

SQM2006 Second Circular (Nov 2005)

This is the second announcement for the International Conference on Strangeness in Quark Matter 2006 (SQM2006), to be held from March 26-31, 2006 at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) campus. Our web site <http://www.physics.ucla.edu/SQM2006> is now open for registration and abstract submission.

Scientific Program

The first day of the conference, March 26, 2006 will be dedicated to a symposium for junior physicists. The local organizing committee has asked Dr. Kenneth Barish, Dr. Markus Oldenburg, Dr. Giorgio Torrieri and Dr. Zhangbu Xu to help organize the symposium.

The symposium program will be part of the conference proceedings. The presentations of the symposium will be selected from submitted abstracts and a number of invited presentations may also be arranged to cover specific topics. The symposium will have an informal format and encourage discussions among participants. Although the symposium speakers will be mostly students and post-docs, all conference participants are encouraged to join the symposium. There will be a conference reception on the first day after the symposium.

The conference program from March 27-31, 2006 will be for plenary sessions. The conference program will focus mainly on physics of strangeness and heavy quark in nuclear collisions and astro-physics. We aim at creating an informal atmosphere with many discussions. There will be a half-day excursion in the afternoon of March 29, 2006.

Registration and Student Support

The registration at <http://www.physics.ucla.edu/SQM2006> is now open. You may send a check via regular mail or fax your credit card information to the conference coordinator for the payment. A confirmation email will be sent to you after we have processed your payment.

Students are encouraged to apply for registration fee waiver. A limited number of rooms at the Claremont hotel will also be available. Students, post-docs and junior physicists from foreign countries may also request assistance for the local lodging support. Decisions on the registration fee waiver and lodging support will be made by the end of January 2006. Application should be made at the conference web site as soon as possible.

Accommodations

A map with hotel locations with respect to the UCLA campus and Physics and Astronomy Building where the conference will be held is available at the conference web site. A number of recommended hotels is also listed. Please note the special conference rate applies only if you book the hotel room before the deadline. We urge you to book the conference hotel rooms well before the deadline as the conference week coincide with the spring break for many campuses in the southern California and there may be a high tourism demand on rooms.

Abstract Submission

The deadline to submit abstract to the conference is January 15, 2006. Several abstracts will be selected for plenary sessions of the conference. The student and post-doc symposium program will be mainly from abstracts submitted to the conference. A poster session will be arranged for abstracts not selected for oral presentation at the conference.

Students and post-docs who will apply for local support are particularly encouraged to submit abstracts to the conference. Decisions on oral presentation of selected abstracts will be made in early February 2006.

From Conference Organizers: Kenneth Barish, Huan Zhong Huang, Joseph Kapusta, Grazyna Odyniec, Johann Rafelski and Charles A. Whitten Jr.