



XIV SERBIAN-BULGARIAN ASTRONOMICAL CONFERENCE

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

The Organizing Committee is pleased to inform you that the XIV SERBIAN - BULGARIAN ASTRONOMICAL CONFERENCE (XIV SBAC) will be held in the town of **Vrnjačka Banja, Serbia**, in the period **23 - 27 September 2024**. The Conference venue will be in Hotel Breza (<https://www.hotelbreza.mod.gov.rs/>).

Official contact email address: sbac@aob.rs

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration deadline: **May 31, 2024**

Abstract submission deadline: **May 31, 2024**

REGISTRATION

Registration by all participants including invited speakers, SOC and LOC members is mandatory. Participants need to complete the attached registration form and send it back to sbac@aob.rs.

The registration is free of charge. However, a small fee will be charged to all participants, and it will include a welcome dinner, coffee breaks, and the conference dinner. **Attendees staying at Hotel Breza will be charged 6000 RSD (Serbian dinars), while those not accommodated at Hotel Breza will be charged 8400 RSD.** Participants from Serbia will need to pay the fee in advance directly to the hotel by invoice, which will be emailed upon registration. Participants from other countries will pay the fee upon arrival to the conference. Those who cannot attend the welcome and/or conference dinner will not be charged for it and the fee will be reimbursed or reduced.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts for poster or oral contributions should be **Word** files (Abstract form attached) formatted in Times New Roman font, size 12 pt, not exceeding one A4 page, written in English and contain the following information: preferred type of the contribution, title, all authors including full affiliations, abstract. Before submitting the abstract rename the file to "LASTNAME_FIRSTINITIAL.doc" with the presenting author's last name and first initial, and send it to sbac@aob.rs. Please make sure the abstract adheres to the one-page limit before submitting it and double-check that all author information is complete and accurate.

ACCOMMODATION

The Local Organizing Committee has secured rooms at special rates for our meeting attendees at the Hotel Breza. The type of accommodation can be either a room or an apartment. Prices are given for a full (3 meals) and a half board (2 meals), single 1/1 or double (shared) occupancy 1/2, and include all the taxes. The prices are (**booking till May 31, 2024**):

■ Full board room (per person and day)

1/2 - 5 375 RSD

1/1 - 6 075 RSD

■ Full board apartment (per person and day)

1/2 - 6 575 RSD

1/1 - 6 875 RSD

■ Half board room (per person and day)

1/2 - 4 875 RSD

1/1 - 5 575 RSD

■ Half board apartment (per person and day)

1/2 - 6 075 RSD

1/1 - 6 375 RSD

Price rates are the same for arrivals on September 22, a day before the conference. Accommodation is free for kids under the age of 5. The closed swimming pool, sauna, and table tennis room are free for hotel guests. Guests from Serbia will have to pay for accommodation in advance. For guests from other countries payment on the spot will also be possible, but the reservation has to be made before the indicated date above.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The welcome dinner will be organized in the evening of September 23. The excursion is planned for Wednesday on September 25 between lunch time and dinner. There will be two options for the excursion: a) visiting 5 sources of Vrnjačka Banja (Rimski, Snežnik, Jezero, Slatina and Beli izvor) that you can explore in an easy walk completely free of charge; b) important historical sights tour organized by a travel agency, offers will be known upon arrival at the conference and are subsequently paid on the spot according to the guide's rates (approximately 10-20 euros). The conference dinner is planned for Thursday evening, September 26.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Depending on our financial resources and participant interests, there might be a possibility of arranging free bus transportation from Belgrade to Vrnjačka Banja on September 23, and from Vrnjačka Banja back to Belgrade on September 27. If attendees need to arrange their own transportation to and from Vrnjačka Banja, please review the following information. Vrnjačka Banja is situated in southern Serbia, approximately 200 kilometers from Belgrade (a 2-3 hour drive) and 280 kilometers from Sofia (a 3-4 hour drive). If you plan to use public transportation, it is advised you use the bus -- check timetables at <https://www.polazak.rs/sr/> for connections within Serbia. There are two possible connections from Sofia: Sofia - Pirot - Vrnjačka Banja, and Sofia - Niš - Vrnjačka Banja. For international connections check <https://www.rome2rio.com/>. To ensure a smooth journey, please book your transportation well in advance (especially for international connections) and double-check the travel information closer to the trip date.

PROCEEDINGS

Contributions will be published in the regular proceedings of Publications of Astronomical Society "Rudjer Bošković". The instructions for article preparation will be announced later.

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