

Last June, the signing of the first Franco-Russian doctorate was held at the French Embassy in Moscow. The partners of this agreement, initiated by Pascal CHARDONNET of LAPTh, are the Université Savoie Mont Blanc, the Université Grenoble-Alpes, the COMUE Grenoble-Alpes, the Keldysh Institute of Applied Mathematics and the MEPhI in Moscow.

The objectives of the PhD in Fundamental Physics are:

- the integration of the training project in fundamental physics, with the creation of a graduate school where Franco-Russian professors from partner universities will share their lectures.
- the organization of joint doctoral training schools, which will take place every year in Russia and France.
- the increasing of mobility between the two countries between the consortium partners both among students and professors.
- the issue of a joint doctoral degree at the end of the program.
- the promotion of dissemination of cultural exchanges with a language component, even if the main language remains English.

The first joint doctoral training school will be held in Moscow on 12-16 December this year, which coincides with the 50th anniversary of Franco-Russian scientific cooperation. The theme will focus on the structure and evolution of the universe. The LAPTh welcome also the first student of the doctorate starting November 2016, on the understanding of the dark age of our universe with the formation of its first stars.