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Final Bulletin

The International Meeting on Fundamental Physics has been organized since 1973 by the Spanish High Energy Physics community. The 37th edition of the series will take place in Benasque, at the Centro de Ciencias de Benasque “Pedro Pascual”.

The 2009 edition will focus on reviewing the progress of current and future projects in High Energy Physics, Astroparticle Physics and Cosmology. A dedicated session will be devoted to the status and plans of the LHC machine and its experimental program. The Meeting is especially intended for PhD students and young post-docs, but it also welcomes senior physicists to provide a discussion forum for all participants.

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How to reach the Centro de Ciencias de Benasque “Pedro Pascual”

The Benasque valley is located in the northeast part of Huesca (Aragón), at the heart of the Pyrenees. The spectacular scenery of the Benasque valley makes it an ideal place for many sports, both during summer and winter. Some general information about the

village, Benasque, and Centro de Ciencias Pedro Pascual, how to get there, available facilities, and other useful items, can be found in:

<http://benasque.ecm.ub.es>.

We strongly recommend to read carefully below the information about possible ways of arriving at Benasque. Public transportation is not very good. If you are driving, remember that the last part of the trip goes through Pyrenees valleys, so that you must count on low speed and possibly snow.

Special transport organized for the participants in this Meeting:

A bus will leave from Lleida (Lérida) at 6 p.m. on Sunday February 8 (estimated arrival time at Benasque: 9 p.m.). The bus will wait in front of the Lleida railway station. Lleida can be reached by fast train (AVE), either from Barcelona or Madrid (see below for train timetable information).

Another bus will leave Benasque at around 3 p.m. on Friday February 13 with destination Lleida.

Reservation of this special transport should be made during the process of electronic registration and accommodation reservation.

Private transportation:

You can see the most convenient roads in:

<http://benasque.ecm.ub.es/general/cgi-bin/car.pl>

Participants driving from Europe should go through Toulouse and enter Spain at Vall d'Aran. After crossing the Vielha tunnel, a road makes a connection to the Benasque valley.

Participants driving from Spain will find more convenient to go via Lleida, Benararre, Graus and Benasque.

Some distances in kilometres:

Madrid – Benasque:	550
Barcelona – Benasque:	300
Zaragoza – Benasque:	217
Lleida – Benasque:	140
Huesca – Benasque:	140

Additional public transportation:

From Barcelona:

Two buses leave from Barcelona every day (except on Sunday) at 7.30 h and 12.45 h. The bus station is located next to the Sants train station (very conveniently connected to the airport by train and easily reachable from any point at Barcelona using the subway). The bus company which serves Barcelona – Benasque is called “Alto Aragonesa”. The bus goes to Barbastro where a connection with other bus to Benasque can be made (the 12.45 h bus has to wait in Barbastro for about one hour, whereas the 7.30 h bus does not have to wait). Total travel time is around 5.5 hours.

Other combinations are possible from Lleida, Zaragoza and Huesca, towns which can be reached from Barcelona by train. Timetables for buses to Benasque from these towns can be found in the web page of the bus company Alto Aragonesa (<http://www.alosa.es>). Buses from Lleida (Lérida) to Benasque, via Barbastro, leave at 10 a.m. and at 4 p.m.h (the trip takes about 3.5 hours). Buses from Zaragoza, via Huesca, leave at 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. (the trip takes about 4 hours). Buses from Huesca leave at 10.30 a.m. and at 4.30 p.m. (the trip takes about 3 hours).

From Madrid and other places in Spain:

Several combinations are possible reaching first by train either Lleida (Lérida), Zaragoza, and Huesca. For train timetables look at:

<http://www.renfe.es/horarios/english/index.html>.

In the case of Madrid there are many trains (AVE) everyday from Atocha station going to Zaragoza (trip takes about 1h 20m), and Lleida (trip takes about 2 hours). From there, you should take a bus to Benasque as previously described.

Leaving Benasque:

There are two buses (from Monday to Saturday) at 6.45 a.m. and only one bus on Sunday at 3 p.m. Taxis may also be considered as a possibility. They can take up to 8 people. Fares below are quoted as an indication:

Benasque – Barbastro: 95 euros

Benasque – Huesca/Lleida: 145 euros

Benasque – Zaragoza: 220 euros

For any further questions, or help requests, concerning travel information, do not hesitate to contact our Conference Secretariat (Mercedes Fatás).

Registration

Registration is still possible using the Web page:
<http://benasque.ecm.ub.es/2009imfp/2009imfp.htm>

Deadline for registration is December 23.

Conference fee

The Conference Fee is 200 euros, which include the welcome cocktail, the conference dinner on Thursday night, and a copy of the proceedings. Students are exempted from paying the fee. The payment should be made upon arrival. The Meeting Secretariat will be open already on Sunday February 8 (from 5 to 8 p.m.), and on Monday (from 8 p.m.) near the Conference room. Coffee breaks in the morning and in the afternoon will be served to the participants.

Accommodation

Arrangements have been made with hotel CIRIA at Benasque. Prices given below include breakfast (buffet) and dinner (during the lunch break, people may want to practice ski, and for those who prefer to stay in town there are plenty of restaurants nearby).

Hotel CIRIA (prices listed below are for a total of 5 nights, assuming arrival on Sunday February 8 and departure on Friday February 13)

Double room (single person): 412.8 euros

Double room (two persons): 497.6 euros

Double room (with extra bed): 696.64 euros

It has also been organized the possibility of renting apartments for the same period (5 nights) which can be shared by several people. They are fully equipped, and prices listed below include normal expenses related to heating, water and electrical power consumption:

Apartments with 1 room: 235 euros

Apartments with 2 rooms: 460 euros

Apartments with 3 rooms: 650 euros

Reservation should be made from the Meeting Web page:

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This is also the Web page to be used for registration, as indicated above. Reservations can only be made after having registered. It is recommended to make reservations at the earliest possible time because the Meeting takes place during the ski season when the hotel occupation is very high.

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Scientific Program

An almost final version is already available in the Meeting Web page:

<http://benasque.ecm.ub.es/2009imfp/2009imfp.htm>

Final updates to the Program, the list of speakers, and all the relevant information will appear in the same place when available.

Social Events and other activities

A welcome cocktail will be served on Monday, February 9 at 20 h. On Thursday February 12, it is planned to have the Conference Dinner.

Benasque is very close to the Cerler ski resort. The free time between the morning and the afternoon sessions will allow to those who enjoy skiing to profit from it.

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