

# 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, September 2018

Dear colleagues:

We are organizing the meetings STARS 2019 in Havana and SMFNS 2019 in Varadero, Cuba.

The events will be the fifth and the sixth in 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:

- **STARS 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 topics related to these.
- **SMFNS 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.

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

We have created the email account [stars2019smfns@gmail.com](mailto:stars2019smfns@gmail.com) as well as [the posters and banner of the conferences](#). The agreed dates are the following:

- May 6-8, 2019: STARS will be held at [Colegio Universitario San Geronimo de La Habana](#), the oldest higher education center of Cuba, constituting an architectural and educational heritage of the country. The College is located at Obispo St., 10200 Old Havana, Havana, Cuba.
- May 9-12, 2019: SMFNS will take place in the Naviti Beach Club Varadero Hotel, which is located in Autopista Sur, Km 11, Varadero.

We would be much honored to have your participation in the events STARS 2019 and SMFNS 2019. For more information about the events (Overview, Conference Venues, Timetable, Registration, Participant List, Travel Information, Accommodation, Latest News), please visit our website: <https://indico.cern.ch/e/stars2019>. Registration and abstract submission are now open. Submission deadline is April 14, 2019 at 17:59 (Time in Cuba).

The **registration fees**, to be charged as a single fee for both events, are 300 Euros (150 Euros for students). The conference fee will cover lunches and coffee breaks during the meeting sessions as well as the participation in the Conference Dinner and the Welcome Cocktail. The fee payment will additionally entitle each participant to receive the books of abstracts and other promotional materials.

#### **Accommodation in Havana:**

Since STARS 2019 Conference will take place at a University, we cannot provide a hotel venue.

However, we suggest to organize the accommodation in Havana with San Cristobal travel Agency:

San Cristobal Travel Agency

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Email: [esp\\_eu7@viajessancristobal.cu](mailto:esp_eu7@viajessancristobal.cu)

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#### **Accommodation in Varadero:**

The accommodation in Varadero (including the Havana/Varadero/Havana transportation) is organized by Gaviota Tours S.A.:

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

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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.

Local Organizing Committee