MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI ALTA MATEMATICA “F. SEVERI”
(herein called INdAM)

and

THE FIELDS INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES
(herein called FIELDS INSTITUTE)

PREAMBLE

In furtherance of their mutual interest in the field of education and research and as a contribution to increased international cooperation, the Istituto Nazionale di Alta Matematica “F. Severi”, having their registered address at P.le Aldo Moro 5, 00185 - Roma, Italy, and The Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, having its registered address at 222 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 3J1 Canada, hereby adopt the following Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE I

The link between the parties involves collaboration between INdAM and the FIELDS INSTITUTE. The Consortium shall seek to promote the development and strengthening of the field of Mathematics among its member groups.

The collaboration will focus on the following items:

- Applying for external funding of research programs of mutual interest to all institutions;
- the exchange of faculty in programs to the mutual benefit of all institutions;
- the exchange of students in programs to the mutual benefit of all institutions;
- collaboration in teaching, research and development and consultancy studies;
- the exchange of academic materials and publications;
- publicity of each other’s academic activities;
- the provision of cultural and intellectual enrichment opportunities for faculty and students of all parties.

**ARTICLE II**

The activities under the link will include the following.

1) Both institutes have a strong interest in promoting activity in the general area of mathematics as related to climate change. They will look for opportunities to apply jointly for funding to support such activities. One particular source of interest to both parties is the Horizon program of the European Commission.

2) Faculty exchange activities covering visits to any participating institution for any of the following purposes:
   i) undertaking joint research;
   ii) attachment of faculty for purposes of curriculum development and reviews, attendance of courses and upgrading of teaching and research skills;
   iii) participating in seminars, colloquia, and other types of academic discussions;
   iv) conducting study tours and joint consultancy work;
   v) community involvement activities – promoting education in science, engineering and technology.

3) Student exchange activities (undergraduate, masters and doctoral students) covering visits to either institution for any of the following purposes:
   i) participating in research;
   ii) undertaking of courses;
   iii) involvement in study tours.

4) Exchange of academic materials will be carried out subject to the mutual agreement of the parties.

5) Publicity of each other’s academic activities, including creating links to each other’s websites and posting program materials, will be carried out subject to the mutual agreement of the parties.

**ARTICLE III**

The implementation of cooperation based on this Memorandum shall be dealt with by a Consortium Board consisting of the President of INdAM, the Director of the FIELDS INSTITUTE and equal number of representatives from both sides appointed by the President of INdAM and the Director of the FIELDS INSTITUTE, which will decide principal issues regarding activities of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

It is the express wish of both parties to work towards concrete manifestations of the cooperation in 2024 and in subsequent years, and therefore both parties will give priority to developing a detailed plan of cooperation activities for the period 2024-2026 within one month of signing this agreement.
ARTICLE IV

Participating groups in the Consortium shall seek funding to cover activities described under this MOU. The general principle is that the sending institution pays the travel and the host institution pays local expenses. The actual implementation will depend on the available resources of the involved parties.

ARTICLE V

The Memorandum shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years commencing from the date of signing and may be reviewed by mutual consent by serving three (3) months’ written notice to the other party. Upon renewal, all parties shall select either to proceed with the existing or new terms of understanding.

ARTICLE VI

Both INdAM and the FIELDS INSTITUTE reserve the right to terminate this Memorandum by either party giving three (3) months’ written notice to the other.

ARTICLE VII

Participating faculty and students involved in any activities under this Memorandum must adhere to the law of the host countries and the rules and regulations of the host institutions.

ARTICLE VIII

Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as creating any legal relationship between the parties. This Memorandum is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration.

ARTICLE IX

INdAM and the FIELDS INSTITUTE welcome the establishment of this Memorandum of cooperation and jointly agree to the provisions as set out above. There will be one copy of this Memorandum for each party, equally valid, effective from the date of its signing.

Istituto Nazionale di Alta Matematica “F. Severi”

Digitally signed by TROMBETTI CRISTINA

President of INdAM

Date: February 27, 2024

The Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences

V. Kumar Murty

Director of Fields Institute

Date: February 28, 2024