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## From the Director

For more than four decades, the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) has served as a scientific home away from home for a large number of scientists from around the world. The Centre is meant to support the best science possible, with special attention paid to the needs of developing countries. It is no surprise that the Centre has nurtured, through the years, young scientists from almost all developing countries, exposed them to new frontiers, and provided them with a springboard for testing their own ideas or launching their scientific careers. ICTP is proud of its diverse community—past and present—and their many-faceted accomplishments. Over the years, the continued involvement of the broad scientific community has made ICTP one of the world's most fruitful examples of international scientific cooperation.

I have particular pleasure in welcoming you to the Centre, for you are part of a larger ICTP community that has made lasting contributions to the world of science—and even beyond in public life. On our part, we continue the tradition of extending invitations to people like yourself—the best and most promising scientists in both the developing and developed world. On your part, we hope that you will interact fruitfully with our scientists, other visitors, and with the extensive network of scientists and scientific institutions nearby in Trieste. Even more, we hope that you will catch some of ICTP's spirit and contribute, through your science and other deeds, to the task of making the world a better place.

This booklet is meant to help you find your way around as you adapt to your new home in Trieste—whether you plan to stay for several days or longer. On behalf of ICTP, I extend to you a warm welcome and wish you a pleasant and productive stay. We hope that you are as delighted to be at the Centre as we are to have you here.

Sincerely,

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