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دانشگاه سیستان و بلوچستان



Contract double doctoral degree

between

the University of Groningen (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen) (the Netherlands),
Broerstraat 5, 9712 CP Groningen,
represented by Prof. Sibrand Poppema, President

and

the University of Sistan and Baluchestan (Iran),
Daneshgah Street, Baharestan Street,
Zahedan, Iran
represented by Prof. Alireza Bandani, Chancellor

jointly referred to as '**the partner institutions**'

in due observance of the following :

- the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*);
- the PhD Regulations of the University of Groningen (*Promotiereglement*);
- the PhD regulations of the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of Iran;
- the PhD regulations of the Graduate School of the University of Sistan and Baluchestan.

agree as follows:

PART I: Administrative matters

Article 1

The doctoral candidate to whom this contract pertains is

Maisam Mohammadi-Dadkan
born: 3/2/1987, Iranshahr, Iran
Nationality: Iranian

The University of Groningen and the University of Sistan and Baluchestan agree to register Mr Mohammadi-Dadkan as a doctoral candidate, under joint supervision of the University of Groningen and the University of Sistan and Baluchestan



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Article 2

The doctoral candidate is jointly supervised by:

1. Prof. N. Kalantar-Nayestanaki
University of Groningen
KVI-CART
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
2. Dr. J.G. Messchendorp
University of Groningen
KVI-CART
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
3. Dr. A.A. Mehmandoost-Khajeh-Dad
University of Sistan and Baluchestan
Department of Physics
Faculty of Sciences

Article 3

The enrolment of the doctoral candidate is effective from 2014. The expected period of research is set to 4 years; therefore, the doctoral thesis is expected to be submitted to the Assessment Committee by September 1, 2018. This period can only be extended in exceptional cases, after a favorable opinion given by the partner institutions and on proposition by the doctoral supervisors. This proposition must be introduced 3 months before the expected date of the doctoral thesis submission set above.

Article 4

The University of Groningen and the University of Sistan and Baluchestan will instruct the doctoral candidate to register at both institutions.

Article 5

The doctoral candidate must prove sufficient health insurance coverage for the full period of his stay in the Netherlands and in Iran, as well as a personal liability insurance.

PART II: Research supervision and thesis preparation

Article 6

Both universities recognize the validity of the research project undertaken by the doctoral candidate. All rules of the partner institutions pertaining to scientific publications are in force.

Article 7

1. Prof. N. Kalantar-Nayestanaki and Dr. J.G. Messchendorp appointed as a Professor and associate professor, respectively, at the University of Groningen, and Dr. A.A. Mehmandoost-Khajeh-Dad appointed as an associate professor at the University of Sistan and Baluchestan, are designated as joint supervisors.

2. The supervisors will consult regularly on the research progress of the doctoral candidate. The supervision is equally divided between both institutions. Each institute will invest 50% of the allotted time for supervision. The daily supervision and scientific mentoring resides with the supervisor(s) located where the research work is being undertaken at that particular moment.

Article 8

1. The theme of the dissertation is: *Experimental study of three-body forces through breakup reaction*
2. The dissertation will be written in English. A summary of the dissertation will be written in Persian and Dutch.
3. Both partner institutions will instruct the doctoral candidate to follow the rules of both institutions concerning the registering, the description and the reproduction of the thesis.

Article 9

The research project will be carried out at both institutions following the research plan which can be found in the attached appendix. The plan is jointly approved by the doctoral supervisors. Any modification of this plan must be submitted to the two institutions by the doctoral supervisors at least one month in advance.

Article 10

1. The intellectual property rights of the thesis, the publication, the use and protection of the research results shall be safeguarded in accordance with the specific regulations of both institutions.
2. Foreground intellectual property rights shall be the property of both institutions. The institutions shall jointly apply to obtain and/or maintain the relevant intellectual property rights and shall strive to set up appropriate agreements in order to do so.

PART III: Evaluation and conferral of degree

Article 11

1. After the positive assessment of the thesis supervisors, the thesis can be submitted to the Assessment Committee.
2. The Assessment Committee consists of four persons. Only full professors employed by a university who have not co-authored with the doctoral candidate may be members of the Assessment Committee.
3. The Assessment Committee consists at least of one professor from the University of Groningen and one professor chosen by the University of Sistan and Baluchestan.

4. The Assessment Committee shall be composed by mutual consent between the partner institutions, in accordance with the regulations in force at the partner institutions.

Article 12

1. After the positive assessment of the Assessment Committee, the thesis can be submitted to the PhD Examining Committee.
2. The Examining Committee shall consist of at least five persons;
 - full professors, both from the University of Groningen and chosen by the University of Sistan and Baluchestan and;
 - a maximum of 2 University Readers/Associate Professors or Lecturers/Assistant Professors with PhDs;
 - the members of the Assessment Committee;
 - the chair.

The supervisors are not members of the PhD Examining Committee.

3. The Examining Committee shall be composed by mutual consent between the partner institutions, in accordance with the regulations in force at the partner institutions.
4. Video conference will be made possible for the defense ceremony.

Article 13

1. The Examining Committee allows the doctoral candidate to publically defend his thesis after a positive assessment by the Assessment Committee.
2. The thesis will be defended, in English, during a public ceremony at the University of Groningen, but is duly recognized by the University of Sistan and Baluchestan.
3. After the Examining Committee has given a favorable recommendation, the University of Groningen will confer upon the candidate the doctoral degree of the University of Groningen and the doctoral certificate affixed with the Great Seal of the University.
4. The thesis will be defended, in Farsi, during public ceremony by the candidate at the University of Sistan and Baluchestan. The University of Sistan and Baluchestan will then confer upon the candidate the doctoral degree of the University of Sistan and Baluchestan.
5. The conferral of the doctoral degree of the University of Sistan and Baluchestan shall occur subsequent to *(and in a separate ceremony from)* the conferral of the doctoral degree of the University of Groningen.
6. The University of Groningen will award the degree Doctor *(translated into English as: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD))*.
7. The University of Sistan and Baluchestan will award the degree of Doctor (PhD).



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8. Each University will issue its own degree certificate which will mention the joint nature of the supervision by the partner institutions, leading to the award of a double doctorate.

Article 14

The present agreement holds as long as necessary for the completion of the doctoral degree. The agreement may be reviewed on an annual basis by each institution and may be terminated if good reason is found to do so. In addition, the agreement may be terminated by the initiative of the doctoral candidate or following collegial advice from the doctoral supervisors. As long as the agreement is in force the institutions commit themselves to supporting the doctoral candidate in continuing the project.

Groningen, 26 OKT. 2016

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