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Dear Dr. Sarkar,

Welcome to the community of the Associate Members of the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics! I am happy to inform you that you have been appointed a

***Regular Associate of the Centre  
from 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2019.***

This award is, however, subject to the availability of funds each year. Please refer to the Annex to this letter for details.

During the above period you will be entitled to 210 days living allowance and three round-trip fares. Each Associateship visit will have a maximum duration of 70 days, with a minimum of 35 days to obtain travel entitlement. If you cannot exhaust this allocation in the three Associateship visits, you may use the remaining days in one or more visits, but in this case, travel expenses will have to be covered by other sources.

Visits to the ICTP should be planned preferably when scientific activities in your specific field of research are being held. Details about travel entitlements are also in the Annex.

The Centre has assigned you an individual scientific coordinator to whom this letter is being copied; please get in touch with your coordinator to plan the scientific programme you intend to carry out during your Associate visit. Once this plan is defined, the enclosed Form A should be completed and sent to the Office of Associate and Federation Schemes before 30 November of the year preceding this proposed visit. All requests will be considered taking into account the financial availability at the time.

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**Furthermore, in order to keep your award active, it is essential that you contact the Associates Office, with a visit plan, within the first three years of your appointment. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the termination of your award.**

Finally, I would like to mention that since its inception in 1964 the ICTP has gained a world-wide reputation as a Centre of excellence and as an instrument for the promotion of physics in developing countries. With the maturity of the Centre, we now feel that the time has come to emphasize and expand its role, to the largest possible extent, by building up communities of scientists in developing countries. We rely on you, as an Associate, to strengthen the results already achieved and to promote initiatives in the developing countries, including your own. We look forward to having your personal involvement in the execution of our common mission.

With my best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



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