
BALKAN WORKSHOP 2013 – BW2013

Beyond the Standard Models - Ten Years of the SEENET-MTP Network -

<http://bw2013.seenet-mtp.info/>
25 – 29 April, 2013, Vrnjačka Banja, Serbia

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Faculty of Science and Mathematics, University of Niš, Serbia, in cooperation with CERN Theory Division and LMU/MPI Munich organizes the **Balkan Workshop BW2013**. Physical Society Niš is the local co-organizer. The BW2013 will be the main event of the SEENET-MTP Network in 2013, along with the celebration marking ten years of the SEENET-MTP. BW2013 is also the satellite meeting of the XII Congress of Serbian Physicists

BW2013 will be held in Vrnjačka Banja, located in the western part of Serbia. Natural beauty and curative thermal waters have been known and used since Roman times.

For most of the participants **Arrival day** is Friday, 25th April; **departure day** is Monday, 29th April.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

L. Alvarez-Gaume (CERN), N. Bilic (Zagreb), P. Creminelli (ICTP),
G. Djordjevic (Nis), M. Haack (Munich), G. Martinelli (SISSA), D. Stojkovic (Buffalo)

TOPICS

- Cosmology, Dark Matter and Dark Energy, Inflation and Astroparticle Physics
- LHC – Particle Physics Theory and Phenomenology
- String Theory, Planck Scale Physics – Theoretical and Mathematical Concepts.

Besides the pure scientific part of the meeting, the BW2013 workshop program will consist of the

- regular biannual meeting of the SEENET-MTP Representative Committee (Council),
 - Kick-off meeting of the European Physical Society Committee of European Integration (EPS-CEI)
 - round table on Physics in Central Europe
- These parts of the program are organized in cooperation with UNESCO, Central European Initiative (CEI), EPS and Serbian Physical Society (SPS).

PRESENTATIONS AND PROGRAM:

All talks will be held in the lecture room in hotel “Vila Aleksandar”. Time allowed for the talks are 30 or 15 minutes. A still preliminary program is subject to change
(<http://bw2013.seenet-mtp.info/program>)

During the Workshop a laptop will be provided that enables you to present the slides that you bring along with your USB stick. Our laptops are MS Windows based and equipped with the usual presentation and playback applications, such as Microsoft PowerPoint (2003 or 2007), Adobe Acrobat

Reader X and VLC player. Furthermore, the laptops have cordless presenters with integrated laser pointers.

We recommend that you choose a PDF or PowerPoint format for your presentation and transfer it to the conference laptop and give it a test during one of the breaks before your lecture. If you send us your presentation in advance by email (ppt@bw2013.seenet-mtp.info), we will test it prior to the conference and transfer it to the conference laptop.

If you prefer using your own laptop, it should be equipped with a VGA output port or an appropriate adapter. Resolution of our data projectors is either 800x600 or 1024x768. Two flip charts will be also available.

A session for poster presentations will be also organized. Posters will be placed on panels (and fastened by pins), maximal size is A1 (594 x 841 mm).

PUBLICATIONS:

The organizers prepare the BW2013 Book of Short Contributions and Extended Abstracts to be delivered to the participants during registration. The selected papers from the Workshop will be published after the meeting elsewhere. More information will be given during the Workshop.

PARTICIPANTS:

The organizers will cover local expenses for a number of invited lecturers. Living expenses and a part of the travel expenses will be covered for a limited number of students and researchers from the CEI-SEE region, in accordance with the sponsor's rules. All accompanying persons have to fill in the registration form or provide the organizers with all necessary data by e-mail as soon as possible

SOCIAL EVENTS:

A Welcome cocktail on arrival day (25th of April), a guided walking tour in Vrnjacka banja followed by the Workshop dinner on 27th of April (hotel "Vila Aleksandar").

REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee is 150 EURO (75 EURO for students, and accompanying persons). SEENET-MTP MEMBERS will have 20% discount. Detailed instructions at the Workshop's web page (<http://bw2013.seenet-mtp.info/registration-fee>).

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Vrnjačka Banja can be reached

- by car, from Belgrade by highway (E-75) Belgrade-Nis, exit at Batočina (115 km), and then by regional road via Kragujevac and Kraljevo to Vrnjacka Banja (90 km); It is possible to park for free in front of the hotels.
- by bus, from Belgrade (10-15 departures/day) and Nis Bus Station (5-7 departures/day). A taxi from Vrnjačka Banja bus station to the hotels costs approx. 200 dinars (less than 2 EUR).

Google Maps Directions: <http://goo.gl/maps/h7xGb>. More information at the Workshop's web page.

Transfer for a number of participants from the Belgrade airport to Vrnjacka Banja will be organized. The number of shuttle buses and their schedule depends on timing of receiving the corresponding itineraries and approval of the local administration that this service can be properly co-financed by the Faculty of Science as the main organizer. All participants who ask for a transfer and provided the organizers by their itinerary will be informed directly about their transfer.

ACCOMMODATION

Most of the participants will be accommodated in

- Hotel “Vila Aleksandar”, Čajkina 7 street, Tel: +381 (0)36 617 999, email: aleksandarvila@todor.rs;
- Hotel “Breza”, Vrnjačka 26 street, Tel: +381 (0)36 612 400, email: info@hotelbreza.rs,

A number of participants will be accommodated in

- Hotel “Zvezda”, Vrnjačka 12 street, Tel: +381 (0)36 611 770, 36210 Vrnjačka Banja.

Hotel “Breza” and Hotel “Zvezda” are within short walking distance from the meeting venue. Map of Vrnjačka banja can be found here (<http://bw2013.seenet-mtp.info/accomodation>).

Your workshop material and badge will be distributed to you upon your arrival and registration. Please ask for this upon check-in at the L.O.C. Office, hotel “Vila Aleksandar”.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE:

The monetary unit is Serbian dinar. Money can be changed in hotel “Vila Aleksandar” or nearby exchange offices (exchange rate: 1 EUR approx. 113 dinars, changes daily).

Bills: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000 and 5000 dinars

Coins: 50 para (1 dinar is composed of 100 para), 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 dinars.

SPONSORS:

CEI, UNESCO, ICTP, Serbian Ministry for Science (TBC), under the patronage of EPS. Some support and logistics are provided by the Faculty of Science and Mathematics Niš, and Physical Society Niš.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

G. Djordjevic (Chairman), Lj. Nestic (Co-Chairman),

D. Delibasic, D. Dimitrijević, N. Filipovic, M. Milosevic, M. Simonovic, J. Stankovic

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LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN VRNJAČKA BANJA, SERBIA!