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Professor
Roberto Martínez
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Dear Prof. Martinez,

The International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), in collaboration with the Sao Paulo State University (UNESP) and the Sao Paulo Research Funding Agency (FAPESP), opened in 2012 a South American regional centre. The centre is called the ICTP South American Institute for Fundamental Research (ICTP-SAIFR) and is located in the building of IFT-UNESP in downtown Sao Paulo. In addtion to conducting high-level research in several areas of theoretical physics, ICTP-SAIFR organizes schools, minicourses and programs/workshops for PhD students and researchers which are described on our webpage http://www.ictp-saifr.org

At this time, we are inviting 60 distinguished physicists working in South America (outside the state of Sao Paulo) to be Associate Members of ICTP-SAIFR. Associate Members will have a standing invitation to visit ICTP-SAIFR at any time during the next three years, and will be requested to advertise ICTP-SAIFR activities.

We have funding for schools, minicourses and programs/workshops, and would also like to invite Associate Members to submit proposals for 2015 activities. These activities will be decided by our Scientific Council in February 2014, and proposals should be submitted before January 18, 2014 using the online application form at http://www.ictp-saifr.org/?page_id=619

We also have four permanent research professor positions which we hope to fill in the next few years, as well as several postdoctoral positions. Although the permanent positions are open in all areas of theoretical physics, we are currently searching for a researcher in the area of cosmology with an application deadline of December 14, 2013. We would be very grateful if you could advertise these positions, and the online application form is at http://www.ictp-saifr.org/?page_id=628

Could you please let us know as soon as possible if you can accept our invitation to be an Associate Member of ICTP-SAIFR? We look forward to having you visit our new institute and please let us know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Nathan Berkovits (Acting Director of ICTP-SAIFR)
Fernando Quevedo (Director of ICTP)