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Dr. Bertrand Laforge Sorbonne Université IDPASC Coordinator

Dear Dr. Laforge,

We are writing to formally request admission to the Doctoral Program from the School of Physics at Universidad Industrial de Santander (Bucaramanga, Colombia) to the International Doctorate Network in Particle Physics, Astrophysics, and Cosmology (IDPASC).

Our doctoral program, established in 2004, is unique in its focus on several research areas, including Condensed Matter, Optics, Plasma Physics, Cosmology, Relativistic Astrophysics, and Astroparticle Physics. The School of Physics's Relativity Group, comprising seven faculty members and four postdoctoral researchers, has been instrumental in successfully graduating seven students over the past five years, particularly in Cosmology, Relativistic Astrophysics, and Astroparticle Physics. This research group is particularly active in two Astroparticle observatories: The Pierre Auger Observatory and the Latin American Giant Observatory (LAGO).

Our students would greatly benefit from participating in the schools and activities organized by IDPASC. We are enthusiastic about the prospect of joining the IDPASC network and contributing to the shared goal of advancing research and education in these critical areas.

We are eager to collaborate and sincerely appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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