



Announcement II:

# XII Quark Confinement and the Hadron Spectrum

from 29 August 2016 to 3 September 2016

❖ Conference web site

❖ Scientific Topics

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to announce the XII International Conference "Quark Confinement and the Hadron Spectrum" to be held in Makedonia Palace conference centre, Thessaloniki, Greece, from 29th August to 3rd September 2016.

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

The conference focuses on QCD with the aim to explore all aspects of strongly interacting systems and provides a forum to enhance 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

On Saturday 3rd of September a plenary session is dedicated to Future Perspectives. Additional parallel sessions are devoted to Upgrades, Instrumentation and Statistical Analysis.

Details on the scientific sections, conveners and organization can be found at <https://indico.cern.ch/event/353906/page/3573-scientific-programme>  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/353906/page/3574-organisation>

❖ Satellite workshop

The conference will be followed by a workshop on "Accelerators revealing the QCD secrets" from 3rd to 5th September 2016.

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/353906/page/6448-satellite-workshop>

❖ Proceedings

The contributions (oral presentations and posters) will be published in the open access "European Physical Journal Web of Conferences", following a peer review.

Details and instructions are given here:

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/353906/page/3585-proceedings>

❖ Important Dates

## Registration and abstract submission are now open

Abstract submission opening: 15 October 2015

Abstract submission deadline: **15 June 2016**

Abstract acceptance notification: 30 June 2016

Registration opening: 15 October 2015

Deadline for paying early registration fees: 12 July 2016

Registration deadline: 28 July 2016

Deadline for proceedings: 15 November 2016

Deadline for support applications: 30 March 2016

Decisions on support applications: 10 April 2016

❖ Registration and Conference Fee

Registration for the conference is now open through the conference website:

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/353906/registrations/23875>

Details about the payment of the fees are provided in the web page:

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/353906/page/5270-registration-fees>

Registration fee type	Early registration, EUR (up to July 12, 2016)	Late registration, EUR, (after July 12, 2016)
Regular	390	440
Student	280	330
Accompanying person	100	120

Registration fees for the conference participants include proceedings, conference facilities, coffee breaks, conference social dinner and excursion, welcome reception and finger food at the poster session.

❖ Support for young participants

The conference offers limited financial support for young students and participants within 5 years of their Ph.D. To apply for support, please fill in the corresponding fields of the registration form and upload a reference letter and your CV (in pdf format) here:

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/353906/page/6391-support>

❖ Accommodation

Special hotel prices have been negotiated for a limited number of rooms with hotels of different categories and can be guaranteed for reservations through the NB Events online accommodation booking system;

see <https://indico.cern.ch/event/353906/page/3577-accommodation>

It is recommended to make hotel reservations as early as possible. At the time of the conference there is high demand for accommodation due to local events.

❖ Travel

Thessaloniki is served by Macedonia Airport which is located 14 km away from the city center. The airport is served on a 24-hour basis by public transport. There are direct flights to 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, Brindisi) to Igoumenitsa and then by car through the Egnatia highway. There are also connections by train 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, fill in the form at:

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/353906/page/3582-visa-information>

❖ Conference email

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us [conf12.gr@cern.ch](mailto:conf12.gr@cern.ch)

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Thessaloniki,

Yiota Foka and Nora Brambilla,  
Co-Chairs of CONF12,  
On behalf of the Organizing Committee

