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Science with  
the  
Atacama Large  
Millimeter  
Array  
Associated  
Universities,  
Inc.

October 6-8, 1999  
At: Carnegie Institution of Washington  
16th and P Streets, NW  
Washington, D. C.

Final Announcement  
September 28, 1999

WWW Site <http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/science99.html>

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FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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DEADLINE DATES to REMEMBER

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| 06 October  | Congressional reception (invitation only) |
| 07 October  | Meeting begins (8am)                      |
| 07 October  | Banquet                                   |
| 08 October  | Meeting ends (6pm)                        |
| 21 December | Deadline for submission of manuscripts    |

The meeting "Science with the Atacama Large Millimeter Array" will take place on 6-8 October 1999 at the Carnegie Institution of Washington at 16th and P Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. under sponsorship of Associated Universities, Inc. (AUI) and the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO).

The Carnegie Institution houses an historic neo-classical auditorium, is across the street from the AUI offices, and just a few blocks from the White House and DuPont Circle.

This email is addressed to all of those who have registered, who are on one of the organizing committees, who have been invited to present a paper at the conference, or who have requested to be kept informed

of the progress of this conference.

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Accommodations

\*\*\*THE ROOMS AT THE OMNI SHOREHAM HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

If you need a room, the Omni may be full. Globe Travel has located a small number of additional rooms. For more information, please

Telephone

(800) 627-0171

email: [globe@cfw.com](mailto:globe@cfw.com)

(804) 296-0171

Mail: Globe Travel

1932 Arlington Blvd.

Charlottesville, VA 22903

FAX (804)296-5270

You may contact the hotel at:

Omni Shoreham Hotel

Telephone: (202)234-0700

2500 Calvert Street NW

Reservation Facsimile: (202) 756-5145

Washington, D.C. 20008

Guest Facsimile: (202) 265-7972

The hotel for the conference is the Omni Shoreham Hotel, located off Connecticut Avenue in Rock Creek Park. This is situated about 1.3 miles from where the conference is being held, at the Carnegie Institution. You can either walk, or take the Metro subway one stop from Woodley Park to Dupont Circle followed by a short walk, or ride a bus (see below). There is a map at

<http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/maps.html>

Parking near the conference center is extremely limited, while parking at the hotel is available for guests at \$14 per day.

There are several restaurants just north on Connecticut Avenue from Calvert Street, and a few blocks further north at Cleveland Park. East on Calvert, then south on 18th Street brings you into the Adams-Morgan area, with many ethnic restaurants. At the conference site, there are several restaurants on 17th St between P and Q St. There are over 150 restaurants within 0.5 mile of the conference site. You can get a detailed listing at <http://www.mapsonus.com>

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Between Hotel and Carnegie

You may wish to refer to the map URL:

<http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/maps.html>

There is also a handy WWW-based guide to getting around DC by foot, Metro or bus at:

<http://www.wmata.com/>

You will find the Woodley Park Metro station just a few dozens of meters from the Hotel. Fare is \$1.10. Head east to Connecticut Avenue, then

south one block. One Metro Red Line stop toward Silver Spring or Glenmont is Dupont Circle, where you will get off. Head east down P Street, two blocks to 16th Street and you have arrived at the Carnegie Institution, the columned building on the right facing 16th Street.

You may also take a taxi or walk the 1.3 miles, if you wish, along Connecticut Avenue to 18th Street then east to 16th.

A Metro bus (L2) travels east along Calvert Street, in front of the hotel, then turns south on 18th Street, through the Adams-Morgan area. Disembark the bus at 18th Street and New Hampshire Avenue and walk .4 mile SE to the meeting.

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#### REGISTRATION

If you receive this message, you have registered, but perhaps have not paid the conference fee. You may pay the conference fee by printing out the registration form found on ALMA Conference Web site at

<http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/register.html>

filling the form completely, and then sending it to us, or you may pay cash at the conference entrance.

Over 175 persons have registered for the meeting at this time. We are planning for a meeting of 150-200 people. The auditorium will hold 400 people; the banquet is planned to seat 130. Note that for security reasons, entry to the Carnegie building is through a side entrance on the left of the building as you face it, not via the columned portico on 16th Street. You may erect your poster from 7am until 8:30 am on 7 October, before the start of the meeting. Each poster is assigned a poster session number which corresponds to an area on the poster boards, which will allow posters about a meter square.

The registration fee is now \$95. You may register at the URL

<http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/register.html>

Please do so if you have not already. ONLY cash can be accepted at the meeting.

