

"Sharing One Sky: SDSS, APOGEE, and Astronomy Outreach"

Viña del Mar, Chile, May 25-26, 2016

First Announcement

We are pleased to announce the first SDSS/APOGEE Workshop on Outreach and Education, which will take place at the Hotel Gala (<http://www.galahotel.cl/en/>) in Viña del Mar, Chile, on May 25-26, 2016. The Workshop Objectives and other information are provided below.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The focus of the workshop is astronomy education and public outreach, with a particular focus on sharing strategies and methods, creating cross-cultural and multi-lingual ventures, forming E/PO collaborations, and exploiting the science and international reach of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) and the Apache Point Observatory Galactic Evolution Experiment (APOGEE) — which will soon be operating from parallel sites in the U.S. and Chile — for fostering these activities. We wish to bring together astronomers, educators, and journalists to achieve the above objectives, and also formulate methods by which we can promote the public face of SDSS and APOGEE within Chile, across the Americas and beyond.

VENUE

Viña del Mar is Chile's largest and best-known beach resort town. It is 120km (74 miles) NW of Santiago. The city was founded in 1874 as a weekend retreat and garden residence for the wealthy elite from Valparaíso and Santiago. The city is divided into two sectors: downtown and the beachfront. The hotel Gala, while downtown, is still only a 10-minute walk from the beach. Viña del Mar is easily reachable from Santiago (both city and airport) by bus, via a 1 hour 45 min trip from Santiago. Private taxi transport can also be arranged for you.

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REGISTRATION/LODGING

Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Gala Hotel. Please book your room as soon as possible directly at: <http://www.galahotel.cl/en/>. Please, mention that you are an SSDS/APOGEE meeting participant in the hotel registration.

Attendees should also please register for the workshop on the registration form <https://goo.gl/rzZP7G> not later than 29 April 2016, or cut/paste the information below and emailing to Natalia Atencio natencio@astrofisica.cl (with a copy to jura.borissova@uv.cl; veronica.motta@uv.cl).

Name:

Institution:

Email address:

Viña del Mar arrival date/time:

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I request to make a contributed talk (yes/no):

Title and abstract of talk:

I will attend the conference dinner on May 25 (yes/no):

I am interested in a tour of local winery on the afternoon of May 26 (yes/no):

Sponsors:

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