

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF BARI
AND
WASEDA UNIVERSITY
ON
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND COOPERATION**

PREFACE

The following agreement has been established between the University of Bari, represented by the Rector in charge, Prof. Giovanni GIRONE, authorized by a deliberation of competent bodies, and Waseda University, represented by the President in charge, Prof. Katsuhiko SHIRAI, in relation to the project n. II04C1AF4E, tipology C, submitted to the Italian Ministry of Instruction, University and Research (MIUR) by Prof. S. Pascazio, of the Physics Department of the University of Bari, as explicitly required by Italian law (D.M. 05/08/2004, n. 262, Programmazione del sistema universitario 2004/2006, Art. 23- Internationalizzazione, pubblicato sulla Gazzetta Ufficiale 25 novembre 2004 n. 277).

ARTICLE 1 – AIMS

The University of Bari and Waseda University intend to promote co-operation in scientific research and training activities through joint programmes. The co-operation will essentially deal with the development of academic, cultural and scientific relationships, as well as with the study and/or teaching visits of professors, researchers, Post-Doc and PhD students and administrative staff of both Universities, for periods to be established and in connection with research and training projects in subjects of common interest.

ARTICLE 2 – COOPERATION

The coordinator of the project is Prof. Saverio Pascazio. The Japanese side will be coordinated by Prof. Ichiro Ohba, of the Physics Department of Waseda University. The aforementioned project II04C1AF4E involves also the following associate partners:

Italian side

University of Catania, local coordinator Prof. Giuseppe Falci

University of Palermo, local coordinator Prof. Antonino Messina

Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, local coordinator Prof. Rosario Fazio

Japanese side

NTT, Tokyo Basic Research Laboratories, local coordinator Dr. Hideaki Takayanagi

The present agreement only concerns the University of Bari and Waseda University. Either University will inform its own members about this agreement and its executive protocols.

ARTICLE 3 - MOBILITY OF STUDENTS

The two parties may exchange students. The study programmes of the students coming from both partner Universities will be jointly established by the didactic coordinators of both Universities.

The study period each student will spend at the host University shall be an integral part of the study programme at his/her home University.

The courses each student takes at the host University will be validated by the competent bodies, that will express their "a priori" opinion on the recognition of credits each student may obtain at the partner University.

The student's stay at the host University, as well as the credits obtained, will be recognised in the course of origin. Incoming students will normally sit at exams, either written or oral, according to the same modalities as home students.

The didactic coordinators of each University will transmit the result of the exam to the home University at the end of the exam session and in compliance with the procedures applied at both institutions.

ARTICLE 4 – FINANCIAL COVER

All Universities involved in the afore-mentioned project II04C1AF4E will allocate a fund suitable for the realization of the co-operation programmes.

The University of Bari will allocate 20,000 EUR, coming from University fundings (contribution from "Ateneo"), research fundings of the groups involved in the collaboration and fundings of the European Union. If necessary, fundings from INFN (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare) will also be used. Waseda University will allocate 22,000 EUR, entirely coming from research fundings of the groups involved in the collaboration. The above fundings are intended for the whole duration of the project (2005-2008).

As a general, but not mandatory rule, either University will bear the cost of these co-operation programmes separately, by making use of its own resources, unless a different resolution is made in agreement between the two parties, and the travel expenses will be covered by the sending University, while the staying expenses will be covered by the host University.

A list of the expenses will be defined by the Coordinator.

ARTICLE 5 – DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement will take effect from the very time of its signature by the Rector and President of both Universities and will be operative for a period of four years. It will be renewed tacitly, unless one of the two parties objects to it. Such decision will have to be communicated with three months' notice. The objection will take effect from the day following the expiry date of the agreement.

Either party binds itself to bring to an end the projects not (fully) realized by the expiry date of the agreement.

ARTICLE 6 – MODIFICATIONS

This agreement can be modified at any time by a mutual consent, to be signed by the Rector of the University of Bari and by the President of Waseda University.

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Rector
University of Bari

Katsuhiko SHIRAI, Dr. Eng.
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