



Announcement I:

XII Quark Confinement and the Hadron Spectrum

from 29 August 2016 to 3 September 2016

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Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to announce the twelfth edition of the "Quark Confinement and the Hadron Spectrum" conference which will take place in Thessaloniki, Greece, 29 August – 3 September, 2016, hosted in the Ioannis Vellidis conference centre.

The conference will be preceded by a Workshop on "Accelerators, QCD and Beyond" combined with Students Lectures which will take place on 27 and 28 August 2016.

The conference web site is <http://indico.cern.ch/e/conf12>

The information will be continuously updated.

The conference focuses on QCD with the aim to explore all aspects of strongly interacting systems and provides a forum enhancing the exchange among theorists and experimentalists as well as among different related fields covered by seven sections.

Section A: Vacuum Structure and Confinement

Section B: Light Quarks

Section C: Heavy Quarks

Section D: Deconfinement

Section E: QCD and New Physics

Section F: Nuclear and Astroparticle Physics

Section G: Strongly Coupled Theories

Details on the scientific sessions and their corresponding conveners can be found in <https://indico.cern.ch/event/353906/page/3573-scientific-programme>

Abstract submission opening: 15 October 2015

Abstract submission deadline: **15 June 2016**

Abstract submission acceptance notification: 30 June 2016

Registration opening: 1 November 2015

Deadline for paying the reduced registration fees: 12 July 2016

Registration deadline: 28 July 2016

Deadline for proceedings: 15 November 2016

Registration for the conference will be possible through the conference web site starting on November 1, 2015. Full details on the conference fees and payments will be given in the next announcement.

There is some (limited) financial support and affordable accommodation to facilitate the participation of students and young postdocs. Further details will be made available on the web site.

The conference participants are expected to make their own hotel reservation directly with the hotel of their choice. A list of recommended hotels and self-catering apartments is given in the web page. Prices will be negotiated with a selected number of hotels and further details will be provided including deadlines.

Set on the northern shores of the Thermaikos Gulf that opens into the Aegean Sea, Thessaloniki, the second largest city of Greece, is a land to be explored; a crossroad of nations, cultures and beauty. Privileged geographical location joining the modern western with the traditional eastern countries. A node joining Europe and Asia. Easy to be reached either by road, rail, air or marine transportation. History has marked the city during every époque from the antiquity to the Roman and Byzantine empires and the near past. The city's most famous attractions are the White Tower, the Archeological Museum, the Byzantine Museum, Roman and Byzantine monuments. You can enjoy shopping and local and international gastronomy in a city where cookery is a passion. The weather is typical Mediterranean with somewhat colder winter and more rain than the rest of the country.

Thessaloniki is served by Macedonia Airport is located 14 km away from Thessaloniki's city center. The airports served on a 24-hour basis by public transport. There are direct flights with major European cities and connecting flights with the Athens El. Venizelos airport. There are also some direct flights from the USA. Alternatively you can reach Thessaloniki travelling by boat from Italy (Ancona, Brindizi) to Igoumenitsa and then by car through the Egnatia high way. Thessaloniki can also be accessed from Athens by car via a high way (~500 km). There are also connections by rail to western and eastern European cities.

❖ **Visa information**

Conference participants are requested to familiarize themselves with visa requirements well in advance of the conference. EU Nationals do not need a visa to enter Greece, but a valid ID card or passport is required. Non-EU nationals in general require a visa for stays in Greece. A visa is not required for semi-annual visits of up to three months for nationals of those countries for which the European Community has abolished the visa requirement. Nationals of countries which do not have a visa-waiver agreement with the European Community must obtain a visa. Letters of invitation for visa purposes will be available upon request for registered conference participants. Please address requests to conf12.gr@cern.ch

We are looking forwards welcoming you at Thessaloniki

