

## SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

### THE SOLAR SYSTEM BODIES: FROM OPTICS TO GEOLOGY

the international conference at  
Astronomical Institute of Kharkiv V.N. Karazin National University, Kharkiv, Ukraine

**May 26-29, 2008**

<http://www.astron.kharkov.ua/conference/ssb/08/index.php>

Dear Colleagues,

this is a second announcement for the conference on **“The Solar system bodies: from optics to geology”** to bring you an update and remind of deadlines.

Deadline for abstracts	March 31, 2008
Deadline for registration	March 31, 2008
Third announcement	April 21, 2008
Conference	May 26-29, 2008

The conference is organized as a part of the memorial events devoted to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of astronomy science in Kharkiv and is planned to start regular meetings at the Astronomical Institute of Kharkiv V.N. Karazin National University on study of the Solar system bodies. The main rationale of the conference is to provide a deep and comprehensive insight in the selected aspects of the Solar system study bringing together observers, theorists in light scattering and geologists involved in study Solar system bodies.

#### Main topics

- Lunar and planetary spectroscopy, photometry and polarimetry
- Asteroids and comets: photometry and polarimetry
- Light scattering by regolith-like surfaces: laboratory and theoretical modeling
- Missions to Solar system bodies
- Near-Earth object population: statistics, evolution and impact hazard
- Geology of Mars and Venus
- Transneptunian objects and exoplanets

#### Presentations

We plan to have invited talks (30 minutes), oral (15 minutes) and poster presentations. The working language of the conference is English.

#### Abstracts

Abstracts should be prepared in the form similar to that for Lunar Planetary Science Conference. Since there are some differences in the format, please, use the abstract template here <http://www.astron.kharkov.ua/conference/ssb/08/AbstractTemplate.doc>. The maximal length of an abstract is 2 pages. We plan to prepare both printed and electronic versions of Abstract book. Abstracts (preferably in Word) should be submitted via e-mail to [ssb08@astron.kharkov.ua](mailto:ssb08@astron.kharkov.ua). The deadline for abstract submission is March 31, 2008.

## Registration

If you are going to attend the conference, please fill the registration form on-line at <http://www.astron.kharkov.ua/conference/ssb/08/registration.php> before **March 31, 2008**. For those who already filled the pre-registration form there is no need to send new form.

## Accommodation

Useful information about hotels can be found at [www.all-hotels.com.ua](http://www.all-hotels.com.ua). We recommend the following hotels:

Chichikov \*\*\*\* <http://chichikov-hotel.com.ua/>,

Kharkov \*\*\* <http://hotel.kharkov.com/en/>,

Gloria \*\* <http://www.hotelgloria.com.ua/start.php?lang=eng>.

The hotel Kharkov is the closest hotel to the place of the conference (5 minutes by walk). You can find information about the prices at the hotel websites. Pay attention that the prices can be given in Ukrainian currency Hryvnya (UAH). The exchange rate is 1 USD ~ 5.0 UAH, 1 Euro ~ 7.4 UAH. Cheap accommodation for students (Euro 4-5 per night) is also available. The LOC can provide booking in the above-mentioned hotels by your request. Please, send a request with an indication of exact dates of your arrival and departure, hotel's name and room type (single/double) by e-mail [ssb08@astron.kharkov.ua](mailto:ssb08@astron.kharkov.ua) before April 25, 2008.

## How to get to Kharkiv

There are a limited number of airlines that connect Kharkiv to other cities, mainly to Kiev, Moscow and Vienna. The option is either to fly directly to Kharkiv via Vienna by Austrian Airlines or to Kiev Borispol Airport (<http://www.boryspil-airport.kiev.ua/eng/>) which has a lot of connections to many cities. To get to Kharkiv from Kiev you can take a bus directly from Borispol Airport (<http://www.boryspil-airport.kiev.ua/eng/transport/>) or a train from the Kiev Railway Station (in 40 minutes by bus from Borispol Airport). You can choose either an express train (departure 17:30, arrival 23:20) or a night train (departure 22:25, arrival 6:25). Detailed information about train tickets is given at the Ukrainian Railway web-site <http://www.pz.gov.ua/askpp/exprt.php?lid=3&mid=31>.

## Visa to Ukraine

For the citizens of the neighboring states (CIS), EU, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Canada, USA, Japan, Andorra, Vatican, Iceland, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Turkey whose visit will not last more than 90 days no visa is required, while everyone else still needs a visa from a Ukrainian embassy or consulate abroad before traveling. You can find address of Ukrainian embassy abroad at <http://www.mfa.gov.ua/mfa/en/305.htm> The LOC will provide an invitation letter upon your request.

## Registration fee

The registration fee is Euro 200 (200 UAH for participants from former Soviet Union countries). It includes the abstract book, coffee breaks and attendance to all official events organized by the LOC. The registration fee should be paid upon arrival at the registration desk.

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