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Subject: Acceptance of the Progress Report Specific Agreement 2010-1816

Dear Mr Pascal CHARDONNET,

The Agency received your above-mentioned report on 16/03/2011. Following its analysis I herewith inform you that the Agency has accepted it.

For the further implementation of your Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate you are requested to follow-up on the following recommendations in your next report:

1) Employment contracts

The Agency appreciates your efforts in delivering good services for the PhD Candidates by signing detailed employment contracts and providing all the social benefits. In order to assure quality information to the future PhD candidates and facilitate their enrolment in EMJD, we recommend you to send all the relevant financial information to the future students prior their enrolment. In addition, we kindly ask you to include the brut and (estimated) net salary (upon all the taxes deducted) in your further communication with potential fellowship applicants.

2) Duration of the EMJD

In accordance with the Erasmus Mundus Program Guide as well as the Specific Agreement 2010-1816 we have signed, the foreseen mobility of the PhD candidates is 36 months. We acknowledge your commitments for running the Course according to the timetable foreseen. However, in cases of possible delays in the degree delivery or in the individual mobility tracks, please inform us accordingly. The Agency expects to be informed about the solutions the Consortia would find for funding the PhD candidates mobility/research period in case of prolongation of their 3 years project.

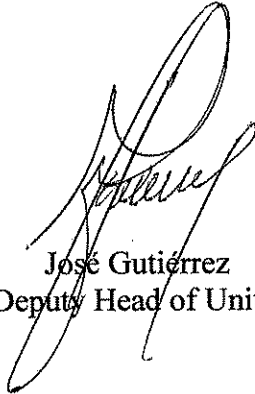
I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight aspects of the implementation of your Joint Doctorate which we feel are good practice and should be further maintained:

- 1) The Agency appreciates the efforts of the Consortia to create the PhD School in Relativistic Astrophysics.
- 2) The Agency highly encourages your commitments in awarding a joint PhD to your Doctoral Candidates.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact: Jana.STETKOVA@ec.europa.eu

Sincerely Yours,

26. 04. 2011



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