ANNOUNCEMENT

SCIAMA LEGACY BURSARY - 2014

In memory of Professor Dennis Sciama (Head of the Astrophysics Sector of SISSA from 1983 to 1998), the Sciama Family has decided to finance bursaries to enable SISSA astrophysics or astroparticle physics postdoctoral fellows ("titolare di assegno di ricerca") to visit certain high-profile international institutes with which Prof. Sciama had particular connections. The intention is for these to be working visits aimed at fostering links and establishing possible ongoing collaborations.

The first Sciama Legacy Bursary to be awarded is for a visit to the Centre for Theoretical Cosmology at the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (DAMTP) of the University of Cambridge UK, with which SISSA has drawn up a specific agreement. The Bursary will cover expenditure for travel and meals up to a maximum of €1000 during a stay of up to one month in 2014, while DAMTP will cover the costs of accommodation in Cambridge. The postdoctoral fellow will continue to receive his/her SISSA fellowship during the period of the visit.

To be eligible for a Sciama Legacy Bursary, candidates must be holders of a SISSA astrophysics or astroparticle physics postdoctoral fellowship lasting up until at least 31/12/2014, and the proposed visit to DAMTP must be concluded by 30 November 2014.

Applicants should present their CV and research project, indicating the relevant research group in Cambridge with which they are in contact and the estimated duration of the visit, by email to: segsci@sissa.it by 28 February 2014.

The projects will be evaluated and selected by representatives of the Sciama Family and of the Astrophysics and Astroparticle Groups of SISSA, on the basis of their originality and the innovative contribution which they would make to scientific knowledge, within the framework of research activities of interest to the SISSA.

The selection is expected to be completed by 15 April 2014. The visit may take place after official communication of the award of the Sciama Legacy Bursary, and on presentation online of the relevant M1 form, following normal SISSA internal procedures for scientific travel abroad. Prof. Stefano Liberati will be responsible for authorizing the travel and meal expenses.

The Sciama Legacy Fellow will undertake to present a scientific report to Prof. Stefano Liberati on the work carried out, within one month from the end of the visit.

For further information please contact Prof. Stefano Liberati: liberati@sissa.it

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The Director
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