The list of participants is updated weekly and is available for review at:

[http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/registration/participant\\_list.html](http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/registration/participant_list.html)

On Thursday evening, 7 October, there will be a banquet at the Omni Shoreham hotel. Although AUI is underwriting much of the cost of this banquet, there is a \$40 charge for attendance to defray the costs. You may pay this along with your registration fee. If you would like to attend the banquet, please indicate this on the registration form and adjust the fee accordingly. A reception including hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar precedes the banquet, which will be a sit-down dinner including wine.

Information on payment of fees may be found at:

<http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/payment.html>

You may pay by bankcard, check, or wire transfer.

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MEETING FORMAT

The meeting will consist of invited talks on the main topics, which comprise a hefty portion of the science which ALMA will address:

- >Investigation of galaxies near the time of their formation at very high redshift;
  - >Detection and study of planets around nearby stars;
  - > Study of star formation by, for example, high-resolution submillimeter observations of protostars, protoplanetary disks, and outflows;
- and
- >Study of the origin, distribution and evolution of the elements and their isotopes;

Posters will be displayed on boards in the reception hall outside the auditorium and remain up for nearly the duration of the meeting, 8:00 am, 7 October through 5:00 pm, 8 October. Coffee and snacks will be provided in this area in the mornings and the afternoons. A list of poster titles is available at:

[http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/poster\\_sessions.html](http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/poster_sessions.html)

which is also updated regularly. A pdf version of the abstract book is available at:

<http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/abstractbook.html>

The schedule for the meeting is posted at:

[http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/proceedings/schedule/final\\_schedule.html](http://www.mma.nrao.edu/science/proceedings/schedule/final_schedule.html)

Owing to the brevity of the meeting and the location, we will not provide email access. By the guard desk, there is a phone where we can receive incoming calls. There is also a FAX machine in the CIW building where FAXes can be sent. Callers and those sending FAXes MUST identify the fact that the message is for someone attending the ALMA Conference.

The CIW telephone number is 202/387-6400

The CIW FAX number is 202/387-8092.

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Abstracts and Proceedings

Please provide an abstract for your poster. These are now available on-line and will be referenced at the ADS astronomy electronic literature service. LaTeX style forms are available at the WWW site; a booklet of abstracts will be

available at the meeting.

PASP has accepted our proposal to publish the Proceedings. This will include ten pages for invited articles and four pages for poster contributions. The deadline for submitting manuscripts is 21 December 1999. To help the editors with the preparation of the Object Index, it is asked that the authors provide separately the list of individual astronomical sources discussed in their paper.

In order for these proceedings to appear as soon as possible to reflect the current status of the field, the deadline for reception of all electronic files will be :

\*\*\*\*\*  
21 December 1999  
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In order to keep the registration fee low, we have not included a copy of the book in the registration fee; books may be ordered directly from PASP.

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#### Meeting Events

A press conference will be held at the Carnegie Institution on the morning of 7 October to introduce the ALMA project to the media. This will coincide with the first poster session for ALMA conference attendees.

A reception and banquet for meeting participants will be held at the Omni-Shoreham Hotel on the evening of 7 October.

Other diversions can be located at these WWW sites:

<http://home.digitalcity.com/washington/livemusic/>  
<http://www.washingtoncitypaper.com/music.shtml>

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#### Getting to Washington

Washington D.C. is served by three major airports.

Dulles International Airport to the west handles many international flights, with road connections into the city. You may take a shuttle van into town.

National Airport lies just across the Potomac River from the Mall, with convenient Metro subway access to the city. Metro information is available at <http://www.wmata.com/>. The hotel is nearest the Woodley Park/National Zoo stop on the Metro Red Line, about 25 minutes from National Airport; change from the Metro Yellow Line at Gallery Place.

Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) Airport lies to the north, and has convenient rail access to the city. BWI is served by Icelandic Airways and by Southwest Airlines, along with most major airlines, and frequently boasts the most reasonably priced

fares. From BWI, take the Penn Line of MARC south to Washington, where you can travel to Union Station for a connection to Metro (the Washington subway system). The Metro Red Line stops at Union Station and runs to the Woodley Park stop near the hotel. The MARC trains generally run every 40 minutes or so; the schedule is at:

[http://www.mtamaryland.com/marc/marc\\_sch\\_penn\\_s.htm](http://www.mtamaryland.com/marc/marc_sch_penn_s.htm)

MARC does not operate on weekends or on Columbus Day (11 Oct). There are van shuttle services to the city also.

Amtrak runs trains into Union Station.