



Havana, October 30, 2016

Dear colleagues.

We are starting the organization of the meetings STARS 2017 in Havana and SMFNS 2017 in Varadero, Cuba.

The events are the fourth and the fifth in a series of meetings gathering scientists working on astroparticle physics, cosmology, gravitation, nuclear physics, and related fields. As in previous years, the meeting sessions will consist of invited and contributed talks and will cover recent developments in the following topics:

- STARS2017 – New phenomena and new states of matter in the Universe, general relativity, gravitation, cosmology, heavy ion collisions and the formation of the quark-gluon plasma, white dwarfs, neutron stars and pulsars, black holes, gamma-ray emission in the Universe, high energy cosmic rays, gravitational waves, dark energy and dark matter, strange matter and strange stars, antimatter in the Universe, and topics related to these.
- SMFNS2017 – Strong magnetic fields in the Universe, strong magnetic fields in compact stars and in galaxies, ultra-strong magnetic fields in neutron star mergers, quark stars and magnetars, strong magnetic fields and the cosmic microwave background, and topics related to these.

We have created this email account and draft versions of the posters of the conferences (see attached). The agreed dates are the following: from 7 to 9 of May 2017, the event STARS will take place in Havana, and from 10 to 13 of May 2017, the event SMFNS will take place in Varadero.

We have organized lists of members for the committees, as can be seen in the posters of the conferences, and we wonder if you agree to participate, --- if you have not reported yet ---, as a member of the Organizing Committee or of the International Scientific Committee in order to set this part of the organization of the meeting.

Given a number of requests, the SMFNS meeting will take place in Varadero at the same hotel where the first meetings were held, the Allegro Varadero Hotel: www.cubaism.com/it/hotels/view/hotel-allegro-varadero/422. The Hotel Allegro Varadero is smaller than the one where we held the meeting in 2015, has a more welcoming environment, the conference room is by the sea, very inspiring for the talks.

As for the event STARS in Havana, we are still in negotiations to define the venue hotel. Soon we will have news regarding this subject. We keep in the expectation of your manifestation.

Best regards

The Local Organizing Committee