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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
ITALY**

**Agreement concerning collaboration in the exploitation of the
spallation neutron source ISIS for condensed matter re-
search (with annex). Signed at London on 9 October
1989**

Authentic texts: English and Italian.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
on 23 November 1990.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
ITALIE**

**Accord relatif à la collaboration pour l'exploitation de l'ins-
tallation ISIS de production de faisceaux neutroniques
de spallation pour la recherche sur la matière condensée
(avec annexe). Signé à Londres le 9 octobre 1989**

Textes authentiques : anglais et italien.

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord
le 23 novembre 1990.*

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC CONCERNING COLLABORATION IN THE EXPLOITATION OF THE SPALLATION NEUTRON SOURCE ISIS FOR CONDENSED MATTER RESEARCH

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Italian Republic,

Desiring to encourage greater fruitful scientific collaboration between their countries;

Recognising in particular the importance of neutron spectroscopy and diffraction for condensed matter research;

Aware that the spallation neutron source ISIS at the Science and Engineering Research Council's Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Chilton, UK, represents the most advanced pulsed neutron facility in the world, offering unique opportunities for condensed matter research using neutron and muon beams;

Considering the progress towards international collaboration in the utilisation of the facility following the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 1985 ;

Desiring to enable scientists from their countries to secure future access to the facility;

Recognising the benefits which will accrue from international collaboration in the exploitation of the facility;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Agreement concerns collaboration in the exploitation of the spallation neutron source ISIS; a technical description of the facility is given in the Annex to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2

The object of the Agreement is to enable scientists from Italy to secure access to ISIS for the purpose of carrying out research into the properties of condensed matter using neutron and muon beams.

ARTICLE 3

The parties to the Agreement shall use their best endeavours to maintain the pre-eminence of the facility and to develop new methods for neutron beam research, thus enhancing the quality of the research programme. They shall encourage the study and development of other techniques which may be achievable with ISIS, including utilisation and development of the muon facility.

¹ Came into force on 9 October 1989 by signature, in accordance with article 7.

ARTICLE 4

Italian scientists may be represented on appropriate ISIS committees, in particular the ISIS Science Advisory Committee, which considers scientific and technical matters bearing on the exploitation of the facility, including the assessment of experiment proposals and the allocation of instrument time.

ARTICLE 5

The Science and Engineering Research Council and the appropriate Italian agency or agencies shall conclude separate agreements establishing the procedures of collaboration which shall include appropriate financial contributions to be paid. The Science and Engineering Research Council and the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche may agree to collaborate in the context of the Agreement, concerning neutron scattering using the spallation neutron source, signed on 29 November 1985, augmented as necessary.

ARTICLE 6

The Agreement is open to accession by third parties.

ARTICLE 7

The present Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall continue in force until 31 December 1992. The Agreement shall be reviewed in 1991, when extension shall be considered.

In witness whereof the undersigned duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at London this 9th day of October 1989 in the English and Italian languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland:

FRANCIS MAUDE

For the Government
of the Italian Republic:

BORIS BIANCHERI