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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 11AM on the 1st of March at the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis. The President of the meeting is Prof. R. Ruffini.

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

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 an extra call of the IRAP PhD for September first.

The Faculty in particular recognized the need to have two extra fellowships at University of Nice Sophia Antipolis in this 1st September call and asked both ICRA net 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 finally goes to the last item to the admission of ICRA member institute to a IRAP PhD program.

The President recall that one of the member of ICRA is the Space Telescope Institute of Baltimore and that the Director of STI has expressed his desire to participate to the IRAP PhD program within the ICRA activities. The faculty unanimously approved this proposal and asked the President to foster the collaboration between the overall PhD Faculty and the Space Telescope Institute within the activities.

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