

Jaén, 26th January 2009.

Third and final announcement of the international meeting on

HIGH ENERGY PHENOMENA IN MASSIVE STARS

to be held at the University of Jaén during 2nd to 5th February 2009

<http://www.ujaen.es/congreso/massive.stars2009/>

This is the third and final announcement of the Jaén meeting on high energy phenomena in massive stars. The dates of the meeting are fast approaching and it is time to provide all the participants with the latest scientific and practical informations. But first of all, we wish to thank all of you for the interest expressed towards this conference and your effort coming to attend it. The number of participants remarkably amounts to more than 50 people at the time of closing the registration deadline.

The final program has been recently posted on the conference web page. As you will see, we have a broad range of contributions and most of them will be of oral nature. The range of topics addressed in the meeting have been fine-tuned by the SOC and we will also have a session on 'other emission processes' relevant to understand the gamma-ray emission from stars, including X-ray and neutrino emissions.

The key points that we wish to bring to your attention are:

- Registration: upon arrival to the conference building (see venue instructions in our web), you will find a reception desk in the first floor where a LOC team will welcome you and help to complete any remaining registration formalities. The conference room is located just next to the reception desk.
- Only one PC will be used during the oral presentations. Participants are requested to bring their power point talks in a pen drive and upload them in advance during coffee breaks or other free time intervals. Mac users please bring a pdf or ppt-compatible file. We kindly ask all the speakers to send us their presentations in advance by e-mail, if possible. This call is strongly addressed to speakers having their contribution during the first sessions.
- Invoices and certificates of attendance: by default, your conference pack will contain a certificate of attendance. The LOC can also provide you on request with a simple receipt of your registration fee. However, if you need an **official invoice** issued by the University of Jaén stating your registration fee, then we need to have your complete billing details. If you have submitted your billing form in advance, the invoice will likely be waiting for you. Otherwise, we will collect your billing data and try to have the invoice ready during the meeting or send it by mail to you after it. The issuing of official invoices has to be requested by us to the university financial office. This may take a few days, so it is better if you send your billing form well in advance.
- Proceedings: the information to prepare the papers with your contributions is already available in our web. The page limits are yet to be decided and they will be announced

during the meeting. As already informed before, our publisher will be the *Astronomical Society of the Pacific Conference Series* (ASPCS). We remind the participants that is mandatory to provide us with the signed **copyright form** for each contribution. You will be requested to do so during your registration. In addition, any author shall obtain a **permission to use form** signed by the copyright holder if his/her paper includes any material whose copyright does not belong to him/her. Afterwards, this permission form must be forwarded to the Editor. Hard copies of all these forms will be available from us during the meeting and they are already posted at the meeting and ASPCS web pages.

- Proceedings deadline: you must submit your paper not later than **15th May 2009** sharp!

- Lunches during the meeting and the excursion to the cities of Ubeda and Baeza are included with your registration fee. During registration, you will be asked if you wish to sign for these activities because we need to know exactly how many people will attend. Lunches will consist of a normal two course meal with a soft drink. The LOC will do its best to match any special or vegetarian requirement if informed in advance.

- Conference dinner: the conference dinner will be at the Castle of Santa Catalina, also known as the ‘Parador’, a nice hotel facility on top of the mountains surrounding Jaén. A round trip bus will be available for the participants willing to use this service. Otherwise the Castle can be easily reached by taxi at an acceptable cost. The cost of the dinner is partially funded by the organisers and finally amounts to **30 euro**. It will consist of starters, two main courses and dessert plus a nice assortment of drinks (wine, beer, water and soft drinks). If you wish to attend the dinner, payment in cash will be collected at the time of registration. Any extra items not included in the menu are at the participant’s expenses.

- Survival manual: the LOC Chairman has prepared a practical survival manual in Jaén that contains many practical informations often presented with a good sense of humour approach.

- Weather perspectives: almost all Spain has been under significant winds, rain and snow during the latest weeks. The weather in southern Spain is often not too extreme even in winter. However, this year temperatures have been lower than usual. We expect that the weather will improve as the meeting approaches, but better take some winter clothes with you just in case.

- Finally, for all social activities (conference dinner, lunches, reception, etc.) please have your identification badges with you in a visible place.

Hoping to see you soon in Jaén,

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on behalf of SOC & LOC