

The 57th Annual Conference of the South African Institute of Physics

9 - 13 July 2012

Call for Abstracts

It is with great pleasure that the Department of Physics at the University of Pretoria invites you to submit abstracts for the 57th annual conference of the SAIP. Abstract submission will close on 13 April 2012.

This four day conference, held on the Hatfield campus, will be officially opened on Monday evening, 9 July and will end with a banquet on Friday evening 13 July. A Winter school program will run on Monday 9 July.

Important Dates:

- 12 March: Abstract submission & registration open
- 13 April: Abstract submission closes
- 13 May: Notification of acceptance of abstract
- 1 June: Registration closes
- 8 June: Payment deadline
- 2 July: Submission deadline for short papers for conference proceedings
- 9 July: Winter school: "The physics of probing matter - with emphasis on neutrons"
Winter school: "Easy Java Simulations for Physics"
- 10 - 13 July: Conference

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Winter schools: Monday 9 July

Prospective Winter school attendees may choose from

1. a full day school on the use of neutrons as probes to study matter organized in conjunction with the Applied Physics Division and NECSA
- or
2. a half-day school on the use of Easy Java Simulations (EJS is part of the Open Source Physics Project) for physics teaching and learning.

Both Winter school fees include refreshments and lunch.

Accommodation:

Accommodation in the university residences is available to all delegates. A 200-room residence is situated next to the university entrance, and is one block away from the vibrant Hatfield Square. The first 200 delegates who book residence accommodation will be placed here, and the rest will be accommodated in another residence for which a shuttle bus service will be provided. Several guesthouses and hotels are also available and a list is provided on the website. Booking for these is the responsibility of the delegate.

Transport:

A shuttle service will operate between the conference venue and the Hatfield Gautrain station. Information on the Gautrain link between Hatfield and OR Tambo International Airport will be posted on the website. If you are planning on arriving at Lanseria Airport, you will have to make your own arrangements to get to the conference venue.

Conference proceedings:

Delegates will be able to publish short papers in DHET recognized (but not DHET accredited) conference proceedings. More information will be available on the conference website as soon as the local organizing committee has implemented recommendations from the SAIP council.

Physics demonstration competition:

On the afternoon of Wednesday 11 July there will be a Physics Demonstration competition open for individuals or groups. Entrants will have 10-20 minutes to demonstrate a physics concept, and will be judged by peers and a group of school learners. Details of the competition, and the prizes will be posted on the web site in due course.



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