

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The 7th European VLBI Network Symposium on New Developments in VLBI Science and Technology and EVN Users Meeting

Toledo, Spain.
October 12-15, 2004

The Observatorio Astronómico Nacional (OAN) of Spain, on behalf of the European VLBI Consortium, hosts the 7th European VLBI Network Symposium on New Developments in VLBI Science and Technology on October 12-15 2004 at Hotel Beatriz in Toledo, Spain.

We celebrate the construction of the new 40-meter radiotelescope at Yebes, 25 years of radioastronomy in Spain, 100 years of astronomy at the Instituto Geográfico Nacional (IGN), and 200 years of the first astronomical observation in Spain (Herschel 25-feet telescope at Real Observatorio Astronómico de Madrid).

The symposium will have an informal character, and consist of a number of invited reviews, oral contributions, and posters, grouped in sessions on galaxies, stars, instrumentation, and techniques, selected by the Scientific Organizing Committee among those proposed by the participants. Of special importance are the contributions from young astronomers and students. The EVN Users Meeting will be held during the conference.

Location and transportation:

The conference sessions will take place at Hotel Beatriz**** in Toledo, Spain, situated at 45 minutes from Madrid and its airport ("Barajas"). Please check the web address:

<http://www.oan.es/evn2004/travel-info.html>

for detailed instructions on how to get to the hotel. Please beware that Hotel Beatriz is close to Toledo, but NOT at walking distance (about 5 km from the ancient city walls).

Please also beware that the last bus on October 11th between Madrid and Toledo is at 22:00 h. In case you arrive later, you may request help from the LOC to share a taxi (special fare of 80 Euros if organized from the hotel, for up to 4 persons with moderate luggage).

Accommodation:

Please ensure that you have received a confirmation of your hotel booking requests, otherwise contact the travel agent (“Viajes El Corte Inglés”, email: “dccimad6@viajeseci.es”) by TOMORROW friday October 1st.

We suggest all participants to purchase a “meal ticket” on arrival for lunch on tuesday October 12th and thursday October 14th (cost 18 Euros + 7% tax each). This will allow the hotel to serve us lunch on a private hall on those days, therefore optimizing the time for lunch. The hotel also has two other restaurants, which may be used by any participant (but expect some waiting and slower service).

All costs related to the hotel (room, meals) and also the symposium registration fee (120 Euros per participant) may be payed on arrival with major credit cards (eg VISA, American Express, Master Card, Eurocard, and Diners Club).

Scientific program:

The final scientific program is available at:

<http://www.oan.es/evn2004/sciprogram.pdf>

A total of 64 oral presentations (3 reviews and 7 invited talks) and 30 posters (discussed in two poster sessions) are included in the scientific program. Because it is very full, we will request the session conductors to keep track of the agenda times.

We therefore request all speakers to adjust their talks to the allocated time:

- Review talks: 25 minutes + 5 minutes for questions
- Invited talks: 15 minutes + 5 minutes for questions
- Oral contributions: 10 minutes + 5 minutes for questions.

The conference hall will be equipped with a video projector and a laptop, running MS Windows 2000 and MS Office 2000. Please bring your presentation on a format compatible with it (not XP). A laptop with Linux and OpenOffice 1.1.1 may also be available. We suggest that all authors submit their files to the common laptop well before their talk, to ensure a good time keeping of the agenda.

An overhead projector will also be available.

Social events:

The symposium dinner will take place at “Casa Aurelio”, on thursday October 14th.

The traditional football match will be held near Yebes on wednesday October 13th. Please come equipped to play on a “hard” field (no grass).

A guided visit to Toledo ancient city and monuments is being organized for interested people on Friday October 15th, after the symposium conclusion.

Registration:

A registration desk will be opened at Hotel Beatriz on October 11th, from 18:00 to 22:00 hours. A hospitality desk will welcome you on arrival to the hotel, and will give instructions.

A conference fee of 120 Euros will finance the coffee-breaks, the symposium dinner, a visit to the Yebes facilities, and a copy of the proceedings. If you have received an email confirming that the fee is waived to you, please bring that email to the registration desk.

Proceedings:

The symposium proceedings are being edited by Rafael Bachiller, Francisco Colomer, Jean-Francois Desmurs, and Pablo de-Vicente (OAN). Most authors have submitted their contributions in time (thanks!). A copy of the proceedings book will be given to you on registration.

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