

Benasque 2018 workshop

Cosmological probes of BSM — from the Big Bang to the LHC

May 6-12, 2018

<http://benasque.org/2018bsm/>

The workshop is approaching and we are looking forward to exciting discussions in Benasque. Last week, you must have received an official acceptance letter from the Benasque secretaries. Some actions will be needed on your side to confirm your participation and to book your accommodation.

As a first bulletin, here is some updated information about the workshop:

1. You should confirm your participation with the Benasque secretaries as soon as possible (if your travel plans have changed or you cannot participate in the workshop any longer, please let them know too!).

2. We advise you to book your accommodation as soon as possible by filling in the form you've received from the secretaries (deadline is April 25, but the sooner, the better of course).

3. The schedule will remain deliberately light and we are planning three invited talks per day that should serve as seeds to lively discussions. A tentative (and still evolving) timetable is attached below.

4. The center offers plenty of office rooms and open space for informal discussions and collaborative work, which is the primary goal of this workshop.

5. In addition, there will be time available in the afternoons for some spontaneous talks as well as some contributed talks by those of you who are interested in presenting some results. Please contact us by email.

On the logistic side: (see the [webpage](#) for details)

- a bus ride will be organized on Sunday May 6 afternoon from Barcelona to Benasque. You need to book a seat if you plan to board this bus.
- there will be a return bus from Benasque to Barcelona on Saturday May 12 morning. You need to book a seat too.
- a small reception (Spanish pica-pica) will be organised on Monday May 7 and a farewell drink party on Friday May 11.
- there is no lunch/dinner service at the science center but there are many restaurants nearby offering good food (and wine) for a reasonable price.

See you soon in the Spanish Pyrenees,
Aurelio, Christophe, Kfir and Oriol.

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	Mon 07.05	Tue 08.05	Wed 09.05	Thu 10.05	Fri 11.05
9:30-10:00	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE
10:00-13:00	Inflation Miscellaneous Westphal Espinosa Pomarol	Light Scalars Brax Thamm Ziegler	Topological Defects Vachaspati Blanco-Pillado Moroi	PBH Ali-Haimoud Garriga Mukaida	DM Hambye Schwaller Ruderman
13:00-15:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
15:00-16:30	informal discussions	informal discussions	informal discussions	informal discussions	informal discussions
16:30-17:00	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE
17:00-18:00	contributed talks	contributed talks	contributed talks	contributed talks	contributed talks
	Welcome reception				Farewell drink