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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

MESON conference is a biennial event with the goal to establish closer contacts between experimentalists and theorists involved in the studies of meson production, properties, interaction and related items. The workshop will cover both experimental and theoretical aspects, and in particular presentation of new results.

The main topics of the workshop are:

• hadronic and electromagnetic meson production,
• meson interaction with mesons, nucleons and nuclei,
• structure of hadrons,
• fundamental symmetries,
• exotic hadronic systems,
• novel approaches in theory and experiment.

The intention is to provide an overview of the present status in these fields as well as of new developments, and a preview of forthcoming investigations. This workshop - the 16th of the series - will extend the tradition of holding this meeting in Kraków since 1991.

FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

The sessions will be held from Thursday, June 4th, to Tuesday, June 9th, 2020. The plenary sessions are intended for invited general lectures and the parallel sessions will be mostly primarily devoted to contributed papers. A poster session will provide opportunity for students and young scientists the opportunity to present the results of their work. The organizers request all participants (including invited speakers) to submit abstracts of their contributions until March 22nd, 2020. Several slots in the plenary sessions have been reserved to promote several selected contributed talks.

INDICO

We use the Indico system to manage conference data. Therefore before registration to the conference, each participant needs to have a local Indico account. All accounts created for the previous conference editions remain valid. Using the Indico account, users may register for the conference, modify their registration records, submit abstracts and upload presentations. Indico will also be used to collect contributions to the conference proceedings.
The proceedings of the last conference, MESON2018, have been published in the European Physical Journal Web of Conferences Vol. 199, 2018. For the 2020 edition, contributions from all speakers and authors of posters will also be published in an on-line journal. Detailed information on the preparation of papers will be given during the workshop.

**KEY DATES**

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**REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE FEE**

A conference fee of **400 EUR** will be charged to all participants (**350 EUR** if paid before May 4th, 2020). The conference fee will cover lunches during the workshop, a conference kit, the Sunday excursion, refreshments during coffee breaks, the banquet and publication of the proceedings. Costs for the banquet and excursion (**40 EUR** each) for accompanying persons will be charged at the conference site, but the information should be included in the registration form of the participant.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

To promote participation of young researchers and scientists from developing countries, we offer a reduction of the conference fee or free accommodation in the guest rooms of the Institute of Nuclear Physics, Polish Academy of Sciences. Interested participants should apply before March 22nd, 2020, by sending an email to the organizers providing a brief presentation of qualifications for receiving financial assistance. Responses will be sent within a week after deadline for applications.

**LOCATION**

The workshop will be held in the Auditorium Maximum of the Jagiellonian University. It is located in the town center, a ten-minute walking distance from the Market Square.

**ACCOMMODATION**

We do not provide an interface between the participants and the hotels. Instead, we have reserved a number of hotel rooms in a few hotels, and you are invited to contact the hotel directly to make a reservation. Their locations, prices, deadlines and contact information are available on the conference web page.

**SOCIAL PROGRAM**

On Thursday afternoon, June 4th, after the last session of the day, a welcome reception will be held in the conference center.

On Sunday, June 7th, we kindly invite you for an exciting visit in the Bochnia Salt Mine. The visit is offered in three unique variants: a touristic route with multimedia exhibition, a nature route across geological structures of the mine, and a historical route through old mine structures. Each route includes a boat trip across the 120 m long underground lake. In the end of the day, after the salt mine visit, we invite you for a barbecue party to end this day together. If for any kind of health issues you cannot go down to the mine, please contact organizers and we will help you organize equally exciting activities.

On Monday, June 8th, all participants are invited to the conference dinner, which will be held in one of the magic places of Kraków.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Kraków!

Organizing Committee