III. International Collaboration

The international collaboration is one of major activities in the institute. The collaboration covers multilateral international collaborations, bilateral ones, other governmental or inter-institutional agreements and personal exchanges. They are mostly supported by Grant-in-aid of Scientific Research of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology (MEXT) or the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) program. A detailed description of activities is given in the following tables. The multilateral collaborations are those under the US-Japan Fusion Cooperation Program, the IEA TEXTOR Collaboration, IEA stellarator Agreement, and IEA Spherical Tori Agreement. In order to promote scientific exchanges between NIFS and foreign leading institutes, the following agreements on academic exchange and cooperation shown in table I have been signed up. Grant-in-Aid for International Scientific Research programs and individual travel grants for participating overseas international symposia and conferences (both being supported by MEXT) have effectively functioned to promote international activities of NIFS. Guest professors (supported by MEXT), who stayed for more than three months, and research fellows (JSPS research fellowship) are listed up in Tables II and III, respectively. The 19th International Toki Conference on "Advanced Physics in Plasma and Fusion Research" was held in December 8 to 12, 2009, NIFS being as the host institute. Statistics of visitors and visit by NIFS staff in FY2009 are as follows: foreign scientists from more than 10 countries visited NIFS 161 person-times, and NIFS staff went abroad 231 person times (to more than 10 countries).

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| Organization | Country | Effective from |
|--|-----------|----------------|
| Institute of Plasma Physics, Academia Sinica | China | June 27, 1992 |
| Max-Planck Institute for Plasma Physics | Germany | May 11, 1993 |
| Kurchatov Institute of Nuclear Fusion | Russia | May 13, 1993 |
| Kharkov Institute of Physics and Technology | Ukraine | Oct. 7, 1994 |
| The Australian National University | Australia | May 8, 1995 |
| Korea Basic Science Institute | Korea | March 6, 1996 |
| Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe GmbH | Germany | Oct. 6, 2005 |
| Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory | USA | March 3, 2006 |
| Institute for Fusion Studies, The University of Texas at Austin | USA | March 6, 2006 |
| Oak Ridge National Laboratory | USA | May 25, 2006 |
| UCLA, Center for Energy Science and Technology Advanced Research | USA | Nov. 28, 2006 |
| University of Provence | France | July 19, 2007 |
| A.M. Prokhorov General Physics Institute | Russia | Oct. 15, 2007 |
| Associated International Laboratory (LIA): Centre National de la Recherche | e | |
| Scientifique (CNRS), University of Provence, Kyushu University, | | |
| Osaka University | France | Oct. 22, 2007 |
| Research Center for Energy, Environment and Technology (CIEMAT) | Spain | Feb. 26, 2009 |
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Table I. List of Academic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement with NIFS

| Table II. List of Guest Professors in FY2009 | | | | |
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| Name | Organization | Country | Term | |
| PUSTOVITOV, Vladimir | Kurchatov Institute of Nuclear Fusion | Russia | Nov.1, 2009-Feb.28, 2010 | |
| ALEXEEV, Andrey, Gennadjevich | Troitsk Institute of Inovative and Thermonuclear Research | Russia | Jan. 18 – Apr. 17, 2010 | |
| TSISAR, Valentyn, Petrovych | Physical-Mechanical Institute of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine | Ukraine | June 19 - Dec. 18, 2009 | |
| CHUNG, Kyu, Sun | Hanyan University | Korea | Aug.1 - Nov.30, 2009 | |
| HUDSON, Stuart, R | Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory | U.S.A. | June 17 – Sep.17, 2009 | |
| HUMBERT, Denis | IAEA Nuclear Data Section | IAEA | Dec.1, 2009-Mar.31, 2010 | |
| Table III. List of JSPS invited fellows for NIFS in FY2009(1) Postdoctral Fellowships for foreign ResearchersNameOrganizationCountryTermNone | | | | |
| (2) Invitation Fellowship Programs Name STILLERMAN, Joshua A. | s for Research in Japan Organization MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center, Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Country U.S.A. | <i>Term</i> Oct.11-31, 2009 | |