

6th International Workshop on Chiral Dynamics 6 - 10 July 2009, University of Bern, Switzerland

Second Bulletin

[New information, not present in the first Bulletin]

1 How to get here

An easy way to find the venue of the workshop is the following: please ask in your hotel how to get to the main train station. Under the beautiful glass roof take the **bus Nr. 12**, direction *Länggasse*, and leave the bus at the second stop called *Universität*. This stop is located at the *Falkenplatz*, indicated with a filled black circle on the map displayed below. From there, follow the small streets to the building 5 *Exakte Wissenschaften*, also indicated with a filled black circle on the map. Building Nr. 5 is where the workshop takes place. You may also wish to consult the website chiral09.unibe.ch, and follow the link **Location** there. Tickets for the bus have to be bought at the red vending machines present at every bus/tram stop. The price depends on the bus/tram stop where you take the first bus/tram. In order to find out, find the entry *Universität* in the list of bus/tram stops which is on every vending machine. On the right of *Universität* you see either *1-2*, then you have to press *Zonen 1-2* (left button) and pay Sfr. 3.80, or *KS* then you have to press *Kurzstrecke* (left button) and pay Sfr. 2.00. The machines do provide change.

2 Registration

On Sunday, July 5, registration will be open from 18:00-20:00 at the *Institut für Exakte Wissenschaften*, Sidlerstrasse 5, Univ. Bern, 3012 Bern (you will get badges, program booklet, WLAN code etc). See above for a description of how to get there. On Sunday, the entrance to the building will be possible from Sidlerstrasse 5 only (no entry from the terrace).

Those who do have time to register on Sunday are kindly invited to do so, it will make life easier on Monday morning, where registration starts at 08:00. For the tennis fans among you: we plan to broadcast the **Wimbledon final** at the registration site! For those who come later: registration is possible throughout the week.

3 Steven Weinberg: Public lecture

Steven Weinberg will give, aside from the opening talk, a public lecture on *Cosmic dark matter* on Monday evening, July 6, 19:15, in the building where the workshop will be running. The participants as well as accompanying persons are most welcome (even expected...) to attend. We have announced the lecture on a wider scale, and we expect many participants. We plan to provide a video transmission to a second lecture hall in case of need.

4 Speakers

We remind you that the allotted time for your talk **includes** some time for discussion. Therefore please do not be tight with your talks – give an easy time to the chair.

We will set up the system such that you can submit your talk to the INDICO timetable – we will send the pertinent instructions to the speakers soon. We encourage you to upload your talk prior to arrival. In case of problems, you can also e-mail them to chiral09@itp.unibe.ch.

We prefer files in pdf-format (after all, the name signifies *portable document format*). We have installed in addition PowerPoint, versions 2003 and 2007.

In case that you plan to use ppt, we strongly encourage you to send your talk (even in preliminary form) to fiechter@itp.unibe.ch [see *contact* below], writing *PowerPoint* in the subject line. We will run the file and try to solve any problem before your talk starts.

5 Poster session

There will be a poster session on Wednesday, from 12:45-13:45. The poster-people are asked to provide the poster in A0 format by Monday, July 6. Printing in Bern will be very difficult, although presumably not really impossible.

We still have room for more posters: in case you are interested, please write a short note to fiechter@itp.unibe.ch [see *contact* below] with *poster session* in the subject line and the title and a short abstract in the main body. Of course, those who already agreed to contribute need not write again.

6 Connection to the Internet

Each participant will get a **username** and a **password** upon arrival. With these, one can login to the Internet, either with your laptop, or with the PCs available here. We have installed several hot spots for WLAN.

Each participant will be asked to sign the receipt of the **username** and of the **password**, and he/she will be fully responsible for the proper use of those. **Username** and **password** will be valid from July 5 through July 10, and will expire automatically afterwards.

7 Proceedings

All presentations will be collected in the Proceedings (to be published by the Proceedings of Science, PoS, Sissa). Further information will be posted on our web page, and will be sent to the speakers as well, after the workshop.

8 Social Program

We have indicated on the homepage several possibilities for excursions under the heading *Social Program*. See also the entry *Swisstravel* for additional useful information. For instance, it is possible to get a Swiss Pass for 4 days, it is 260 Sfr. for 2nd class trains and allows you to travel at no charge on most trains in Switzerland (including trams in the cities). This is only possible for persons who do **not** live in Switzerland. In case that you are interested in one of the guided tours listed in the Social Program, or any other tour, please let us know as soon as possible, under *Fiechter@itp.unibe.ch*, with *social program* in the subject line.

9 Insurance

We have considered making an insurance covering accidents and theft for all participants, but this would have been too expensive and unfortunately we cannot offer it. To be sure: none of the planned activities is dangerous, and Bern is a rather safe place – but things do get stolen now and then, even at the University, so **please never leave your laptop or anything of value unattended!** It is up to you to nevertheless get private insurance against accidents, theft etc.

10 Important dates (2009)

Registration on Sunday	July 5, 18.00-20:00	
Follow-up registration	July 6, 08:00-09:15	[possible also later]
Beginning of the meeting	July 6, 09:30	
Public lecture S. Weinberg	July 6, 19:15	
End of the meeting	July 10, noon	

11 Contact

For questions and comments, please contact the workshop secretary, Mrs. Esther Fiechter (*fiechter@itp.unibe.ch*), tel. +41 31 631 86 31, or send an e-mail to *chiral09@itp.unibe.ch*.

During the workshop, a help line will be available: +41 31 631 89 33. This will connect either to the registration desk or to the secretariat.

