

Expression of interest to join SCOAP³

This letter expresses the interest of the informal consortium headed by the Národní technická knihovna (NTK) to join SCOAP³, the consortium facilitating Open Access publishing in High Energy Physics (HEP), with the objectives as outlined in the SCOAP³ Working Party Report, dated April 19th 2007, ISBN 978-92-9083-292-8.

The members of the informal consortium understand that the financial contribution of the Czech Republic will be determined by the following factors:

- the yearly cost of the SCOAP³ operation, which will be determined by the number and the prices of contracts awarded following the invitation to tender, which will be reissued regularly;
- the fraction of High Energy Physics articles authored in the Czech Republic, which for the first year is 0.3% and will be recalculated every year;
- there will be an additional provision of maximum 10% to cover countries that, in view of their economic situation, cannot be reasonably expected to contribute at this stage.

We also understand that the maximal annual budget for the SCOAP³ operation is currently estimated at 10 million Euro. Therefore the maximum initial contribution of the Czech Republic for the first year is currently estimated as:

$$(0.3 \% \times 10 \text{ Million Euro}) \times 1.1 = 33,000 \text{ Euro}$$

NTK will be responsible for collecting the contribution of the Czech Republic and passing it to SCOAP³, on condition that:

- the expected contribution to SCOAP³ does not exceed the cumulative value of current subscriptions of HEP sources to be provided through SCOAP³, and
- price of other, non-HEP subscribed resources is not artificially inflated by publishers as direct or indirect response to removal of HEP sources from their portfolios, and
- affected stakeholders of NTK consortia continue to be ready to redirect part of their financial contribution towards SCOAP³, as understood from the memorandum in which they expressed full support towards SCOAP³ initiative, signed March 2010.

It is understood that SCOAP³ will be formally established through a Memorandum of Understanding formalizing, inter alia, the individual contributions of each country and defining the consortium governance.

The contact person for our participation in the consortium will be:

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Signature:

