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12-th International Workshop on Deep Inelastic Scattering

Štrbské Pleso, High Tatras, Slovakia, April 14 – 18, 2004



DIS 2004 is the 12-th in a series of annual workshops on Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS) and Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD). Previous workshops took place in Durham, Eilat, Paris, Rome, Chicago, Brussels, Zeuthen, Liverpool, Bologna, Cracow and St. Petersburg. The 2004 workshop will be held on April 14-18, 2004 at Štrbské Pleso in High Tatras mountains, Slovakia.

The aim of these workshops is to review the progress in the field of DIS and QCD and to discuss and lay the groundwork for the future. The DIS 2004 will bring together about 250 experimentalists and theoretists. The traditional workshop format will be of plenary sessions with review talks (Congress Hall in hotel Patria) and parallel working group sessions with shorter contributions (seminar rooms in the neighbouring hotels Patria, FIS and Helios).

Six working groups will be organized to provide the stages for the presentation and the detailed discussions of the new results and ideas :

- **Working group A: Structure Functions, Low-x**
organized by convenors:

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- **Working group B: Diffraction and Vector Meson**
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- **Working group C: Hadronic Final States**

organized by convenors:

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- **Working group D: Heavy Flavors**

organized by convenors:

Stefan Kretzer	e-mail : kretzer@quark.phy.bnl.gov
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- **Working group E: Electroweak and Physics Beyond SM**

organized by convenors:

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- **Working group F: Spin Physics**

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All the participants wishing to give a presentation at the parallel sessions are requested to contact the convenors of the appropriate working group directly via e-mail.

General Information

The official DIS 2004 workshop web page is : <http://www.saske.sk/dis04>

1. Venue and daily programme

Štrbské Pleso is the highest settlement on the west side of High Tatras (the place of 1970 World Championship in Nordic events located in the altitude of ~1350 m) and is also the highest climate spa in Slovak Republic. Štrbské Pleso is located at the heart of the National Park of High Tatras and this community is named after the alpine lake Štrbské Pleso.

The workshop will take place in three neighbouring hotels, namely : hotel FIS and hotel Helios with hotel Patria in between. Hotels are some 5-7 minutes of quiet walk apart and also within walking distance of the train station (~ 1 km). The plenary sessions will take place in Congress Hall of hotel Patria with conference office nearby. The parallel sessions will take place in two equipped seminar rooms of each of the three hotels.

Although Easter is the official end of the skiing season in High Tatras there is still a large probability for good snow/skiing conditions on the hills around the lake Štrbské Pleso.

The preliminary programme can be found at the DIS 2004 web page and follows approximately the scheme :

07:00 - 09:00	breakfast
09:00 - 13:00	morning sessions
13:00 - 14:30	common lunch in hotel Patria restaurant (included in the conference fee)
14:30 - 19:00	afternoon sessions
20:00	individual dinner in Patria, FIS, Helios hotels

2. Transportation

We recommend to reach Štrbské Pleso through the international airport in Košice (~120 km). There are regular daily flights from Prague, Vienna and Bratislava. Although relatively small, the Košice airport is served now by three airline companies, namely by :

- Czech Airlines - <http://www.csa.cz/>
- Austrian Airlines - <http://www.aa.com/>
- SkyEurope - <http://www.skyeurope.com/>

All of them use rather low capacity aircrafts, therefore very early reservation / booking is highly advised ! To get the best price we recommend to contact directly Czech Airline office in your country.

For participants leaving for DIS 2004 workshop from Hamburg (DESY) we already reserved 30 places in the regular Czech airlines flights :

13.4.2004	Hamburg - Prague	OK 543	09:30 - 10:55
13.4.2004	Prague - Košice	OK 972	12:40 - 13:55
19.4.2004	Košice - Prague	OK 973	14:40 - 15:55
19.4.2004	Prague - Hamburg	OK 544	17:10 - 18:40

This preliminary reservation must be changed into the regular booking (with names) latest on 30.1.2004. Please contact H1 secretary Alla Grabovsky (DESY building 1, room 324, phone 3144) if you would like to join this group flight. The return ticket price is 390 Euro + airport tax.

We plan to hire a few busses (45 seats each) from Košice airport to Štrbské Pleso and later back. The bus price for one way (~ 380 Euro) will be shared by the participants using the conference bus and will be paid during the on-site registration. Participants traveling by plane to Košice and planning to use the conference bus are kindly asked to specify this in the Registration form.

The participants can reach Štrbské Pleso also by train. There are regular direct train connections from Košice, Bratislava, Prague, Vienna and Budapest. You can reach Štrbské Pleso either from Poprad (29 km) using Tatra Electric Railways, or from Štrba (5 km) using the cog wheel railway. All three hotels are within walking distance (~ 1 km) from the train station.

Private cars can be parked in the hotel's parking lots, the fee is from 150 (~ 4 Euro) up to 250 Slovak crowns (~ 7 Euro) per day.

The organizers will do their best to help participants with special travel arrangements.

3. Visa

The Slovak Republic is set to join European Union on 1st May 2004 (i.e. ~ 2 weeks after the DIS 2004 workshop) and is therefore approaching the visa policy of European Union. A list of countries with which the Slovak Republic has agreements on full or partial visa abolition can be found at the web page of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic : <http://www.foreign.gov.sk/En/>

To arrange visa support, if needed, participants are kindly requested to inform the Local Organizing Committee of their personal data. An official letter of invitation, without financial commitments, to help to overcome administrative or visa formalities, will be provided by the workshop organizers on the request.

