

Frontiers and Careers in Photonuclear Physics

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

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DESCRIPTION:

The conference aims to bring together nuclear and particle physics Ph.D. students and post-docs to discuss research and career perspectives in a friendly environment. The participants will be given a chance to present their research during oral presentation sessions. There will also be panel discussions with leading experts, focusing on how to effectively build out a career in the field. The goal is to address important aspects of a young scientist's career beyond research, such as creating an effective curriculum vitae and effectively interviewing for positions. The meeting will introduce young researchers to some of their peers from different parts of the world and provide them with information, opportunities, and guidance on prospective career paths.

The conference is modeled on the recent successful program of Gordon Research Seminars associated with Gordon Research Conferences, but it is independent of the Gordon Research Conferences organization. The conference does immediately precede the Gordon Research Conference (GRC) on Photonuclear Reactions and aims to increase attendance and involvement of young scientists in the GRC.

FORMAT AND SCHEDULE:

The Conference starts on Thursday, August 7, 2014 with a reception at 6 PM followed by talks. The program on Friday August 8 will follow a format similar to the GRC, having a 3-hour morning and 3-hour after dinner plenary sessions. The afternoon is free for participants to either take part in planned excursions or to engage in their own activities. The conference will end on Saturday, August 9 after a morning session and early afternoon panel discussion.

KEY DATE:

Registration Deadline June 30, 2014

REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE FEE:

The Conference Registration fee has not been set yet. The fee will include room and board at the MIT from Thursday August 7 to Saturday, August 9, 2014. A reduced registration fee is possible for those staying off site. 2013 rates for rooms at MIT were \$65/Single-occupancy room and \$44/double-occupancy room per person.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

We anticipate having resources that will support participants attending our seminar and the GRC. Please email the organizers if you need financial assistance.

LOCATION:

The conference will take place at MIT. The plenary sessions and panel discussions will be held in the Kolker Room and attendees will be rooming at the MIT dorms.

WEBSITE:

Info about the conference will be posted at:

<http://www.physics.sc.edu/~frontiers2014/>

Please check back for updates on deadlines and updates.

OTHER INFO:

Participants who will be attending the GRC will need to make their own accommodation plans for Saturday night. GRC participants can get discounted rates from two hotels in the Boston area.

More info can be found at: <http://www.grc.org/sites.aspx?id=2>

More options for Saturday August 9 accommodations and suggestions will be posted at our website.

The Gordon Research Conferences offers bus transportation (for a fee) from Boston Logan Airport to the Photonuclear Reactions GRC in Holderness, NH on Sunday, August 10.