

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

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International VLBI Service for Geodesy and Astrometry (IVS)  
2016 General Meeting  
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March 13-17, 2016

Ekudeni (Johannesburg), South Africa

<http://ivs2016.hartrao.ac.za/>

The ninth General Meeting of the International VLBI Service for Geodesy and Astrometry (IVS) will be held during the week of March 13-17, 2016, at Ekudeni (in Muldersdrift, near Johannesburg), South Africa. All IVS Associate Members and individuals who have interests in the application of VLBI in the fields of geodesy, Earth sciences, and astrometry are invited to attend the meeting.

The keynote of the ninth GM is the opening of new possibilities with the VLBI Global Observing System (VGOS) under the theme "New Horizons with VGOS." The VGOS network will gradually develop into its full operational state over the next few years, but even during the transition period from the current S/X network to the higher accuracy VGOS systems, new frontiers in science and applications will be opened up by virtue of the increased coverage with VLBI data of unprecedented accuracy.

The meeting host is the Hartebeesthoek Radio Astronomy Observatory (HartRAO) of the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa. Details about the meeting including the program, accommodations, registration, and abstract submission is available at the meeting Web site:

<http://ivs2016.hartrao.ac.za/>

Poster and oral papers may be contributed for presentation at the General Meeting. Contributions are not restricted to IVS Associate Members but may be contributed by anyone attending the meeting. The deadline for submission of abstracts is December 15. Please follow the abstract submission instructions at:

<http://ivs2016.hartrao.ac.za/> >> Call for Abstracts

The meeting will be held at the Ekudeni Country Venue located in Muldersdrift, about 30 minutes from the neighboring cities of Johannesburg and Pretoria:

<http://www.ekudeni.co.za/>

The deadline for registering for the meeting is February 1, 2016. Please register using the form available at:

<http://ivs2016.hartrao.ac.za/> >> Registration Form

The regular registration fee is ZAR 6100 (US \$ 440). The registration fee includes conference materials, the conference dinner, coffee breaks, a visit to HarTRAO, and the Proceedings volume. For student participants, the registration fee is reduced to ZAR 4450 (US \$ 320). If you want to take advantage of the student support, please send an electronic copy of your valid student ID to the LOC

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Young scientists (35 years of age and younger at the time of application) can apply for the IAG Travel Award. The Rules for the IAG Travel Award are posted on the Web site of the IAG General Secretary at

<http://iag.dgfi.tum.de/>

(follow the link to the Rules for the IAG Travel Award). Applicants need to submit their application at least three months before the meeting (to the IAG Secretary General). An earlier submission is very much advised, especially in view of the required support letters from IAG Fellows and/or IAG Associates.

There is only a limited number of awards given per year. We ask the recipients of the IAG Travel Award to officially inform the LOC; the registration fees for the IAG Travel Award winners will be waived.

For further information contact any member of the Local Organizing Committee, the Program Committee, or the Coordinating Center.

Regards,

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