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Expression of Interest to join SCOAP³

Dear Mr. Aymar,

Please find enclosed an Expression of Interest (EoI) to join SCOAP³ from The Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions (UHR).

The EoI is signed by Secretary General of UHR, Mr. Ola Stave. The Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions (UHR) is a co-operative body for higher education institutions in Norway. UHR facilitates co-operation and co-ordination among Norwegian higher education institutions. Furthermore, UHR advocates shared positions on central issues concerning higher education and research policy towards the Norwegian government, parliament and the wider society.

The Norwegian participation has been discussed and supported in UHR's committees for publication, research and libraries. The participation is also formally supported by the Norwegian Research Council and the Norwegian Physics' Council (Norsk Fysikkråd). UHR will organise the Norwegian contribution to SCOAP³ together with the organisation who handles the Norwegian consortium agreements for electronic journals, ABM-utvikling-The Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum Authority (ABM-utvikling).

Yours sincerely,

Ola Stave
Secretary General

Copy: ABM-utvikling

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This letter expresses the interest of The Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions (UHR) 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 Norway 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 Norway which for the first year is 0.3% 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 Norway for the first year is currently estimated as:

$$(0.3\% \times 10 \text{ Million Euro}) \times 1.1 = 33'000 \text{ Euro}$$

The Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions (UHR) will be responsible for organising the payment of Norway to SCOAP³, dependent on the Norwegian institutions currently subscribing to the journals in question opt in.

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:

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