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ICTP Launches iTunes U Site

TRIESTE, Italy - 1 September 2011. Physics and mathematics students from around the world, as well as researchers interested in cutting-edge lectures by some of the world's most prominent scientists, have a new source for knowledge: the Abdus Salam International Center for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) has joined iTunes U. iTunes U is a dedicated area of the iTunes Store (www.itunes.it), that offers free educational content from leading educational institutions which can be downloaded for free on a computer (Mac or PC), iPhone, iPad or iPod touch.

ICTP on iTunes U features over 240 videos of lectures, conferences, one-on-one video interviews, documentary films, and important historical video footage of some of the most prominent physicists of the 20th century, as well as physics and mathematics courses offered by ICTP through its Postgraduate Diploma Programme. Most content is available in English, while the documentaries are also available in Italian. Content can be accessed at http://itunes.ictp.tv.

"Online learning has been integral to ICTP's teaching culture. With its presence on iTunes U, the Centre enters a new era of scientific knowledge dissemination, as part of our effort to efficiently reach the worldwide scientific community and to establish our presence online," said ICTP Director Fernando Quevedo.

ICTP hosts more than 50 conferences and schools each year, covering many subjects in pure and applied physics as well as mathematics. Through the Centre on iTunes U, the scientific community can tune in and access recordings of lectures, seminars, workshops, and colloquia held at ICTP. These include talks by Nobel Laureates and Fields Medallists, among others.

By making these courses available on iTunes U, ICTP aims to benefit a much wider audience of students who want to subscribe to and download lectures on high energy, cosmology and astroparticle physics; condensed matter and statistical physics; Earth system physics; mathematics; and applied physics.

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