

Multi-Object Spectroscopy in the Next Decade: Big Questions, Large Surveys and Wide Fields

Santa Cruz de La Palma, Canary Islands, 2-6 March 2015

Information Update

Dear Colleague,

The conference is now upon us, and this update provides you with some key information before you begin your journey to La Palma.

Weather

The weather in Santa Cruz in recent days has been a little cooler than usual for this time of year. Currently it's in the low 20s Celsius in the daytime, dropping to about 15C in the evening. At the observatory temperatures have been as low as -6C in recent days, and have rarely exceeded 10C over the past few weeks. We suggest you bring some warm clothing since it can be cool in the evenings at sea level, especially if it's windy, and you'll certainly need it if you plan to visit the observatory during your stay! You can find weather forecasts at

<http://www.accuweather.com/en/es/santa-cruz-de-la-palma/306905/weather-forecast/306905>

Transport in La Palma

A free bus service will be provided for daily return travel between the conference hotel, H10 Taburiente in Los Cancajos, and Santa Cruz. The timetable of this shuttle service throughout the conference is available at

<http://www.ing.iac.es/conferences/mos/transport.htm>

If you need to travel at different times the cost of a taxi between Los Cancajos and Santa Cruz is about 8€.

Welcome reception and registration

In-person registration is open 17:30-21:00 on Sunday, and the welcome reception starts at 18:30, both in Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, which is a one-minute walk from the conference venue, Teatro Circo de Marte. If you can't attend the reception on Sunday evening, in-person registration will continue throughout the conference *in the venue itself*, from 8:30-11:30am Monday through Friday.

Posters

You can mount posters in the conference venue from 17:30-21:00 on Sunday, and of course throughout the meeting. Please make sure you mount your poster on the panel specifically allocated to you. We'd be very grateful if you'd take down your poster by 14:00 on Friday.

Conference timetable

There will be a short welcome address at 8:55am on Monday morning, but on all subsequent days the first session will start at 9am. The full, exciting science programme and timetable of talks is available at

<http://www.ing.iac.es/conferences/mos/science.html>

The conference venue will be open from 8:30am each morning.

Presentations

Information for those presenting talks and posters is available at

<http://www.ing.iac.es/conferences/mos/authors.html>

If you're giving a talk in the first session on Monday and you'll been unable to email us your presentation in advance, we ask that you arrive at the venue at 8:30am on Monday to preload your presentation onto the computer.

WiFi network access

In the conference venue wireless network connectivity is provided via eduroam. If your home institute doesn't participate in eduroam you can connect to ING's external wireless network, ingext (password will be provided at the venue).

Coffee and lunch breaks

Complimentary mid-morning and mid-afternoon coffee breaks will be held in Museo de Arte Contemporáneo. For lunch, there are many bars and restaurants nearby providing a range of snacks and meals at a reasonable price.

Social Programme

The social programme is summarised here

<http://www.ing.iac.es/conferences/mos/social.html>

If you'd like to come on the trip to Los Tilos sub-tropical rain forest on Wednesday afternoon, attend the conference dinner on Thursday or join the tour of the observatory on Friday afternoon after the conference, we ask that you sign up for these events at the registration desk so that we can gauge demand.

Our contact details

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We hope you will have a safe journey to La Palma, and an enjoyable and stimulating stay with us!

Best regards,

Ian Skillen, on behalf of the LOC.

S/C de La Palma, 24th February 2015