

## Results and Perspectives in Particle Physics

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Les Rencontres de Physique de la Vallée d'Aoste will again be held next year at the

*Planibel Hotel, La Thuile, Aosta Valley (Italy)*

*March 9 to 15, 2003*

The Rencontres will bring together about 120 active experimentalists and theorists to review the present status and the future prospects in elementary particle physics. The programme will mainly include review talks followed by extensive discussions; some room will also be dedicated to shorter contributions on new results. This formula should allow for thorough exposure of what is presently known and of the foreseeable progress in the field, as well as for a critical assessment of future goals.

The 2003 programme will cover topics in:

- Experiments at the Underground Particle Physics Laboratories
- Progress in Cosmology Theory and Experiments
- Progress in Neutrino Physics
- Proton-(Anti)Proton Collider Physics
- CP Violation Theory and Experiments
- Physics at the Beauty Factories
- Rare Weak Decays
- The Quest for the Higgs Boson
- Physics Beyond the Standard Model
- LHC and Beyond
- Physics and Modern Society
- Physics in Collisions of Heavy Nuclei

In each field, an attempt will be made to single out the most interesting current results and problems. A special session (round table) will be devoted to discuss a topic of wide interest.

Talks will be conducted in half day session, from 8.30 to 11.30 a.m. and from 4.30 to 7.30 p.m. Mid-day hours will be free for rest, sport and informal discussions. A number of computer workstations connected to international networks will be available at the Hotel.

La Thuile is a beautiful mountain village located 1450 m a.s.l., 20 Km from Mont Blanc, at the bottom of a vast skiing area. The village can best be reached from the north by road through the Mont Blanc Tunnel. The Planibel Hotel is an outstanding complex for winter sports and congresses, featuring several entertainment and sports facilities (indoor swimming pool, squash courts, gymnasium, sauna) that will be available for free to the participants. The main telepherique for skiing sites leaves from the Hotel basement. Thanks to the support of the Regional Government of the Aosta Valley, the accommodation cost is rather modest, in particular for companions and families.

Participation will be by invitation only. However, physicists who do not receive an invitation may apply to the Conference Organizers.

Young physicists are encouraged to apply.

## ***GENERAL INFORMATION***

### **1. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

The daily rates (full board; reductions will be applied for fractions of days) at the Planibel Hotel will be as follows:

Single room	85€/person/day
Double room, two participants	75 €/person/day
Children between 3 and 6	50% discount
Children between 6 and 10	25% discount
Children under 3 years	Free

The Hotel will also accept attendance for a part of the Conference. While the reservation should be made through the Conference Secretariat, the Hotel bill shall be paid directly at the Hotel upon departure. It might be possible, but not granted, to accommodate participants wishing to extend their period of stay beyond the end of the Rencontres.

Every effort will be made to provide accommodation in a single room for those who request it. This, however, cannot be guaranteed. As a provision for this case, participants are kindly requested to indicate the name of a preferred room partner.

The desired period of stay should be indicated on the registration form. Registered participants will receive confirmation of arrangements made for them.

### **2. CONFERENCE FEE**

The Conference fee for participants will be **350 €**. Other major currencies will also be accepted.

**Credit cards cannot be accepted.**

The fee is payable before the Conference at the UBS (Union de Banque Suisse), CERN Branch, Account C7-108.024.0, or at La Thuile upon registration. The exchange rate with respect to the Euro will be the one on the date of the money transfer (if done before the Conference) or the one at registration. The Conference fee will cover the cost of a copy of the proceedings and of all social events. The fees will be reduced by 50% for participants spending not more than two nights at the Hotel.

Copies of transparencies shown at the Conference will be available on the web at the end of the Conference.

### **3. TRANSPORTATION**

Participants are expected to reach La Thuile by private car or by the Conference buses connecting Geneva (CERN and airport) and Milano (Malpensa Airport) to La Thuile. The Organizers will do their best to help people needing special travel arrangements.

Those people travelling by car are advised to take snow chains with them. Private cars will be parked in the Hotel basement, free of charge. Participants travelling by bus from CERN to La Thuile are informed that the buses will leave from the PIO VISITORS CAR PARK close to

the COOP Cafeteria in the Main Building at 13.00 on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The bus will stop at Geneva Airport. Reservation for pick-ups at a bus stop should be made upon registration.

The approximate time schedule to and from La Thuile will be as follows:

- **Upon arrival Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00 Bus departure from Milano-Malpensa Airport to La Thuile
- 13.20 Bus departure from CERN to Geneva Airport
- 14.00 Bus departure from Geneva Airport to the Planibel Hotel at La Thuile

- **Upon departure Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 14.30 Bus departure from the Planibel Hotel to Geneva Airport and to CERN
- TBA Bus departure from the Planibel Hotel to Milano-Malpensa Airport

The journey to/from Geneva will take about three hours and to/from Milano Malpensa about two and a half hours.

#### 4. DAILY PROGRAMME (March 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>)

07.30 - 08.30	Breakfast
<b>08.30 - 11.30</b>	<b>Morning Session</b>
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch at the Hotel (*)
16.00 - 16.30	Coffee Break
<b>16.30 - 19.30</b>	<b>Afternoon Session (**)</b>
20.00	Dinner at the Hotel

(\*) As an alternative, guests may choose to have a limited lunch at the Restaurant "Les Suches", located at the top of the telecabine departing from the Planibel Hotel. Daily lunch coupons should be requested at the Hotel restaurant at breakfast time.

(\*\*) On Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> there will be no afternoon Session.

#### 5. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Sunday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Free drinks at the bar from 18.00 to 20.00
Monday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Cocktail offered by the La Thuile Tourist Office
Wednesday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Chamber Music Concert
Thursday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Banquet

#### 6. SKI PASSES

Ski passes will be sold at a reduced rate to the participants of the Rencontres. The Conference Secretariat will issue the required certificates. No photograph will be necessary.

## **7. COMPUTER LINKS**

Terminals connecting the Rencontre to the Internet will be available, free of charge, at the Planibel Hotel. Those willing to use this facility are advised to gather accurate information on how to access computers at their Institution, in particular the TCP/IP access number.

## **8. PROCEEDINGS OF LA THUILE 2002**

Please note that the proceedings of the 2002 La Thuile Rencontres "Results and Perspectives in Particle Physics" will soon appear in print as a publication of INFN, Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati.

>>> **Conference World Wide Website** <<<

[http://www.pi.infn.it/lathuile/lathuile\\_2003.html](http://www.pi.infn.it/lathuile/lathuile_2003.html)