**CONTRACT**

**on Self-Funded Doctorate Training in the IICT – BAS**

Today, on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, this Contract is concluded to settle relations in self-funded doctorate training between Prof. D.Sc. Galia Angelova – Director of the IICT-BAS, Kalushka Stamova – Chief Accountant of the IICT, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Scientific Supervisor, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ section, on the one hand, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – self-funded doctoral researcher, identity card No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, issued on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enrolled by the Scientific Council of the IICT on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Protocol No. \_\_\_\_, on the other hand.

**Subject of the Contract**

Article 1. The subject of this contract is self-funded doctorate training in the IICT under the following conditions:

1. The doctorate is:

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Full time

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Part time

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Self-study

In professional area: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a doctoral programme of *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

2. Training will be in:

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Bulgarian

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English

3. The term of the doctorate will be \_\_\_\_\_ years, effective as from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. The annual tuition fee for each year of training will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Training in and expelling from the doctorate programme shall follow the procedure for state quota doctoral researchers.

**Rights and Obligations of the Parties to the Contract:**

Article 2. The Director of the IICT is obliged to provide the following conditions for implementation of the training and scientific programme of the doctoral candidate:

1. Workplace, which adequately fits training under regulations on healthy and safe working conditions in line with the specificity of the doctorate.

2. Access to the information and communication infrastructure of the IICT.

3. Quality scientific guidance provided to the candidate by his scientific supervisor. Where such a need arises, a proposal for a change of the scientific supervisor shall be duly submitted to the Scientific Council of the IICT.

4. Appropriate spending, as intended, of the sum paid to the IICT for implementing the doctorate programme.

5. Funds of up to \_\_\_\_\_ per cent of the paid annual tuition fee for implementation of the annual individual plans of the candidate.

6. Performance of this Contract and timely measures in case of identified infringements.

Article 3. In complying with Article 14, paragraph 7 of the Rules of Procedure for Doctoral Studies and Thesis Defence for Obtaining a Doctoral Degree on a Self-Funded Basis, within two years of expelling the doctoral researcher with a right of defence, the Director of the IICT is obliged to organize a defence procedure.

Article 4. The scientific supervisor of the doctoral candidate is obliged to:

1. prepare, together with the doctoral candidate, annual individual plans and present them for approval to the Scientific Council of the IICT;

2. monitor timely and quality implementation of the training and scientific programme of the candidate in line with the approved annual individual plans;

3. submit in a timely manner to the Scientific Council of the IICT annual reports of the candidate on implementation of the relevant individual plans, as well as information and an opinion of the status of research;

4. assist the Director in performing his obligations under this Contract.

Article 5. The scientific supervisor shall have the right:

1. in performing his obligations under this Contract, to receive remuneration for advising the candidate to the amount of 20 per cent of the tuition fee paid by the candidate.

2. consultations to the candidate shall be recognized as pedagogical experience.

3. in periodical attestations, use positive assessments of the Scientific Council of the IICT in his doctoral consultation activities.

Article 6. The doctoral candidate is obliged to:

1. be acquainted and comply with all requirements to doctoral candidates, as reflected in regulations and related to his doctoral studies, including the Higher Education Law, the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules of Procedure for its Enactment, the Rules of Procedure of the BAS Training Centre, as well as the Rules of Procedure for the Specific Conditions for Obtaining Scientific Degree and Occupying Academic Positions in the IICT, the Rules of Procedure for Doctoral Studies and Thesis Defence for Obtaining a Doctoral Degree on a Self-Funded Basis in the IICT – BAS, other internal regulations of the IICT and the clauses of this Contract;

2. pay in a timely manner annual tuition fees under the Rules of Procedure for Doctoral Studies and Thesis Defence for Obtaining a Doctoral Degree on a Self-Funded Basis in the IICT – BAS;

. 3. implement in due time his individual plans, instructions given by his scientific supervisor and the clauses under this Contract;

4. comply with the rules on health and safety at the workplace;

5. comply with fundamental morals and ethics in science.

Article 7. The doctoral candidate shall have the right to:

1. use, in coordination with his scientific supervisor and under authorization of the ICCT Director, up to \_\_\_\_ per cent of his annual tuition fees deposited with the IICT to implement his annual individual plans;

2. discontinue doctoral studies at his will through an application to the Scientific Council of the IICT;

3. lodge an appeal within a ten-day period against a decision of the Scientific Council of the IICT for termination of his training contract before the Academic Council of the BAS Training Centre.

4. if the Director and the scientific supervisor fail to comply with their obligations under this Contract, submit an application to the Scientific Council of the IICT and if a decision does not satisfy him, file an appeal to the Academic Council of the BAS Training Centre, thereafter invoking the rights to institute legal proceedings.

**Other Terms and Conditions:**

Article 8. Doctoral studies shall be discontinued in the following cases:

1. provision of inconsistent data on the basis of which the doctoral candidate has been enrolled;

2. conviction to imprisonment fоr an intentional offence prosecuted by public prosecution;

3. failure to pay within the set term a tuition fee without reasonable cause.

Article 9. The procedure under Art. 3 of this contract is carried out upon payment of a separate fee as follows:

* 4 minimum wages when the thesis is in Bulgarian;
* 7 minimum wages when the thesis is in English.

Article 10. The fee for conducting the defense procedure is paid within 14 days after the positive decision of the preliminary defense of the thesis.

Article 11. The payment of the tuition and defense fees for a dissertation does not guarantee the acquisition of a doctorate degree and in the case of a negative result of education and defense, the fees paid will not be refunded.

Article 12. This Contract is consistent with the Higher Education Law, the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules of Procedure for its Enactment, Council of Ministers Decrees related to doctoral studies, the Law on Scientific Research Promotion, the Rules of Procedure of the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency in the part concerning the assessment of doctoral preparation, BAS Law and Statutes, the Rules of Procedure of the BAS Training Centre and decisions taken by BAS managing bodies in relation to doctorate programmes.

Article 13. This Contract shall be drawn up in three identical copies and shall be valid upon its signature.

Article 14. All outstanding issues and disputes not resolved in this Contract shall be resolved under the procedure of the legal framework on doctorate and Bulgarian legislation.

DIRECTOR OF THE IICT-BAS: CHIEF ACCOUNTANT OF THE IICT-BAS:

/Prof. D.Sc. Galia Angelova/ /Kalushka Stamova/

SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISOR: DOCTORAL CANDIDATE:

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