



## COOPERATION

### SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INFN AND IRANIAN RESEARCH INSTITUTES SIGNED

During a series of meetings, which were held in March in Iran, INFN signed five cooperation agreements with the same number of scientific research institutes in the country. These are memoranda of understanding to facilitate future collaboration between the parties in scientific and technological areas, in the sectors of greatest interest to INFN, such as fundamental physics and technology transfer. The signing of these agreements takes place in a positive opening-up period for Tehran, following the end of the sanctions imposed by the international community. These initiatives will help to strengthen bilateral relations between the Organisations and support the exchange of scientific and technological information and knowledge. In particular, the Iranian Institutes also have as their main objective the possibility of offering their students the opportunity to spend a period abroad during their PhD studies. The Institutes with which INFN has signed agreements are the Sharif University of Technology, the Institute for Research in Nuclear Science and Technology, the Atomic Energy Organisation, the Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences, the Isfahan University of Technology and the University of Kashan. ■