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**7th ALICE Physics Week:
APW-PUEBLA**

**27 November – 1 December 2012
Puebla City, Mexico**

<http://cern.ch/apw-puebla>

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the ALICE Physics Week to be held at the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP) in Puebla City, Mexico, from 27 November to 1 December 2012. APW-Puebla will bring together members of the ALICE Collaboration to discuss on their latest research progress and is the seventh in the series; following APW05(Erice), APW07(Munster), APW08(Prague), APW10(Paris), APW11 (Jyvaskyla) and APW12(Frascati).

Puebla city was founded as Puebla de los Angeles in 1531, although now known as Heroica Puebla de Zaragoza since 1862, and is the capital of the Mexican state of Puebla. It is a safe city, ideal for exploring on foot.

In Puebla you will have the opportunity to admire its colonial treasures including buildings that make use of ornamental tiles called Talavera and numerous colonial churches. Puebla's historic centre was granted UNESCO world heritage status in 1987. The cathedral built between 1552 and 1649, is one of the finest in Mexico. The old city theater constructed in 1790 is said to be the oldest in the Americas. Puebla is home to classic Mexican dishes like mole poblano and chiles en nogada. Near Puebla you can find archaeological sites settled by Olmecas-Xicalancas: Cholula and Cacaxtla.

Registration:

This event is open to all members of the ALICE collaboration. Since places are limited, you are kindly requested to register as soon as possible. The registration form is available via an

indico page

<https://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?ovw=True&confId=204583>

The registration deadline is due on 31 October. The registration fee (150 EUR or 2500 MXN) is inclusive of refreshments and lunch throughout the APW, as well as a tour to Puebla City and all event material. Accommodation is not included within the registration fee and must be booked separately (see below).

Fees should be paid at the registration desk in Puebla. Only payments made in cash, either in euros or Mexican pesos, can be accepted.

Fellowships

Limited funding is available to support the participation of PhD students and young post-docs at the APW-Puebla. If you would like to apply for funding, email us at apw-puebla2012@cern.ch by the 22 October with your name, affiliation and supervisor's reference letter. If you are granted a fellowship, we will cover the event fee and provide you with accommodation.

Travel

Although Puebla is an international tourist destination with its own airport, participants are advised to arrive to Mexico City International Airport.

An 30 minutes coach service runs from Mexico City International Airport to Puebla city center that costs 210 MXN one way (around 13 EUR). Only payments made in cash and in Mexican pesos are accepted. At the airport look for "Estrella Roja" <http://www.estrellaroja.com.mx> located at the international arrival section, second floor. The journey takes no more than 2 hours and terminates at Puebla coach station terminal 4. From there you can take a taxi to your hotel (50 MXN one way).

As the scientific program starts on Tuesday morning, participants should at Puebla on Monday 26 November. The last APW session ends on Saturday 1 December around noon.

Those participants interested in attending the **Guy fest** (see below) are advised to book their return flights back to Europe, from Mexico City, for Sunday 2 December late evening.

Participants are recommended to book flights early to take advantage of discounted fares.

Guy fest

As a separate but connected event, we will be celebrating Guy Paic's 75th birthday from Saturday 1 December afternoon until Sunday 2 December in the evening. If you would like to participate in this event or in the excursion planned for Sunday morning, please contact us.

Accommodation:

We have negotiated a special conference rate for rooms at the following hotels

1. Hotel Camino Real → 1174 Mexican Pesos (70 EUR)
<http://www.caminoreal.com/destinos/puebla-centro>

2. Hotel San Leonardo → 910 Mexican (55 EUR)
<http://www.hotelsanleonardo.com.mx/>

Please mention that you will attend the APW-Puebla,

We also recommend the following (lower rate) hotels:

3. Hotel Colonial (<http://www.colonial.com.mx/colonial/hing.htm>)

4. Hotel Royalty (<http://www.hotelr.com/>)

5. Hotel Gilfer (<http://www.gilferhotel.com.mx/>)

If these hotels are of interest to you, please contact them directly. Participants should arrange their own accommodation.

Since places are limited at Camino Real and San Leonardo, participants are recommended to book their hotel rooms as soon as possible. Note these are five-star hotels at special discounted fares negotiated by us. Hotel Colonial, Gilfer and Royalty are good options for students and young postdocs. Please quote reference "APW" when booking to claim your discount.

A free bus service will be provided between the main square (also known as Zócalo) and the event venue for your convenience. For this reason, participants are advised to book the hotels near the city center listed above.

Visa requirements

You must hold a valid passport to enter Mexico. Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of six months from the date of entry into Mexico. You must also complete an immigration form available at border crossings or onboard flights to Mexico.

Find out about visa requirements before you travel. For further info consult your nearest Mexican consulate/embassy (see APW web page). Please be aware that obtaining a visa may take up to 6 weeks, thus your application should be prepared well in advance. Should you need a letter of invitation for your visa application, do not hesitate to contact us.

Scientific programme

The chairman of the scientific programme is Federico Antinori, head of ALICE Physics coordination. The programme is prepared by the Physics Working Group coordinators. If you would like to give a talk at APW-Puebla, please contact your Physics Analysis Group.

Social events

All participants and their families are invited to attend the scheduled social events, including a

drinks reception, a tour to Puebla city and a social dinner. Please indicate which social events you would like to attend when registering.

We hope that you can find some time in your busy schedule to attend the APW and share your ideas and projects here in Puebla. Should you need any assistance to prepare your travel, please email us at apw-puebla2012@cern.ch

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