

# PAEC, ASICTP ink accord on S&T

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ISLAMABAD – Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) and Abdus Salam International Center for Theoretical Physics (ASICTP), Trieste, Italy have entered into an agreement for enhanced cooperation in Science & Technology.

According to an official statement, the protocol to this effect was signed by PAEC Chairman Parvez Butt and ASICTP Director KR Sreenivasan at Trieste on the eve of 40th anniversary of the Center.

"Realising the importance of strengthening the longstanding and fruitful cooperation between ASICTP and PAEC which has immensely benefited a number of Pakistani scientists over the years, ASICTP shall support 25 fellowships from PAEC every year," the agreement document stipulates.

The agreement is equal to the mandate of ASICTP to foster advanced scientific research in the developing countries, especially in the fields of Mathematics and Physics by providing world class research facilities at ASICTP by means of comprehensive research programmes and by creating forums for exchange of scientific information.

Pakistan has long history of mutually beneficial relationship with ASICTP since its inception in early 60s and this cooperation has been growing all along.

International Center for Theoretical Physics was founded by Pakistani Nobel Laureate Dr Abdus Salam after whose death it has now been named as Abdus Salam International Center for Theoretical Physics.