

Strangeness in Quark Matter (SQM 2017)
First Announcement
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The 17th International Conference on Strangeness in Quark Matter (SQM 2017) will be held in Utrecht, the Netherlands, from 10-15 July 2017. A graduate school on “The role of strangeness in heavy ion collisions” on 8-9 July 2017 will precede the conference. The conference venue is in the Science Park of Utrecht University.

The SQM 2017 conference will consist of invited plenary talks, contributed parallel talks and poster presentations.

Scientific Topics

- Strangeness and heavy-quark production in nuclear collisions and hadronic interactions
- Hadron resonances in the strongly-coupled QGP
- Bulk matter phenomena associated with strange and heavy quarks
- QCD phase structure
- Strangeness in astrophysics
- Open questions and new developments

Conference Website

The conference website is available at <http://www.sqm2017.nl>. The registration is now open and will continue through 1 July 2017. The early registration including a reduced conference fee is open until 30 April 2017. Participants with special dietary requirements are kindly asked to indicate it in their registration.

Venue

The conference will take place in the Koningsberger building, which is located in the Science Park of Utrecht University. The venue is connected by frequent bus services to Utrecht city centre.

Conference Fee

The conference fee of 350€ (for participants who register and pay before 30 April 2017) and of 400€ (for those who register and pay after 30 April 2017) includes coffee breaks, lunches, the welcome reception, the excursion and the proceedings. All participants and accompanying persons are cordially invited to the conference dinner on Wednesday, 13 July 2017 (30€).

Accommodation

Hotels and other accommodation possibilities in the city of Utrecht have been selected for this conference with instant availability and against special conditions. Details are given on the conference website. We advise you to book hotel rooms as early as possible.

Travel

The nearest major international airport is Schiphol close to Amsterdam. We arranged a 10% discount for Air France & KLM flights for your booking. There is a direct train service from Schiphol airport to Utrecht Central Station every 30 minutes; travel time is about 30 minutes (free Wi-Fi on board).

Utrecht is the centre of the Dutch railway network with regular international connections from neighbouring countries. For travel details please consult the conference website.

Visa Information

The Netherlands is part of the Schengen area. You may need a Schengen visa to stay in the Netherlands for a period of maximum 90 days in any 180-days period (short stay visa). Do you want to pass through the Netherlands? You may need a transit visa. Please carefully check visa regulations at <https://www.government.nl/topics>.

Letters of invitation for visa purposes will be available upon request for registered conference participants. Please contact the conference manager by email (sqm2017@nikhef.nl).

We strongly recommend that you start the visa application process as soon as possible.

Abstract Submission

The website is now open for the submission of abstracts and will continue through 15 March 2017. Notification for the acceptance for oral talks will be made before 15 April 2017.

Students Support

Financial support are available for a limited number of graduate students and young postdocs that will cover accommodation in shared double rooms for the school and conference period and a reduced conference fee. Details on the application process are given on the conference website. All students receiving financial support are required to attend the school and help with the conference service. The deadline for applications is 15 March

2017.

Proceedings

The conference proceedings will be published in a special issue of European Physical Journal Web of Conferences.

Important Dates

Graduate school dates: 8-9 July 2017
Conference dates: 10-15 July 2017
First announcement: December 2016
Second announcement: February 2017
Registration: 10 December 2016 - 1 July 2017
Early registration deadline (inclusive hotel booking): 30 April 2017
Student support application deadline: 15 March 2017
Notification for student support: 15 April 2017
Abstract submission deadline: 10 December 2016 - 15 March 2017
Notification for acceptance for oral talks before: 15 April 2017
Latest conference information: June 2017
Proceedings deadline: 1 November 2017

We look forward to welcoming you in Utrecht.

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