

**Annex 7 to the Memorandum of Understanding for
the establishment and operation of SCOAP³**

Template Expression of Interest

Expression of interest to join SCOAP³

This letter expresses the interest of **[name of the organization]** to join SCOAP³, the consortium facilitating Open Access publishing in High Energy Physics (HEP), with the objectives as outlined in the SCOAP³ Working Party Report, dated April 19th 2007, ISBN 978-92-9083-292-8.

We understand that the financial contribution of **[Country]** will be determined by the following factors:

- the yearly cost of the SCOAP³ operation, which will be determined by the number and the prices of contracts awarded following the invitation to tender, which will be reissued regularly;
- the fraction of High Energy Physics articles authored in **[Country]**, which for the first year is **X.X%** and will be recalculated every year;
- there will be an additional provision of maximum 10% to cover countries that, in view of their economic situation, cannot be reasonably expected to contribute at this stage.

We also understand that the maximal annual budget for the SCOAP³ operation is currently estimated at 10 million Euro. Therefore the maximum initial contribution of **[Country]** for the first year is currently estimated as:

$$(X.X\% \times 10 \text{ Million Euro}) \times 1.1 = X.X \text{ Euro}$$

[Organisation] will be responsible for the contribution of **[Country]**, to SCOAP³.

It is understood that SCOAP³ will be formally established through a Memorandum of Understanding formalizing, inter alia, the individual contributions of each country and defining the consortium governance.

The contact person for our participation in the consortium will be:

<Name, position, contact details>

Date:

Signature: