



FIFTH CIRCULAR – STARS2017 / SMFNS2017

Havana, 1 May, 2017

Dear Colleague

Please find below important information related to the meetings STARS 2017 and SMFNS 2017 to be held in Havana and Varadero, Cuba, from 7 to 13 of May, 2017. Please read carefully.

Transfer from the Havana Airport to the Comodoro Hotel

If you hired the transfer service from the Havana Airport to the Comodoro hotel please look for the Gaviota Tour agent (wearing a shirt Green) with a sign "stars2017" at the exit of the Airport.

Registration

The registration for the conferences will be open on Saturday May 6th, from 17:00 to 20:00 at the *Pleamar building lobby* at Comodoro hotel. We encourage the participants that have already arrived in Havana to register on May 6th. Nevertheless, the registration will continue on Sunday, at the entrance of the conference hall, from 8:00 to 8:45. Please remember that most of our expenses are financed with the fees of the events and its payment would help us to cover them. A single fee of 280 euros will be charged for both events. No facilities for payment by credit card are available at the registration desk. The conference fee must be paid in cash at the registration desk.

Welcome Cocktail

On Sunday at 19:00 we will celebrate the welcome cocktail. Companions of participants interested in participate in the welcome cocktail must pay 8 CUC (Cuban currency).

On Tuesday May 9th, STARS2017 - free afternoon and walking tour to Old Havana

On Tuesday May 9th, after the closing of STARS2017, the participants may enjoy a free afternoon. A walking tour to Old Havana has been scheduled for 17:30 -19:30, at that day. With this purpose, Gaviota Tours buses will depart to Old Havana from the entrance of Comodoro Hotel at 17:00. Participants and companions interested in the walking tour should contact the conference secretaries in order to sign a list and pay 5 CUC per person.



Celebration Dinner

On Tuesday May 9th, after the walking tour, the celebration dinner of the conference will be held at Hotel Florida-Prado Ameno (Obispo street at the corner with Cuba street, in Old Havana) at 20:00. The return to the Comodoro hotel after the celebration dinner is planned for 22:00. Companions of participants interested in participate in the celebration dinner must pay 25 CUC.

Internet Connection

Public access to Internet is offered in the navigation rooms of ETECSA, post offices, hotels, airports and in the WIFI areas. To connect at the conference's room of the Comodoro and Naviti Varadero hotels or somewhere else you need to buy a temporary account (**nauta** card). The temporary access account is offered through prepaid non-rechargeable cards and has a period of activity of 30 calendar days from the first connection. This account is more demanded by the tourists, and is commercialized in the commercial units of ETECSA, in the navigation rooms of the hotels, airports and tourist facilities. Rates: 1.50 CUC / hour. There are also specific zones with WIFI access in Havana city. Skype or similar apps for personal connection are not allowed in Cuba. If you are interested in videoconferencing from Havana or Varadero you can use the [IMO software](#) available for Android/iPhone/Mac/Windows.

For update information, please enter in our webpage:
<http://indico.cern.ch/event/stars2017>.

Best Regards
The Organizing Committee
STARS 2017 / SMFNS 2017