



VIII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUCLEUS-NUCLEUS COLLISIONS

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We have the pleasure to announce that the VIII International Conference on Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions is scheduled to take place in Moscow (Russia) on June 17-21, 2003.

The Host Institution is the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, Russia.

The Conference will be held at the World Trade Center Moscow.

SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE

The Scientific Program will cover the following topics:

- Nuclei at the borders of stability
- Nuclear fragmentation and liquid-gas phase transitions
- Hadrons and quark-gluon plasma
- Nuclear structure in nucleus-nucleus collisions and high spin physics
- Equation of state of nuclear matter
- Fusion and fission dynamics. Superheavy elements
- Nuclear astrophysics
- Accelerator facilities and applications of heavy ions

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Conference program will consist of plenary and parallel sessions. A poster session is also planned. By the beginning of the Conference a Booklet of Abstracts, consisting of all the abstracts submitted to the Organizing Committee by January 15, 2003, will be printed. The Organizing Committee needs the abstracts for the selection of the oral presentations to be included in the program. The abstracts should not exceed 1 page (17 cm x 25.5 cm) and are to be submitted as Microsoft Word, PostScript or PDF files desirably by E-mail completely ready for direct reproduction. The Booklet will be distributed to all participants during the conference registration.

It is planned to publish the Proceedings of the Conference as a special issue of "Nuclear Physics A". The authors will receive all typing instructions by e-mail from the publisher.

The working language of the Conference is English.

REGISTRATION FEE

The regular registration fee for participants in the Conference amounting to 400 US \$ covers the Conference Proceedings and the Booklet of Abstracts, the welcome reception, the conference banquet, all coffee breaks, cultural events and the transportation from Moscow International airports to the city and back. The registration fee for accompanying persons amounting to 200 US \$ includes the transportation from Moscow International airports to the city and back, all the Conference social program activities as well as some cultural events. For accompanying persons several optional tours can be offered in addition.

Information about the payment of the regular registration fees will be given in the Second Bulletin.

The Organizing Committee will particularly encourage the participation of students and young scientists by making available limited financial assistance. It will cover a part of the local expenses, but not the travel expenses.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation will be organized in the high class “Mezhdunarodnaya” Hotel of the World Trade Center Moscow (WTCM) - <http://www.wtcmo.ru:8101/en/index.htm>. The WTCM is situated in the center of Moscow at a walking distance from the House of the Russian Government and within 4 km from the Kremlin.

The Hotel offers special discount for the Conference participants. The room rates per night, including breakfast, starting from the evening of June 16 to the afternoon of June 22, 2003 (the arrival and departure dates), will be:

Standard single	85 US \$
Superior single	95 US \$
Standard double	120 US \$

Rooms of higher comfortability are also available at the following prices per night:

Junior Suite	150 US \$
Suite	180 US \$
Business Suite	194 US \$

We plan to organize cheaper accommodation for students and young scientists at the Hotel “Soyuz”. Here the prices per night, are:

Single room	30 US \$
Double room (single occupancy)	40 US \$
Double room, two persons	50 US \$
Double room, two persons (double bed)	54 US \$
Junior Suite	72 US \$

Transportation will be organized from this Hotel to the Conference Hall at the WTCM.

VISAS

Foreign delegates are advised to inquire at the nearest Russian Consulate or Embassy whether a visa is required for their stay in Russia.

For arranging visas participants are requested to inform the Secretary

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of their and accompanying persons' full name; date of birth; passport number; passport validity; citizenship; arrival/departure dates; city of the Russian Consulate or Embassy, where the visa application is to be submitted, and itinerary inside Russia (please see the visa form). It is obligatory (!) to send by fax the main page of the passport. On receiving the official invitation-permission number

from the Department of Consular Service, the Secretary will inform the participant about it. He/she should then, presenting this permission number, apply to the Russian Consulate or Embassy for an entry visa for Russia.

Note: all participants living and working outside their native countries should fax the **RESIDENCE PERMIT** or some other document to the Secretary otherwise their papers on visas will not be accepted by the Department of Consular Service.

TIME-TABLE

Those interested in attending should indicate their intent by registering via the NN2003 web-site, or by returning the attached Application Form.

The deadlines for submitting are as follows:

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| - Application Form | <u>AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE</u> |
| - Abstracts | January 15, 2003 |
| - Form for Visa Application | March 1, 2003 |

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Further Information on the meeting may be found at: <http://www.nn2003.ru/>.

You are welcome to attend the meeting and contribute to its success.

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