

Conference

On the Origin (and Evolution) of Baryonic Galaxy Halos

March 13th – 17th, 2017
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Fourth Announcement

Dear Colleagues,

This is a quick and friendly reminder that the payment deadline for the conference is fast approaching, i.e. 1st December 2016. Please, take the appropriate actions to avoid any problems concerning conference enrollment. Instructions on how to make the payment are available in the [conference website](#)

The registration fee is US\$400 and US\$200 for PhD students. However, for students that are accepted for a talk or posters, the registration fee is fully waived. The fee includes: buses for local transportation of the groups, participant kit, coffees and biscuits, conference dinner and some sightseeing. For non-students, if you do not pay the registration fee by the 1st December, you may lose your talk slot and need to pay a late registration fee of US\$600.

Social Events: You must first be registered and have completed the fee payment before your name will appear on the [Events sign up](#) page so that you can select your choice of the group excursion. In the same page, you will be able to make the registration for the conference dinner and include your guests. For students (with an accepted Talk or Poster), your name should appear in the selection box – if it does not please get in touch at galaxyhalos@epn.edu.ec

Ecuador has a growing astronomical research community and we encourage participants to visit the colonial city of Quito and its [Observatory](#) before or after the conference. We also encourage participants to bring their family members to enjoy the lovely Galapagos Islands. Local information, along with visa details can be found on the conference web page.

The SOC, along with your votes, has determined the conference talks. However, this is only a draft schedule subject to registration fee payment and final attendance. You can find the current talk schedule on the conference webpage by clicking in the [Talk Schedule link](#).

Main topics of the conference: Topics to be covered include: the origin and evolution of baryonic halos; how to define the stellar halo of an elliptical galaxy; the stellar components of galaxy halos: metallicity, age, kinematics, density; substructures in galaxy halos; in-situ vs. ex-situ formed stars; halo tracers, such as resolved stars, globular clusters, planetary nebulae, satellite galaxies and diffuse gas. There will be an emphasis on time for discussion and long coffee breaks to view the posters.

List of invited speakers: Aaron Romanowsky, Annalisa Pillepich, Bob Abraham, Carlos Frenk, Charlie Conroy, Jean Brodie, Kathryn Johnston, Marina Rejkuba, Roelof de Jong.

Conference Proceedings: The Proceedings of the “Conference On the Origin (and Evolution) of Baryonic Galaxy Halos”, will be published as a special issue of Galaxies Journal. Galaxies (ISSN 2075-4434) is an open access peer-review journal of astronomy, astrophysics, and cosmology published quarterly online by MDPI. The journal is covered by major databases, including Astrophysics Data System (ADS), Web of Science Core Collections (ESCI, Thomson Reuters). Only material presented in person at the meeting will be included in the proceedings. The proceedings must be published within six months of the Conference. Given the three months lead time required by the publishers, and the time required for editing, we request that all manuscripts be submitted by July 1, 2017.

Scientific Organizing Committee: The following people are part of the SOC: Duncan Forbes (Co-chair), Ericson Lopez (Co-chair), Jean Brodie, Carlos Frenk, Lars Hernquist, Claudia Mendes de Oliveira, Michael Merrifield, Marina Rejkuba and Aaron Romanowsky.

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