

# ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI FISICA NUCLEARE

## CONSIGLIO DIRETTIVO

### DELIBERAZIONE N. 13970

Il Consiglio Direttivo dell'Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare, riunito a Roma in data 29 gennaio 2016 alla presenza di n. 33 suoi componenti su un totale di n. 34;

- premesso che la National Science Foundation americana (NSF) finanzia un programma di attività internazionali in settori scientifici multidisciplinari denominato PIRE (Partnership for International Research and Education) finalizzato al supporto di progetti di ricerca e istruzione;
- tenuto conto dell'interesse dell'INFN a partecipare a tale programma che consentirebbe di creare opportunità di collaborazione e partenariato in settori di interesse dell'Istituto;
- ravvisata la necessità di sottoscrivere una lettera di intenti che formalizzi la partecipazione dell'Istituto a tale iniziativa;
- **considerato che l'approvazione del presente documento non comporta in questa fase per l'Istituto oneri finanziari;**
- visto lo schema di "Letter of Intent between the National Science Foundation and the Italian National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN) on the partnership for International Research and Education (PIRE) program", allegato alla presente deliberazione e di essa facente parte integrante;
- su proposta della Giunta Esecutiva;
- con n. 33 voti favorevoli;

### DELIBERA

- 1) Di approvare lo schema di "Letter of Intent between the National Science Foundation and the Italian National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN) on the partnership for International Research and Education (PIRE) program", allegato alla presente deliberazione e di essa facente parte integrante.



## Letter of Intent



### **Between the National Science Foundation and the Italian National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN) on the Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) program**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE) and the Italian National Institute of Nuclear Physics (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare, INFN) intend to support PIRE awards that involve innovative international collaborative research and education partnerships with Italy that advance the frontiers of science and engineering. The level of support will be decided among the partners prior to making awards. INFN will be named as a collaborating agency partner in the NSF PIRE solicitation to be posted on the NSF website in the summer of 2016. INFN will also post a link to this opportunity on its website.

It is expected that NSF/OISE and INFN will jointly manage the PIRE program competition by following model one and the management plan. Details of the NSF-INFN Letter of Intent and models of collaboration are to be identified in the PIRE Management Plan. It is understood that changes to the Management Plan or specified model should only be made upon mutual written agreement of the Participants.

Should disagreement arise under this Letter of Intent, or amendments and/or revisions thereto, the area(s) of disagreement and/or revisions shall be stated in writing by each Participant for consideration.

The collaborative activity is expected to continue until the scheduled end date of the jointly funded projects unless terminated prematurely by either Participant. This Letter of Intent may be amended only by written agreement of the Participants, and can be terminated with 90 days advance written notice of termination by either Participant, or sooner by mutual written consent of both Participants. If collaborations resulting from this Letter of Intent cease, NSF will be expected to pay for NSF termination costs and INFN will be expected to pay for the INFN termination costs.

This Letter of Intent does not create binding obligations under either domestic or international law and any collaborative activity contemplated by this Letter is subject to the availability of funds.

National Science Foundation

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Rebecca Lynn Keiser, Head, Office of  
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Date

Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare

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Fernando Ferroni,  
President, INFN

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