

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE DOCTORATE SCHOOLS
AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE *INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL ON ASTROPARTICLE PHYSICS* (ISAPP)

Astroparticle Physics is an interdisciplinary field at the interface of particle physics, nuclear physics, cosmology and astrophysics. The field is experiencing a remarkable and fast development both theoretically and experimentally.

The Entities subscribing this document include Doctorate Schools and Research Institutions where research groups and laboratories are active in various branches of Astroparticle Physics.

Since a few years they have set up a collaboration in order to implement the early stage training in the field of Astroparticle Physics by promoting the mobility of students and young researchers within the Doctorate Schools and by jointly organizing International Schools on Astroparticle Physics (ISAPP): two ISAPP courses have already taken place in June-July 2003 at Conca Specchiulla and Madonna di Campiglio and in June-July 2004 at Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso.

The International School is managed by an International Scientific Committee including one representative for each Entity subscribing this document. The Committee elects a chairman serving for two years.

With the aim of strengthening the existing cooperation and enhancing its impact on the early stage training of young researchers they agree on the following points:

- 1 - To organize yearly courses and other joint activities, covering subjects related to Astroparticle Physics. The courses aim to complement and integrate the training provided by the individual Doctorate Schools, as well as to enhance interactions among early stage researchers from different countries.
- 2 - Activities within the courses will be properly documented so that each Institution can determine, according to its own regulations, the corresponding credits within the framework of doctorate schools.
- 3 - The participating Institutions will encourage and whenever possible will support the participation of their students to the ISAPP courses and will also support the most appropriate initiatives taken by ISAPP in applying to funding bodies for financial support for these courses.
- 4 - The participating Doctorate Schools and Research Institutions will favor the exchange of students and facilitate, whenever possible, jointly supervised doctoral theses as well as the participation of their Professors in the Examination Boards.

To achieve the goals outlined above this document is endorsed by the following Entities:

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