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### Quark Matter 2014: Practical Information

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Dear Quark Matter 2014 Participants,

We look forward to welcoming you in Darmstadt to the Quark Matter 2014 conference starting next week. All information related to the conference is available at this website: <a href="http://qm2014.gsi.de">http://qm2014.gsi.de</a>. Below we summarize the most important information that you should read prior to your travel to Darmstadt.

#### How to reach the conference venue

The conference will take place in the "darmstadtium" convention center located at "Schlossgraben 1" which is in the city center of Darmstadt.

If you arrive by plane at Frankfurt International Airport, which is about 20 minutes driving time from Darmstadt, you can take the "Airliner" express bus for which detailed information is available at <a href="this link">this link</a>.

The Airliner connects Frankfurt Airport (Terminals 1 and 2) to the central railway station "Darmstadt Hauptbahnhof". Taxi, bus and tram services connect the railway station with the darmstadtium. Use the tram number 2 (direction "Böllenfalltor") or 3 (direction "Lichtenbergschule"), or the bus lines "F" (direction "Oberwaldhaus") or "H" (direction "Alfred-Messel-Weg" or "Kesselhutweg") to go to the darmstadtium (exit at the stop "Schloss"). If you arrive by car take the exit "Darmstadt/Stadtmitte" on the motorways A5 or A67 and follow the signs to the darmstadtium (or trust your navigation system set to "Schlossgraben 1, Darmstadt, Germany").

#### Conference desk and check-in

The conference desk is located in the foyer of the darmstadtium and it can be reached by telephone at +49 6159 71 3300.

The preferred time for the check-in is on Sunday from 16:00 to 20:00. On Monday the conference desk will be open for check-in starting at 8:00. On the following days the conference desk will be open from 8:30 to 17:00 except for Wednesday when the desk closes at 14:00 and on Saturday when the desk closes at 13:00.

Please bring a printout of the e-ticket with the QR code that was generated during the registration process or have it available for display on a mobile device. If you do not yet have your e-ticket click 'Download e-ticket' on the Quark Matter registration page at this link.

# Conference agenda and instructions for presenters

A printed agenda is included in the conference booklet which will be handed out during check-in. A printed list of posters will also be provided. An up-to-date conference agenda is always available on <u>indico</u>. A smartphone app is available for free download at <u>this link</u>.

Instructions for speakers in the plenary and parallel sessions as well as for presenters of posters are available at the conference website at <u>this link</u>.

# **Companion meet and greet**

Companions of conference participants have the opportunity to meet each other over coffee to make plans for the week on Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 near the conference desk.

# Welcome reception

A reception hosted by the town of Darmstadt will take place on Monday starting at 19:30 at the "Centralstation" in the "Carree", within walking distance from the darmstadtium (Please make sure not to confuse this venue with the central railway station). Directions are provided on the conference website and in the booklet you will receive at check-in. To get access to the venue we kindly ask you to bring your Quark Matter name badge and the reception invitation which you will both receive at check-in.

#### **Conference dinner**

The conference dinner will take place on Friday starting at 19:30 at the "Laubenheimer Höhe" estate at the outskirts of Mainz, about 40 km from Darmstadt. In case you do not intend to attend the dinner we kindly ask you to let us know at your earliest convenience if you haven't done so already. Transportation to the venue will be provided by bus. If you do not need transportation and prefer to go there by car yourself please inform us such that sufficient parking can be provided.

We are looking forward to welcoming you soon in Darmstadt.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Braun-Munzinger and Johanna Stachel

Co-Chairs, Quark Matter 2014 Local Organizing Committee