

Quark Matter 2009

First Announcement

<http://www.phy.ornl.gov/QM09>

Dear Colleague,

The 21st International Conference on Ultra-Relativistic Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions (Quark Matter 2009) will take place in

Knoxville, Tennessee, USA on March 30 – April 4, 2009.

The location of the conference will be the new Knoxville Convention Center in downtown Knoxville. The conference will include a one day Student Day on Sunday, March 29, five and a half-days of conference talks, and an optional half day excursion. The conference will end after lunch on Saturday, April 4.

Scientific Program

The scientific program of the conference will include the following topics:

1. Initial State and Early Time Dynamics
2. Jet-Medium Interactions
3. Heavy Flavor and Quarkonium Production
4. Direct Photons, Dileptons and Vector Mesons
5. Global and Collective Phenomena
6. Low pT Hadron Correlations and Fluctuations
7. QCD at High Temperature/Density
8. New Theoretical Developments
9. Future Experimental Programs

Contacts

The conference web site <http://www.phy.ornl.gov/QM09> is available. Please send an email to QM09@ornl.gov for all issues or inquiries not covered in this announcement or on the web site.

Registration and Conference Fees

You can register for the conference at <http://www.phy.ornl.gov/QM09/registration.shtml> from October 6, 2008. The conference fee is \$500 for payments submitted prior to January 31, 2009 and \$550 after that date. Fees for the optional excursions will be charged separately.

Hotel Accommodations

Four hotels will offer special rates for QM09. They are all located either right next to the conference site or within a few minutes walk. The conference hotels and a map showing their location can be found on the QM09 web site. The conference participants will need to arrange their own reservations with the hotels listed at the QM09 web site. Please be

sure to reference “Quark Matter 2009” when making reservations. The QM09 rates for a double room vary from \$100 to \$109 + 17.25% tax. The cut-off date for reservations of the allocated rooms at the special rates is February 28, 2009. There will also be a limited number of lower-rate, double-occupancy, rooms for students.

About Knoxville

The metropolitan Knoxville area has a population of more than 650,000 and is located in the Tennessee Valley between the Appalachian and Cumberland Mountains. The Knoxville Convention Center is only a few years old and is located close to the downtown area with easy access to numerous restaurants, bars, and entertainment opportunities. Please refer to http://www.phy.ornl.gov/QM09/tourist_info.shtml for more information. In particular, you can obtain more information on the weather at <http://countrystudies.us/united-states/weather/tennessee/knoxville.htm>

Travel

Knoxville is served by McGhee Tyson Airport (TYS) www.tys.org. This airport is not an international airport, but is served by a multitude of US airports as listed on the QM09 web site.

Visa information

Conference participants are requested to familiarize themselves with visa requirements well in advance of the conference. The official source for US visa information is at <http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/>. Many conference participants will be able to use the "Visa Waiver Program." Details on this program can be found at http://travel.state.gov/visa/tempvisitors_novisa_waiver.html. Letters of invitation for visa purposes will be available upon request to qm09@ornl.gov for registered conference participants. *If you need a visa for entry into USA, we urge you strongly to apply as soon as possible*

Fellowships for young participants

There will be financial support for a limited number of students and participants within 6 years of their Ph.D. Applications for financial support should be submitted as part of the registration. There will also be a limited number of lower-rate, double-occupancy, rooms for young participants, who are receiving financial support from QM09. The procedure for requesting financial support is explained on the QM09 web site.

Important Dates

Registration begins	October 6, 2008
Fellowship application available	October 6, 2008
Abstract submission available	October 6, 2008
Second announcement	November 15, 2008
<i>Abstract submission deadline</i>	<i>December 15, 2008</i>
Final Announcement	January 15, 2009
Deadline for early registration fee of \$500	January 31, 2009
Hotel reservation discount deadline	February 28, 2009
Student Day	March 29, 2009
Quark Matter 2009 Conference	March 30 – April 4, 2009

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