities. The faculty unanimously approves this request and asks the President to foster the collaboration between the overall PhD Faculty, the students and the Space Telescope Institute.

The meeting stops at 6 PM.

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