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## **THE FUTURE NORDITA**

The future NORDITA is of common concern to the Nordic physics community, not only for the theorists. This is in particular so at a time when Europe with Nordic partners are making large experimental investments with long time horizons, calling for theoretical guidance and support.

Through our national members of the NORDITA board we have received information about the ongoing process of securing a future NORDITA within the somewhat modified conceptual frame set down by the Nordic Council of Ministers. Just before Christmas the result of the very recent evaluation of NORDITA became available. This evaluation confirmed NORDITA's value to the Nordic community.

The report, however, also touches on the question of future localization of NORDITA. Given that we want to keep a NORDITA with its wide scope and international flavor, made possible (like in Copenhagen) by a symbiosis with an internationally strong science environment, localization matters. NORDITA's appeal to Nordic users, who are its main customers and the very reason for NORDITA's existence, should not be reduced.

Thus we suggest that NORDITA urgently provides a short status report to the relevant Nordic physics institutions, Research Councils etc. This would enable our physics communities to contribute directly and rapidly in this matter. We are all strongly dependent upon and interested in a strong NORDITA in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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