

STARS 2019

5th Caribbean Symposium on Cosmology,
Gravitation, Nuclear and Astroparticle Physics
May 6 - 8, Havana, Cuba

SMFNS 2019

6th International Symposium on Strong
electroMagnetic Fields and Neutron Stars
May 9-12, Varadero, Cuba

Havana, 15th March 2019

Dear colleagues,

Hereby, we would like to remind you that we are organizing the fifth and sixth editions of a series of meetings gathering scientists working on astroparticle physics, cosmology, gravitation, nuclear physics, and related fields. As in previous years, the sessions will consist of invited and contributed talks covering recent developments in the following topics:

- **STARS2019** (May 6-8, 2019): New phenomena and new states of matter in the Universe, general relativity, gravitational waves, 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, dark energy and dark matter, strange matter and strange stars, antimatter in the Universe, and related topics.

Please notice that STARS2019 sessions will be held in the **Museum “Casa del Árabe”** (Oficios 16, Havana 10100) in Old Havana. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the original venue Colegio Universitario San Geronimo de La Habana will not be accessible during the conference period.

- **SMFNS2019** (May 9-12, 2019): 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.

SMFNS will take place in the Naviti Beach Club Varadero Hotel, which is in Autopista Sur, Km 11, Varadero.

There will be a poster session during STARS 2019. Professor Walter Greiner Award will be granted to the best three posters presented by students.

In addition, before STARS2019, a school about “*Relativistic astrophysics and connected problems*” will be held on May 3 and 4 at ICIMAF, located in Calle E esq. a 15, La Habana 10400, Cuba.

The email account of the conferences is stars2019smfns@gmail.com. Please visit our website (<https://indico.cern.ch/e/stars2019>) for registration and abstract submission. The deadline is in April. However, we encourage participants to send the title of their presentation before March

31 in order to conform a preliminary schedule of both conferences. Additional information about the events can be found on the website.

The registration fees, to be charged as a single fee for both events, are 300 Euros (150 Euros for students). No facilities for payment by credit card are available at the registration desk. The conference fee should be paid preferably in cash at the registration desk or by international money transfer (free of bank charges for the recipient) to the following account:

Account Holder: OCE. Ministerio Ciencia Tecnología y Medio Ambiente: Soc. Cubana de Física

Account Number: 0525820023270025

Bank: Banco Metropolitano S.A.

SWIFT Code/BIC: BMNBCUHH

Address: Galiano 452 esq. a San José, CP 10200, La Habana, Cuba.

Payment details: STARS2019 participant_name

Accommodation

Havana - Since STARS 2019 will take place at a Cultural Institution, we cannot provide a hotel venue. However, we suggest organizing the accommodation in Havana with:

San Cristobal Travel Agency

Phone: +53 78697490 ext 49015

Email: esp_eu7@viajessancristobal.cu

Contact person: Margarita Cunill Alonso

Varadero - Accommodation and Havana/Varadero/Havana transportation is organized by:

Agencia de Viajes Gaviota Tours S.A.

Phone: +53 7 204 78 16

Fax: +53 7 204 4111

Participants must make their own hotel room's reservation directly with Gaviota Tours Commercial Office. Please send an e-mail message to

Mr. Liuver Ramírez Laurencio (comercial8.ventas@gaviotatours.cu),

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informing the period in which you intend to stay in Cuba, if you want to stay in a single or double room, and if you plan to travel with a companion or not. If you want to stay for a longer period in Cuba and visit other places, Mr. Ramírez and/or Ms. Arevalos can also organize the extension of your stay in Cuba.

The packages are offered on the website of the events.

We would be much honored to have your participation in the events STARS2019 and SMFNS2019.

Local Organizing Committee