

# 18<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Meson Physics

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### MESON2026 Workshop

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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 presentations 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 18<sup>th</sup> of the series** - will extend the tradition of holding this meeting in Kraków since 1991.

### KEY DATES

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| February  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,  | 2026 | Registration and abstract submission beginning                                  |
| April     | 1 <sup>st</sup> ,  | 2026 | Extended deadline for abstract submission and application for financial support |
| April     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> , | 2026 | Notification of acceptance  |
| May       | 13 <sup>th</sup> , | 2026 | Deadline for registration and reduced fee payment                               |
| May       | 27 <sup>th</sup> , | 2026 | Deadline for conference fee payment   |
| September | 15 <sup>th</sup> , | 2026 | Deadline for proceedings submission   |

### FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

The sessions will be held from Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, to Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The plenary sessions are intended for invited general lectures, and the parallel sessions will be mostly devoted to contributed papers. A poster session will provide students and early-career scientists with an opportunity to present the results of their research, and the Best Poster Award, sponsored by NupECC, will be presented to the most outstanding contribution. The organizers request all participants (including invited speakers) to submit abstracts of their contributions until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Several slots in the plenary sessions have been reserved to promote 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.

## PROCEEDINGS

For the 2026 edition, contributions from all speakers and authors of posters will be published in an on-line journal. Detailed information on the preparation of papers will be given during the workshop.

## REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE FEE

A conference fee of 500 EUR will be charged to all participants (reduced fee of 450 EUR if paid before May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023). 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 April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, 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.

We also offer support for scientist from Ukraine willing to participate in the conference. They should contact the organizers by e-mail for further details.

## MAILING LIST

We invite all scientists interested in this and further MESON workshops to subscribe to our mailing list. To subscribe, please send an e-mail to the address: [sympa@mailing.uj.edu.pl](mailto:sympa@mailing.uj.edu.pl) with topic

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They list will be used only to distribute MESON-related announcements.

## INVITATION LETTERS AND VISAS

If conference invitation letter is required for travel organization purpose or obtaining visa, please contact us on [meson@uj.edu.pl](mailto:meson@uj.edu.pl). Please state the purpose and provide all required information you wish to be included in the letter.

## LOCATION

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

## ACCOMMODATION

We do not provide an interface between the participants and the hotels. Be aware of Fraudulent Hotel Booking Emails requesting of your arrival or departure dates in order to reserve your room or send a hotel booking link and requesting payment. MESON is not making any hotel arrangements and is not sending any e-mail. If you have received a such e-mail please report it to us: [meson@uj.edu.pl](mailto:meson@uj.edu.pl).

## SOCIAL PROGRAM

On Thursday afternoon, June 25<sup>th</sup>, after the last session of the day, a welcome reception will be held in the conference center.

On Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, we invite you to join us on a trip to a place of historical, cultural, scientific or natural significance. We will offer a selection of destinations to choose from, ensuring that everyone finds something to enjoy. The destinations are described on our page. Check the Social Program tab on our page.

On Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 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