



Results and Perspectives in Particle Physics

BULLETIN n. 2

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

Planibel Hotel, La Thuile, Aosta Valley (Italy)
February 29-March 6, 2004

This is the final bulletin before the start of the Conference

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

The preliminary scientific program can be found on our web site at
<http://www.pi.infn.it/lathuile/2004/programme.pdf>

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Registered participants already received an individual mail message with confirmation of their hotel accommodation and travel arrangements.

2. CONFERENCE FEE

The conference fee for participants is **350 Euro** and includes a copy of the proceedings and all social events. It can be reduced by 50% for those participants spending not more than two nights at the Hotel.

Payment by cash can be made in Euros as well as in US dollars or Swiss Francs; the exchange rate will be defined accordingly to the change established on Friday, February 28. Currencies different from the ones mentioned above will not be accepted.

In addition, payment of the conference fee can be made by Euro checks (EC), personal and traveler's checks. **Credit cards cannot be accepted.**

Prepayment of the conference fee can be made via bank transfer at the UBS (Union de Banque Suisse), CERN Branch, Account n. C7-108.024.0 (account name "Les Rencontres de Physique de La Vallée d'Aoste"). People paying in advance are kindly requested to bring a copy of the receipt to the registration desk.

3. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Participants are expected to reach La Thuile by private car or by the conference buses, connecting Geneva (CERN and Airport) and Milano (Malpensa Airport, only) to the conference venue.

Participants traveling by car are reminded that in Aosta Valley it is mandatory to carry snow chains. Private cars can be parked in the Hotel garage, free of charge.

If the information about flights has not yet been provided, participants arriving by plane and willing to use the conference bus service are kindly requested to send an e-mail specifying the details about all legs of their travel (airline, flight number, expected arrival time).

Participants traveling by bus from CERN to La Thuile are informed that the bus will stop at Geneva Airport 30 minutes later (14.00).

The time schedule to and from Hotel Planibel, La Thuile is as follows:

Upon arrival Sunday, February 29

11:00 1st bus departure **from Milano Malpensa**

14:00 2nd bus departure **from Milano Malpensa**

The meeting point is in front of a café located between the two exits of the Terminal 1. In this area you will find a conference poster and you will meet somebody of the conference staff one hour before the bus departure (i.e. 11:00).

The bus ride to/from Milano Malpensa takes about 2h30'.

13.30 Bus departure **from CERN** to Geneva Airport

14.00 Bus departure **from Geneva Airport** to La Thuile

The meeting point at CERN is at the “Pio visitors car park” close to the COOP Cafeteria in the Main Building; the meeting point at Geneva airport is at the Arrivals gate.

The bus ride to/from Geneva takes about 2h30'.

For any problem you can contact the conference secretariat at the following numbers:

0165 813139, from outside Italy +39 0165 813139

0165 884541, from outside Italy +39 0165 884541

3335664754, from outside Italy +39 3335664754

Upon departure Saturday, March 6

14.30 Bus departure from Hotel Planibel **to Geneva Airport and CERN**

14.30 Bus departure from Hotel Planibel **to Milano Malpensa**

In addition there is a public **shuttle bus** (cost is 22 Euro) connecting Milano-Malpensa Airport with the Planibel Hotel in La Thuile (and back) operating on the weekends. The timetable is:

From Milano Malpensa -> to La Thuile

Saturday departure at 13:00 – arrival at 16:15

Sunday departure at 10:30 – arrival at 13:45

departure at 13:00 – arrival at 16:15

From La Thuile -> to Milano Malpensa

Saturday and Sunday departure at 4:30 – arrival at 7:45

departure at 9:30 – arrival at 12:45

The bus from La Thuile to Milano-Malpensa must be booked and paid (22 Euro) at the Hotel Planibel reception within the Thursday before. More information will be available at the Conference Secretariat.

4. INFORMATION FOR SPEAKERS

An overhead projector will be available as usual, however we will also have a projector that can be directly hooked up to PCs for fully electronic presentations.

As all contributions will be published 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, whether available. Otherwise the transparencies will be scanned in black and white quality, and posted on the web in pdf format.

5. DAILY PROGRAM

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

(*) *Guests may choose to have a light lunch at the Restaurant "Les Suches", 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 6 there will be no afternoon Session.

6. COMPUTER LINKS

A computer room is equipped for participants at Planibel Hotel. People 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.

7. SOCIAL PROGRAM

Sunday, February 29	Free drinks at the bar from 19.00 to 20.00
Monday, March 1	Welcome Cocktail offered by the La Thuile Tourist Office
Wednesday, March 3	Gala Dinner
Thursday, March 4	Chamber Music Concert

8. SKI PASSES

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

9. PROCEEDINGS OF LA THUILE 2003

Please note that the proceedings of the 2003 La Thuile Rencontres "Results and Perspectives in Particle Physics" recently appeared in print as a publication of INFN, Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati.

>>> Conference World Wide Web site <<<

http://www.pi.infn.it/lathuile/lathuile_2004.html