

To Whom it May Concern

With this letter I wish to express my very enthusiastic support to establishing a CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE in Belgrade organized around the project

"DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS, GEOMETRY AND COMBINATORICS", the coordinator Professor Rade Živaljević. It is my understanding that financing of the project will be naturally placed within the Marie Curie FP6 programme "Specific Support Actions (SSA) for Western Balkan Countries". I and my colleagues at SISSA have long record of scientific connections with Belgrade starting from 1998 year when I participated as one of main invited speakers at the International Conference on Combinatorics, Geometry and Dynamical Systems organized in Kotor (Montenegro) by Prof. R. Živaljević. Prof. Vladimir Dragovic from Belgrade was long term visitor of SISSA at 2000-2003. Moreover, at the end of 2005 an agreement has been signed between SISSA, Serbian Academy of Sciences, University of Belgrade and University of Podgorica, co-sponsored by Italian ministry of universities and scientific researches, aimed at developing joint research and training program on Geometry, Topology and Combinatorics of Manifolds and Dynamical Systems. I have to add that SISSA is the chief institution coordinating the Marie Curie FP6 RTN ENIGMA (European Network In Geometry, Mathematical Physics and Applications). In preparation of this project it was assumed that Belgrade would become one of the nodes; however, at the final stage the decision about participation of Belgrade had been postponed because of unclear legal status.

Summarizing, I strongly support the CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE project "DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS, GEOMETRY AND COMBINATORICS". I agree that the Sector of Mathematical Physics of SISSA will become one of the Partner Institutions of the project.

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