

LISA IV Preferred Site Poll

Time goes by quickly -- the last LISA (Library and Information Services in Astronomy) conference took place two years ago. So it is a good time to begin planning LISA IV, which we hope will be held in 2002. We are very pleased to announce that, contrary to previous years, four (!) sites have volunteered to host the meeting. Before taking a final decision, we would like to find out which site is preferable to colleagues. Therefore, we are conducting a poll of the astronomy librarians community.

The volunteering sites are (in alphabetical order):

- * ALOHA Librarians Hawaii, USA
- * Astronomical Institute, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic
- * Central Astronomical Observatory at Pulkovo, St. Petersburg, Russia
- * Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore, India

Following are brief descriptions of the possible hosts as submitted by the local organizers. We strongly encourage astronomy librarians to fill out and return the enclosed questionnaire.

LISA conferences aim at bringing together as many astro librarians as possible, and we would like to ensure a high number of participants. When submitting your preferred location, please consider in particular for which site you will get permission to attend.

This note will be cross-posted on Astrolib, PAMnet and PAM-APF as well as published in the the PAM Bulletin. Should you know of other mailing lists or publications that are interested in this topic, please re-distribute it. We are looking forward to numerous replies so that planning for LISA IV can begin.

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Descriptions from LISA IV Volunteer Sites:

ALOHA Librarians, Hawaii, USA
(<http://www.gemini.edu/library/obslib/>)

The ALOHA librarians would be honored to serve as your hosts for the LISA IV conference on the Big Island of Hawaii. Come and see first hand what the newest and the largest telescopes in the world are doing, and find out how we librarians are managing to keep apace with this technology.

Be sure and check out the natural beauty of our island (<http://www.northhawaii.net/>) and the success of CFHT's recently hosted, ADASS conference (Astronomical Data Analysis Software & Systems IX) conference at : <http://www.cfht.hawaii.edu/ADASS/>. While visiting this site, make sure you check out the accommodations and room rates. They won't be exactly the same, but comparable.

Your "Librarians to the Stars", <http://www.gemini.edu/library/obslib/>

Thora Abarca, University of Hawaii, Hilo
Liz Bryson, Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope Corp.
Kelly Hughes, Maui Space Surveillance System
Peggi Kamisato, W.M. Keck Observatory
Ruth Kneale, Gemini Observatory
Kathleen Robertson, University of Hawaii, Institute for Astronomy
Gaila Vidunas, Mauna Kea Support Services, Hale Pohaku

Astronomical Institute, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
(<http://astro.mff.cuni.cz/>)

Prague, the historical building of the Charles University in the center of city. Many possibilities for accommodation in different hotels (relatively expensive), but also a cheap and good accommodation in students hostels, suitable for people from East European, FSU and developing countries (~ 4 USD per night!) The lecture hall for ~120 people with all equipment for such kind of meeting (different projections, coffe-bar, etc.). There are also small lecture rooms for 20-30 people for parallel sessions. It is necessary to reserve this place at least one year before, with fixed dates! Good transportation between all places in Prague (Metro). Conference management is necessary.

Marek Wolf, Charles University, Prague

Central Astronomical Observatory at Pulkovo, St. Petersburg, Russia
(<http://www.gao.spb.ru/english/>)

With a great pleasure we are sending to you and to your Colleagues our invitation to this Observatory to convene the Conference LISA IV in the framework of the IAU for May - June 2002. Please, feel yourself at your ease to dispose of the Conference Hall of the Observatory and of other facilities (the hostel, etc.)

Victor Abalakin, Director
Nathalie Markova, Chief Librarian
Pulkovo Observatory

Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore, India
(<http://www.iiap.ernet.in/>)

Indian Institute of Astrophysics at Bangalore has the necessary infrastructure to hold any international conference (we have done many astronomical conferences in the past) if the number of participants do not exceed 100. For a larger number of participants (exceeding 100), the venue can be arranged in any big hotel, where the infrastructure is available to conduct any international conference. There are also package deals available in these

hotels, to make use of the well equipped conference hall and the combined facilities for a nominal fee, provided many of the participants stay in the same hotel. The hotel rooms are very reasonably priced (tarif will be lesser for the conference time) with all the modern facilities and aesthetics. For the participants with low budget, few guesthouses and hostel facilities can be arranged if required.

Indian Institute of Astrophysics will be able to provide free transport for the participants to commute between their place of stay and the venue during the conference days, if the venue is outside their hotel.

Bangalore is one of the most beautiful, metropolitan cities of India. It has both the modern as well as traditional features which enhances the Indian culture. It will be no doubt, a rich experience for the participants to visit this garden city to participate in the conference. Moreover this city is well connected to all the major cities and towns in India.

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Your Preference:

Your Contact Details:

Your Name :

Organization :

Country:

E-Mail

Your Preferred LISA IV Site:

My 1st preference is

My 2nd preference is

Comments

If you press the Send Message button, your suggestion will be forwarded to Uta Grothkopf, esolib@eso.org. Thank you for sharing your views with us.

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