



LES RENCONTRES DE PHYSIQUE DE
LA VALLEE D'AOSTE
Results and Perspectives in Particle Physics
La Thuile, Aosta Valley (Italy)
February 25 – March 3, 2018



BULLETIN n. 2

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

Planibel Hotel, La Thuile, Aosta Valley (Italy)
February 25 - March 3, 2018

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_2018.html

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Registered participants shall 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 **450 €**. 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:

Banca Prossima
IBAN: IT24 M033 5901 6001 0000 0017 573
BIC: BCITITMX

in the name of: Associazione Rencontres de Physique de La Vallée d'Aoste
Ref: La Thuile 2018, fee of (participant's name).

3. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Participants can reach La Thuile using the conference buses connecting, free of charge, Geneva (CERN and Cointrin Airport) and Milano (Malpensa Airport) to the conference venue. There will be one bus from Milano Malpensa Airport and one bus from Geneva.

Participants arriving by car can use, free of charge, the Hotel parking.

We remind you that in winter, in most Italian regions, cars must either run with winter tires or carry snow chains on board.

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).

On Sunday February 25, the buses time schedule to La Thuile will be as follows:

14:00 Bus departure from Milan Malpensa Airport to La Thuile

The meeting point is between exits A and B of Terminal 1 (Lower level) near exit 6

13:30 Bus departure from CERN to Geneva Airport

The meeting point is between building 33 (reception) and entrance B

14.00 Bus departure from Geneva Airport to the Planibel Hotel at La Thuile

The meeting point is at the arrival gate exit

A staff member holding a Conference poster will be easily recognized.

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

Mobile: +39 334 8998639

Upon departure Saturday, March 3

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.

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

5. DAILY PROGRAMME

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 a restaurant 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 1st there will be no afternoon Session.

6. SOCIAL EVENTS

Sunday, February 25th, 6 to 8 p.m.	Bar reception
Monday, February 26th, 7 p.m.	Welcome cocktail offered by the La Thuile Tourist Office
Wednesday, February 28th, 8:30	Social dinner

7. COMPUTER LINKS

A computer room will be available for participants. Access 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.

8. OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

The Conference venue is a few steps from the start of the sky slopes. The Instructors of la Thuile Sky School organize special classes for the Conferences. Usually we have three classes: beginners, medium level and advanced skiers. Classes are free of charge but we request that interested people inform us. There are other possibilities: from cross-country sky (there are several paths in La Thuile area), to paths for walking with snowshoes so that you can enjoy the spectacular views of the area.

We remind you that main shops renting sky equipment have special discounts for Conference participants upon presentation of their conference badge.

9. SKI PASSES

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

Skipass can be acquired at discounted price. We remind that insurance for outdoor activities can be bought along with skipasses. Based on past experiences, if you intend using your personal insurance, make sure that it covers the activities you want to pursue.