



LES RENCONTRES DE PHYSIQUE
DE LA VALLEE D'AOSTE
Results and Perspectives in Particle Physics

*La Thuile, Aosta Valley (Italy)
February 28 - March 1, 2010*



BULLETIN n. 2

Les 23rd Rencontres de Physique de la Vallée d'Aoste will be held at the

*Planibel Hotel, La Thuile, Aosta Valley (Italy)
February 28 – March 6, 2010*

This is the final bulletin before the start of the Conference

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

The updated preliminary scientific program can be found on our web site at

http://www.pi.infn.it/lathuile/lathuile_2010.html

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Registered participants shall promptly receive confirmation by e-mail of their hotel accommodation and travel arrangements. Please inform the conference secretariat if you are missing this confirmation.

2. CONFERENCE FEE

The Conference fee for participants will be **400 €**. There will be no fee for companions. The fee will be reduced by 50% for participants spending not more than two nights at the Hotel.

Major currencies other than Euro will be accepted. The daily exchange rates will be applied.

Credit cards cannot be accepted.

The fee is payable before the Conference at the following bank account:

Rencontres de Physique de la Vallée d'Aoste
UBS SA, Case Postale, CH-1217, Meyrin, Geneva
Account number: 279-HU122860.1
IBAN: CH83 0027 9279 HU12 2860 1
SWIFT Code: UBSWCHZH12B

The Conference fee will cover the cost of all social events and of a copy of the proceedings.

3. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Participants are expected to reach La Thuile by private car or by the conference buses, connecting free of charge Geneva (CERN and Cointrin Airport) and Milano (Malpensa Airport) to the conference venue. There will be two buses scheduled at different times from Milano Malpensa Airport and one bus from Geneva.

Participants traveling by car are reminded that in the Aosta Valley it is mandatory to carry snow chains. Private cars can be parked in the Hotel garage, free of charge.

Participants arriving by plane and willing to use a conference bus are kindly requested to inform the secretariat by e-mail of all details of their planned journey (airline, flight number, arrival time).

There is no public transport from Geneva to La Thuile. Transport from Malpensa to Aosta and La Thuile is available by train and bus. Accordingly, we encourage people not making use of a conference bus to consider primarily flying to Milano Malpensa. This airport features many direct flights to European, American and Asian destinations.

Bus rides between the Planibel Hotel at La Thuile and Geneva or Malpensa airports take about 2h30'. The bus schedule is as follows:

Upon arrival Sunday, February 28

11:00 1st bus departure **from Milano Malpensa**

14:00 2nd bus departure **from Milano Malpensa**

The meeting point is in front of a café located between the two exits of Terminal 1. In this area you will find a conference poster and you will meet a conference staff member one hour before bus departure (i.e. 10:00 am for the bus leaving at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm for the bus leaving at 2:00 pm).

13.30 Bus departure **from CERN** to Geneva Airport

14:00 Bus continuation **from Geneva Airport** to La Thuile

The meeting point at CERN is at the PIO Visitors car park, close to the COOP Cafeteria in the Main Building. The meeting point at Geneva airport is at the Arrivals gate. A staff member holding a Conference poster will be easily recognized.

For any problem please contact the conference secretariat at the following number:

Mobile: 334 8998639 (from outside Italy +39-334-8998639)

Upon departure Saturday, March 6

13.30 Bus departure from the Planibel Hotel **to Geneva Airport and to CERN**

13.30 Bus departure from the Planibel Hotel Planibel **to Milano Malpensa airport**

4. INFORMATION FOR SPEAKERS

A projector hooked up to a PC (provided by the Conference) for fully electronic presentations is available. An overhead transparency projector will be available as well.

All contributions will be made public on the conference web page at the end of the meeting. Speakers are kindly requested to provide the secretariat with the electronic version of their talk.

5. DAILY PROGRAM

From Monday to Saturday

07.30 – 08.30	Breakfast
08.30 – 11.30	Morning Session (*)
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch at the Hotel or in altitude (**)
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee
16.30 – 19.30	Afternoon Session (*) (***)
20.00	Dinner at the Hotel

(*) *There will be a coffee break at a suitable time during the Session.*

(**) *Guests may choose to have a light lunch at the Restaurant "Les Suches", located at the top of the cable car departing from the Planibel Hotel. Lunch coupons should be requested each day at breakfast time.*

(***) On Saturday, March 10 there will be no afternoon Session.

6. COMPUTER LINKS

A computer room with several PCs connected to internet will be available for participants. Additional access gates to internet will be provided for personal computers. People willing to use this facility are advised to gather accurate information on how to access their Institution server.

Wi-Fi connection will be available in the terminal room and the area nearby.

7. SOCIAL PROGRAM

Sunday, March 1	Free drinks at the bar from 19.00 to 20.00
Monday, March 2	Welcome Cocktail offered by the La Thuile Tourist Office h. 19:00
Wednesday, March 4	Gala Dinner
Thursday, March 5	Chamber Music Concert

8. SKI PASSES

The participants in the Rencontres will be able to purchase sky passes at a reduced rate at the cablecar ticket gates. The Secretariat of the Rencontres will issue the required certificates. No photograph will be needed.