4. Hotel accommodation

It is highly recommended to make the hotel reservation as soon as possible. Participants can select one of the three hotels: Patria, Helios and FIS. We made a preliminary reservation of the largest number of rooms in hotel Patria with Congress Hall, conference office and restaurant for the common lunch. Participants are asked to book rooms in the selected hotel directly using one of the appended contact possibilities. Please contact the Local Organizing Committee in case of questions. All the rates are obligatory given in local currency SKK (Slovakia Crowns, 1 Euro = 41.102 as of 10.12.2003). Rates in Euro are subject to change depending on the daily exchange rate. The total amount in other currency is confirmed at the time of payment.

The approximate rates in Euro per room (i.e. double bed room can be shared by two) and day in hotels (including the breakfast) are as follows:

Hotel	Single bed room	Double bed room	Triple room	Apartments
Patria	55 Euro	74 Euro	-	2 beds: 93 Euro
FIS	30 Euro	48 Euro	66 Euro	4 beds: 81 Euro
Helios	59 Euro	68 Euro	-	-

All three hotels accept the payments by all major Credit Cards.

Phone / fax / e-mail contacts to hotels (in English or German languages):

hotel	telephone	fax	e-mail
Patria	++421 52 4492591-5	++421 52 449290	patria@tatry.net
FIS	++421 52 4492221-5	++421 52 4492422	fis@tatry.net
Helios	++421 52 4492131 (4413999)	++421 52 4413352 (4492321)	kupelesp@kupelesp.sk

On-line reservation:

hotel	on-line reservation	booking fee
Patria	http://www.hotel-net.sk/reservation_en_USD_1338_PATRIA_HOTEL.html	34 Euro
FIS	http://www.hotel-net.sk/reservation_en_USD_1333_FIS_HOTEL.html	34 Euro

5. Social programme

Wednesday, 20:30, April 14	Informal opening with drink in hotel Patria
Friday, 20:00 April 16	Conference dinner in hotel Patria
Saturday, April 17	Excursion with lunch included
Saturday, 19:30 April 17	Beer party in hotel Patria

The conference dinner and the half day excursion are not covered by the conference fee. The price for the conference dinner is 30 Euro and the price for the excursion with lunch included is 40 Euro. Please make a corresponding mark in the Registration form if you wish to take a part in the excursion. This information is necessary to organize the busses/seats in advance.

Accompanying persons will have the possibility to choose from the broad offer of the travel agency SKISCHOOL - <http://www.skischool.sk/> (located directly in the hotel Patria).

6. Registration and conference fee

The conference fee will be 280 Euro for senior participants and 230 Euro for students, if paid **before March 15, 2004**. Late registration fee will be increased by 50 Euro, i.e. 330 Euro for senior participants and 280 Euro for students.

This fee entitles the participants to attend the meeting sessions and to receive the proceedings. It also includes four common lunches in hotel Patria restaurant, namely from Wednesday up to Sunday (excluding Saturday excursion with lunch included), two social programs, as well as morning and afternoon refreshments during the meeting coffee breaks.

The registration fee for accompanying persons will be 60 Euro per person. This fee covers four common lunches in hotel Patria restaurant from Wednesday up to Sunday (excluding the Saturday half day tour with lunch included) and two social programs. The fee does not include any extra excursions, entrance fees, etc.

The preferred currency is **Euro**. The organizers will distribute a Payment Confirmation, on which there will be indicated the accepted amount. Any eventual overpayments or amounts outstanding will then be settled after the arrival at the registration desk. If you cannot use the online registration, please print the registration form and fax it to the workshop secretariat : +421-55-6336292 or send it to :

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The conference fee and / or conference dinner with excursion can be paid by international money transfer or bank transfer made directly to the DESY, Hamburg, DIS 2004 conference account quoting the name of the participant:

DESY
 Hamburg, Germany
 Bank: HSH Nordbank
 BLZ: 210 500 00
 Konto: 303 800 010

In case of international transfer, please use
 IBAN: DE79210500000303800010
 and / or
 Bank connection (Swift Code): HSHNDEHH
 DIS 2004 conference fee for ...

(Added 27.2.2004: very sorry for the wrong two first digits: DE07... instead of the correct **DE79**... in the previous IBAN number posting.)

We have to ask the participant to carry the cost of the bank transfer. Please make sure that the payment has your name, address and the word DIS 2004 attached to it. Kindly fax a copy of the bank transfer to the workshop secretariat (+421 55 6336292).

All payments (the conference fee and / or conference dinner and excursion) must be free of bank charges to the receiver, i.e. all bank charges effecting the international money transfer must be met by the remitter, including those imposed by the beneficiary's agents (HSH Nordbank). This must be explicitly stated when authorising the international money transfer order.

Late registration fee will be increased by 50 Euro, i.e. 330 Euro for senior participants and 280 Euro for students and can be paid directly during the on-site registration.

Unfortunately credit cards cannot be accepted for the conference fee, conference dinner and excursion payments during the registration on the meeting site.

Registration will be in the hotel Patria starting on Tuesday - April 13, 15:00 - 21:00 and will continue on Wednesday - April 14 from 8:00. From Tuesday until Sunday the registration and information desk will be open in hotel Patria.

7. Network connection

A number of computer terminals will be available in hotel Patria for participants to reach their home institutes.

8. DIS 2004 workshop proceedings

The proceedings of DIS 2004 will be printed and distributed to all participants.