



STRANGENESS IN QUARK MATTER 2013

Birmingham – July 22nd – 27th 2013

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

February 13th 2013

Dear Colleague,

You are cordially invited to participate in the conference

STRANGENESS IN QUARK MATTER 2013

The conference will be held at the University of Birmingham from July 22nd to 27th, 2013. The conference opens at 09:30 on Monday July 22nd 2013 (registration from 08:30) and ends at lunchtime on Saturday July 27th 2013. It will focus on new experimental and theoretical developments on the role of strange and heavy-flavour quarks in proton-proton and in heavy-ion collisions, and in astrophysical phenomena. New results are expected, from the LHC, from RHIC and from other experimental programmes. In keeping with the previous SQM meetings, the conference aims to provide a forum for the latest results, and to promote discussion on these topics in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Conference Website

<http://www.ep.ph.bham.ac.uk/SQM2013/>

Important Dates

Deadline for abstract submission	April 15th 2013
Visa application	April 30th 2013
Early registration closes	May 24th 2013
Late registration closes	June 24th 2013
Hotel reservation	June 24th 2013
Final announcement	July 1st 2013

Registration and conference fees

General registration will commence soon, when the final conference fees have been settled. Full details will be given in the next announcement.

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University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham UK B15 2TT - www.ep.ph.bham.ac.uk/SQM2013/

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Accommodation

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Accommodation has been arranged through the Birmingham Convention Bureau. Rooms have been reserved for the conference at a variety of prices at

<http://www.meetbirmingham.com/find-your-event/strangeness-in-quark-matter-sqm2013-9042>

Visas

Please note that the requirements to enter the United Kingdom on academic business are becoming more stringent. Please consult the website for further details. If you require a visa, you should register now and apply before April 30th 2013 to ensure the visa application is processed before the conference starts.

Travel

Birmingham is served by **Birmingham International Airport** (<http://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/>) about half an hour from the city centre. It is also at the hub of the United Kingdom railway network, with regular connections from all parts of the United Kingdom to **New Street** and **Moor Street** stations, with frequent train services to **London**, **Liverpool** and **Manchester**, amongst many other destinations. Birmingham University has its own railway station, with connecting services to New Street station every ten minutes. Full details are given at <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>.

About Birmingham

Birmingham is the second largest city in the United Kingdom, and is a major centre for commerce and tourism, attracting over 33 million visitors in 2011. Surrounded by the historic towns of Coventry, Lichfield, Shrewsbury and Worcester, and with Stratford-upon-Avon some 20 miles away, the city is at the heart of a region with a distinctive part in the history of England. Birmingham was at the centre of the Industrial Revolution, and retains many links to this period, with an eighteenth century canal system threading through the city and a number of industrial heritage museums in and around it. The Birmingham Lunar Society, an eighteenth century scientific society, was formed here, with regular participation from the founders of the Industrial Revolution, and included Joseph Priestley, Erasmus Darwin and James Watt among its members. Its importance was such that Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson were both corresponding members, and both made the journey to Birmingham to attend meetings here. The city also has many connections in English literature; for example, the writer and English scholar J.R.R. Tolkien was brought up in Birmingham, and it is well established that his experiences here were instrumental in the writing of his most popular works.

Today Birmingham is a vibrant and multi-cultural city, offering a wide range of different cultural spectacles, dining and nightlife. Together with its surrounding area, it offers a unique opportunity to visit a region at the very heart of England.

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