



## A bridge with Iran



### **SISSA and Sharif University in Tehran sign a Memorandum of Understanding**

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SISSA and Sharif University of Technology of Tehran come closer: a Memorandum of Understanding has just been signed that strengthens bonds between the two universities and launches a series of actions aiming at intensifying their scientific collaboration.

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SISSA and Sharif University of Technology in Tehran have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen bonds between the two institutions with the aim of promoting academic collaboration and cultural interchange in research, training and other activities. The Iranian delegation met with several SISSA academic figures last November 27<sup>th</sup>, during an official visit to Trieste (which also involved other institutions such as the University of Trieste).

"For SISSA this is an important agreement", explains Mathew Diamond, deputy director of the School, who was present at the meeting. "Sharif University is one of the most prestigious educational institutions in Iran, and its students are selected among the best secondary school graduates (boys and girls) in the country". Sharif University is distinguished by particular excellence in the fields of physics, engineering and mathematics.



The memorandum is designed to encourage and promote scientific collaboration in the fields of mathematics, physics and neuroscience. In recent years, several Iranian students have already joined SISSA PhD programmes following the master's degree from Sharif University.

Within the framework of the agreement, there will be exchanges between scientific staff, graduate students, and post-doctoral fellows, and seminars, workshops, conferences and other activities will be organised. For 2016, a conference has already been planned that will bring together here in Trieste scientists from Sharif University and from SISSA.

**IMAGE:**

- From the left: prof. Vahid Karimpour (Theoretical Physics, Sharif Univ.), prof. Mathew Diamond (vice director of SISSA), prof. Mahmoud Fotuhi-Firuzabad (President of Sharif University of Technology and prof. of Engineering), and prof. Hossein Mokhtari (prof. of Engineering, Sharif Univ.) - Credits: SISSA

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