

# XVIII INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PARTICLES, STRINGS AND COSMOLOGY PASCOS 2012

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## Bulletin #2

PASCOS 2012 will be held in the City of Mérida, Mexico. The conference is aimed at exploring the interface and interplay between particle physics, string theory and cosmology. With the advent of new data, the emphasis this year will be on phenomenology and the interpretation of recent observational and experimental results.

The conference will take place at the Fiesta Americana Hotel in Mérida, Yucatán. The hotel is appropriate both for conventions and pleasure trips. It is conveniently located at the intersection of two major avenues, close to the city centre, restaurants and shopping facilities.

<http://www.fiestamericana.com/en/merida/hotel-merida>

## IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for abstract submission	May 2, 2012
Selection of accepted talks	May 6, 2012
Deadline for registration	May 13, 2012

## PROGRAMME

The conference will start on the 3rd of June in the evening, with the registration and reception. The lectures start on June 4 and go until June 8. The conference will follow the format of previous conferences in this series, with plenary reviews and contributed presentations in parallel sessions.

Plenary speakers include:

Nathan Berkovits	Sao Paulo State University
Alberto Casas	Madrid Autonomous University
Laura Covi	Göttingen University
Daniel J. Chung	Wisconsin University
Mirjam Cvetič	Pennsylvania University
Abdelhak Djouadi	LPT, Paris-Sud University
Jens Erler	Mexico Nat. Autonomous University
Pavel Fileviez Pérez	CCPP, New York University
Paul Frampton	North Carolina University
Paolo Gondolo	Utah University
André de Gouvêa	Northwestern University
Steen Hannestad	Aarhus University

Jonathan Heckman	IAS, Princeton
Tobias Hurth	Mainz University
Jihn Kim	Seoul National University
Manfred Lindner	MPI für Kernphysik
Alessandro Melchiorri	Rome University "La Sapienza"
Peter Mezsaros	Pennsylvania State University
Pran Nath	Northeastern University
Stefano Profumo	UCLA, Santa Cruz
Stuart Raby	Ohio State University
Andreas Ringwald	DESY
Gary Shiu	Wisconsin University
Günter Sigl	Hamburg University
Peter Tandy	Kent State University
José Valle	IFIC/CSIC-U. Valencia
Dirk Zerwas	LAL IN2P3/CNRS, Orsay

## REGISTRATION

The registration fee will be of USD 300 (4,000 MXN) before April 1<sup>st</sup>, and of USD 350 (4,600 MXN) after this date. A reduced rate of USD 200 (2,600 MXN) will apply to Ph.D. students before April 1<sup>st</sup>, USD 250 (3,300 MXN) after this date. A proof of student status will be required to qualify for the reduced rate.

The registration fee covers reception, banquet, lunches, coffee breaks, excursion and proceedings.

There will be a limited amount of support available, in the form of reduction of the conference fee. Priority will be given to students, postdocs and attendees from third world countries. There is some support for Latin American students from ICTP. Students are asked to back their application with a letter of support from their supervisor, to be sent to [pascos2012@pegaso.fisica.unam.mx](mailto:pascos2012@pegaso.fisica.unam.mx).

## PAYMENT

To pay with credit card follow the link provided in the web page, under registration. Alternatively, you can pay by bank transfer to the dollar account or the pesos account of the Mexican Physical Society. You can also pay cash during the registration.

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## ACCOMMODATION

The Fiesta Americana hotel is the conference venue. A number of rooms have been pre-booked at a special rate of [\\$1,389.-MXN](#) per day (taxes included, breakfast not included). A one-off amount of \$30.-MXN will be charged as a tip for the bell-boy. Requests will be processed on a first come first served basis and will be subject to room availability. Reservations should be made with the group code [GRUPO PASCOS](#) or [GS55I@FMD](#).

Since a lot of tourism is expected in Merida and in the Yucatan peninsula in 2012, we suggest you make your hotel booking as soon as possible.

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For the reservation you may phone directly the Hotel at 01 800 504 5000. If you do your reservation through internet you will have to follow the link to the Spanish pages of the hotel <http://www.fiestamericana.com/es/merida/hotel-merida/> for the system to recognize the group code GRUPO PASCOS or [GS55I@FMD](#).

There is a list of other hotels near the conference venue at the web page of the event.

## PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings will be published with *Journal of Physics: Conference Series*, details will be provided soon.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

The social events, which include a reception on the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, a banquet and an excursion to Dzibilchaltún, are all included in the inscription fee.

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