

Dear Colleague,

we are pleased to invite you to the conference

## **EDS Blois 2017**

### **The 17th conference on Elastic and Diffractive scattering**

<http://eds17.particle.cz>

which will take place at the Faculty of Civil Engineering of the Czech Technical University in **Prague, Czech Republic on 26-30 June 2017.**

The series of International Conferences on Elastic and Diffractive Scattering was founded in 1985 in the picturesque old French town of Blois, famous for its XIV - XVIIth century château, inside of which the first meeting took place. Since then, meetings have been organised every two years in different places of the world: New York (1987), Evanston (1989), Isola d'Elba (1991), Providence (1993), Blois (1995), Seoul (1997), Protvino (1999), Prague (2001), Helsinki (2003), Blois (2005), Hamburg (2007), CERN (2009), Quy Nhon (2011), Saariselkä (2013) and Borgo (2015).

The conference is expected to cover a broad spectrum of topics, ranging from elastic and diffraction processes in high-energy physics to collisions of heavy ions and cosmic ray physics, and related topics. The conference will focus on the most recent experimental and theoretical results and the goal is to foster discussions between experimentalists and theorists.

#### **REGISTRATION AND ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

Registration and abstract submission is now open. Please use the Indico system, at the links given on the conference web site.

- ❖ The deadline for registration is **May 31, 2017**
- ❖ Abstracts should be submitted before **April 15, 2017**.

The abstract submission requires a CERN Indico account. If you do not have it and you do not want to create one, please send your abstract to the organisers ([eds17@fzu.cz](mailto:eds17@fzu.cz)).

#### **FEE FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE WORKSHOP**

The conference fee is 9 500 CZK and covers conference organization cost, welcome reception, coffee breaks, five lunches, conference banquet and excursion.

If you register and pay before **1st of May 2017**, the conference fee is reduced to 8 500 CZK.

Accompanying person fee is 1 600 CZK and includes welcome reception, conference banquet and excursion.

You have the option to pay by credit card (this does not require a PayPal account) or direct debit, both via the PayPal option during the registration process. Alternatively you may pay via bank transfer using the following details:

#### **Bank transfer**

Bank: **UniCredit Bank Czech Republic**

IBAN: **CZ312700000002106535627**

SWIFT (BIC): **BACXCZPP**

Name of beneficiary: **Fyzikalni ustav AV CR, v.v.i.**

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Vat ID: **CZ68378271**

**Please mark the transfer in any case with the keyword „EDS17“ and attendee's name(s).**

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

The conference venue is located in the area of the Czech Technical University in Prague, easily reachable by the public transportation, with all amenities expected from a place not far from the city center. Number of good hotels can be found in the vicinity.

**PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR LODGING WELL IN ADVANCE - END OF JUNE IS A HIGH SEASON IN PRAGUE**

We have booked 8 units of two double-bed rooms in the student dormitory 17 listopadu. In one unit a toilet and bathroom is shared. For more details, see the conference web page under section Lodging possibilities.

#### **TOPICS AND CONVENERS**

The topics of the conference have been organized in several sessions and for most of the sessions we aimed at having two experimental and one theory colleagues who kindly accepted to coordinate the collection of selected talks and to contribute to the organization of the scientific program.

The list of sessions and their conveners is as follows:

**\*\*\* Elastic scattering and total cross section \*\*\***

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**\*\*\* Soft QCD and soft diffraction \*\*\***

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**\*\*\* Hard diffraction and central exclusive production \*\*\***

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**\*\*\* Heavy ions \*\*\***

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**\*\*\* Theory development in forward physics \*\*\***

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If you wish to give a talk at the conference, please submit your abstract via the abstract submission form at the conference web page and contact the appropriate convener. Please indicate the title, abstract and session of your talk in the abstract submission form.

We are looking forward to your participation.

Best regards,

The Local Organizing Committee

## **LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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