



## International Committee for Future Accelerators

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Dr. Philippe Busquin, Commissioner for Research  
European Commission  
Rue de la Loi 200  
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Dear Dr. Busquin:

As Chair of the Advanced and Novel Accelerators Panel of the International Committee for Future Accelerators (ICFA), I am writing to you to discuss the possibility for a trilateral funding program spearheaded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS).

ICFA is an international organization created to facilitate discussions on the international aspects of particle physics and high energy accelerators. As part of the larger ICFA community, the mission of the Panel on Advanced & Novel Accelerators is to extend and support international collaboration and communication in the field of new acceleration techniques.

It has been brought to the attention of the Panel that the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) has launched a cooperative science program called the Inter-Research Centers Cooperative Program (IRCP). The objective of IRCP is to promote scientific collaboration between Japan and other countries. This seems to match well with the European Commission's efforts under your leadership to promote and enhance the mobility of researchers, which we discussed during the meeting with King Albert II in Brussels on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

In light of this opportunity, the Panel is working to help establish a trilateral program amongst Japan, Europe and the US. The current amount available from JSPS is equivalent to US \$75,200 per year for a duration of three years. Our hope is that appropriate funding agencies can be found, such as the European Commission for European sponsored programs or NSF in the USA, to participate in this program. Specifically, we hope that within the European Commission the appropriate organization exists that can provide matching funds.

The funds would be used for international collaborative research projects in the field of novel and advanced accelerators as well as for travel expenses associated with ICFA endorsed workshops. As we currently see it, applications for the funds would be submitted directly to the funding agencies, limiting the role of the Panel to announcing solicitations for these funds via its website. Details on the applications for and administration of funds, review and selection criteria for applicants still will need to be worked out by the three funding agencies with financial awards being made through consultation between JSPS and the other funding agencies.

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I would be most happy to discuss further with you or connect you with a JSPS officer who can provide you with additional details about this funding program. Please let me know if there is any other way our Panel can assist in realizing this exciting opportunity to promote our research community.

Sincerely,

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Chair, ICFA Panel on Advanced and Novel Accelerators

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