

Open Issues on heavy-ion physics Symposium in honor of Guy Paic

1st - 2nd December 2012

Puebla City, Mexico

The symposium will take place in Hotel Camino Real in the City of Puebla, Mexico.

Puebla City was founded with the name *Puebla de los Angeles* in 1531. Since 1862 its official name is *Heroica Puebla de Zaragoza*, and is the capital of the Mexican state of Puebla. The downtown area is ideal for site seeing on foot.

In Puebla you can have the opportunity to admire many colonial treasures including buildings that make use of ornamental tiles called *Talavera* and numerous colonial churches. Puebla's historic center was granted UNESCO world heritage status in 1987. The cathedral, built between 1552 and 1649, is one of the finest in Mexico. The old city theater constructed in 1790 is said to be the oldest in the Americas. Puebla is the birthplace of some of the best well known dishes of Mexican's cuisine such as *mole poblano* and *chiles en nogada*. Not far from the city one can visit some fine archaeological sites such as Cholula and Cacaxtla built by the Olmeca-Xicalanca culture.

INVITED SPEAKERS

Nestor Armesto (Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, España)

Alejandro Ayala (ICN-UNAM, Mexico)

Octavio Castaños (ICN-UNAM, Mexico)

Arturo Fernandez (FCFM-BUAP, Mexico)

Paolo Giubellino (University of Torino, Italy & ALICE-LHC)

Gerardo Herrera (CINVESTAV, Mexico)

Arturo Menchaca (IF-UNAM, Mexico)

Antonio Ortiz (Lund University, Sweden)

Gunther Roland (Massachusetts Institute of Tecnology, USA)

Thomas Trainor (University of Washington, USA)

Daniel Tapia (University of Paris, France)

TRAVEL

Although Puebla is an international tourist destination with its own airport, participants from abroad are advised to make arrangements to arrive to Mexico City International Airport.

A 30 minutes coach service runs from Mexico City International Airport to Puebla City. Its cost is about 210 MXN one way (around 13 EUR). Be aware that the ticket can be bought only in cash and in Mexican pesos. At the airport look for the "Estrella Roja" counter <http://www.estrellaroja.com.mx> located at the international arrival section, second floor. The journey takes no more than 2 hours and ends in Puebla bus station terminal "4 Poniente". From there you can take a taxi to your hotel (about 50 MXN one way).

ACCOMMODATION

We have negotiated a special conference rate for rooms at Hotel Camino Real (conference hotel) 1174 Mexican Pesos (70 EUR) <http://www.caminoreal.com/destinos/puebla-centro>

If you want to stay at this hotel send an email to Mario.Rodriguez.Cahuantzi@cern.ch one of the organizers of the symposium, who will help you to make a reservation. Since rooms are limited at Camino Real, participants are recommended to contact Mario Rodriguez as soon as possible. Note that this is a five-star hotel at special discounted rate.

VISA

You must hold a valid passport to enter Mexico. Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of six months from the date of your entrance to Mexico. You must also complete an immigration form available at border crossings or onboard flights to Mexico. Find out about visa requirements before you travel. For further info check out your nearest Mexican consulate/embassy.

SOCIAL EVENTS

All participants are invited to attend the symposium dinner on Saturday Dec. 1st.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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