

**VIII TOURS SYMPOSIUM ON NUCLEAR PHYSICS AND ASTROPHYSICS:
September 2 - 7, 2012, Black Forest (Germany)
Third Announcement, August 2012**

Dear participants of Tours 2012,

this is the final announcement for the "8th Tours Symposium on Nuclear Physics and Astrophysics" in Black Forest (Germany), starting next week! With this circular, we want to give you practical information - you find everything also on the symposium website <http://www-win.gsi.de/Tours2012/Tours2012.html>

General:

The Tours Symposium will be held at Hotel Saigerhöh in Lenzkirch-Saig (Germany), located on the Black Forest mountains at an altitude of 1.055 meters above sea level. Registered are 93 symposium participants and 7 accompanying persons.

Travel:

If you go by car, you find the route to the Hotel Saigerhöh at http://www.saigerhoeh.de/english_index_anfahrt.htm

If you come by plane or train, we recommend to proceed to train station "Titisee" (see <http://www-win.gsi.de/Tours2012/travel.html>). It is important that you get off the train at "Titisee" train station and not "Neustadt" train station, please also see attached map! From there, a shuttle service (free of charge) will be organized to bring you to the hotel. The shuttle will pick you up in front of the train station and depart as follows:

- a) Saturday, Sept. 1st, at 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm
- b) Sunday, Sept. 2nd, at 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm
- c) Monday, Sept. 3rd, at 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm

In case none of these pick-up times fit your travel schedule, you may use a taxi. Taxis are found in front of the train station or can be called at the following phone number: +49-(0)7651-5553, alternatively you may dial +49-(0)0800-1234801. Tell the taxi driver your destination "Hotel Saigerhöh in Lenzkirch-Saig". The price is approximately 30 Euros.

Shuttle service arrangements for your departure will be organized at the conference site.

Registration:

The conference fee amounts to 300 Euros and can be paid upon reception in the hotel. Please use credit card (acceptable are American Express, VISA, and MasterCard, JCB-Card cannot be accepted, unfortunately) or cash. Participants will benefit from:

- a) conference equipment (e.g. book of abstracts)
- b) all lunches and coffee breaks (from Sunday through Friday)
- c) welcome reception on Sunday evening
- d) refreshments at poster session on Tuesday evening
- e) excursion to Freiburg and dinner on Wednesday
- f) conference barbecue on Thursday
- g) "electronic proceedings" (see below)

Scientific programme:

The Tours Symposium 2012 will start with a "Mini School" lecture programme on Sunday from 9 am through 5:30 pm. All symposium participants are welcome to the Mini-School!

Oral contributions start on Monday morning at 9 am and finish on Friday at 12:30 pm.

A poster session will be held on Tuesday from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

For further details, please see the attached PDF files (the same information is also found at <http://www-win.gsi.de/Tours2012/program.html>).

Oral contributions can be given using standard PPT or PDF presentations. Please consult the scientific programme to know the duration of your talk, considering five minutes for discussion.

Posters shall be presented in A0-format: maximum size approximately 85 cm in width and 120 cm in height, portrait format!

"Electronic proceedings":

All talk and poster contributions will be collected during the event and distributed electronically (memory stick) to the symposium participants afterwards.

Social programme:

A welcome session will be organized for participants and accompanying persons on Sunday evening from 7 pm to 9 pm.

On Wednesday afternoon, we will visit the picturesque city of Freiburg and in the evening we will enjoy a local dinner at the lake Titisee.

If the weather is fine on Thursday evening, we will walk from the hotel through Black Forest (about 1 hour hike, very easy! - nevertheless, adequate shoes are recommended, e.g. regular sports shoes or any other solid and comfortable type of shoes) to the barbecue place at the "Sommerberg" - in case of rain, we will stay at the hotel and organize some international sports competition (also very easy).

Hotel and weather:

The hotel is a four star superior hotel and offers all standards of a modern hotel (see also http://www.saigerhoeh.de/english_index.htm). It offers wellness and SPA, and various sports activities (tennis, swimming, in-door climbing, etc.). Wireless LAN is available free of charge in the hotel lobby and in the conference rooms.

Please note that you can check-in starting from 3 pm and have to check out before 11 pm.

Present and near-future weather conditions can be viewed at

http://www.saigerhoeh.de/english_index_wetter.htm.

In general, climate conditions in Black Forest are modest in early September, temperatures at daytime reach from 15 degrees centigrade up to 25 on sunny days, while in the night temperatures may drop to 10 degrees. As there might be rain or thunderstorms it is recommended to be prepared for both, warm and somewhat colder days. In any case, you should bring solid shoes, an umbrella, a pullover and a rain jacket - but we hope you will mostly need your sunglasses!

Conference telephone:

Just in case you might need help at any point of your trip: please call our conference telephone +49-(0)174-3281567. Alternatively, you may reach the hotel front desk at +49-(0)7653-6850 (in both cases, you have to skip the zero in brackets if you are using international roaming).

Contact/Secretary:

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We look forward to an interesting symposium and to seeing you next week in Black Forest!

On behalf of the organizers and with best regards,

Christoph Scheidenberger
(Chairperson "Tours 2012")