

Dear colleagues and friends from RD51,

We are proud to announce that the next RD51 collaboration meeting will take place in Santiago de Compostela, from the 22nd to the 26th of June, 2020. Santiago is an important cultural and religious European hub, both its *old town* and *Pilgrim's way* being part of UNESCO world heritage. Situated in the North-West of Spain, where the early romans identified the End of the Earth ('Finisterrae'), its university (USC) is one of the oldest *continuously running* universities in the world. USC played a role in bringing MPGDs mainstream, introducing one of its first applications to high energy particle physics (the development of the MSGCs for the DIRAC experiment at CERN, in the late 90's), and in its labs researchers of various teams have been continuously doing R&D on gaseous detectors ever since (DIRAC, HADES, R3B and, recently, NEXT, and DUNE-MPD). We are extremely happy to welcome back the MPGD community after such a long two-decade journey!.

Following the tradition in earlier RD51 collaboration meetings, a satellite topical workshop is being organized (*New Horizons for Time Projection Chambers*), so that scientific activities will extend for an entire week, from Monday morning (22nd) up to Friday afternoon (26th). A number of social activities is planned, as well as a visit to the USC lab facilities. Summer solstice is a magical time here in Santiago, as you will have the opportunity to experience for instance during the *Saint John's night* (June 23rd). Therefore, given that in these dates the city is particularly crowded with pilgrims and tourists alike, finding an accommodation early on is convenient. If you want to start your arrangements now, we have pre-booked a number of rooms for you at Eurostars Gran Hotel Santiago, at convenient distance from the university campus. Please do not hesitate to contact us if help would be needed with your visa application or anything else: RD51CMSantiago@igfae.usc.es.

Please note that, in order to encourage participation of young students to the meeting, a number of grants will be awarded, with preference to those presenting an oral contribution.

Looking forward to seeing you in Santiago!

Santiago, 24-Feb-2020,



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