



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

*La Thuile, Aosta Valley (Italy)
February 24 - March 2, 2013*



BULLETIN n. 2

Les XXVI Rencontres de Physique de la Vallée d'Aoste will be held at the
*Planibel Hotel, La Thuile, Aosta Valley (Italy)
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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_2013.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 **430 €**. 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 2013, fee of (participant's name).

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

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 two buses scheduled at different times 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 of 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).

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.

On Sunday February 24, the buses time schedule to La Thuile will be as follows:

- 13:30 **Bus departure from Milan Malpensa Airport to La Thuile**
The meeting point is between exits A and B of Terminal 1(Lower level)
- 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

Due to the coincidence of the first day of the conference with Italian general elections we will provide additional transfer from Milano Malpensa to La Thuile. Interested parties should contact the secretariat.

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 2

- 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 at 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 2nd 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. 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), 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.

8. 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.