

Dear Participants,

Thank you for your registration at the 14<sup>th</sup> conference of the series 'Recent Developments in Gravity' (NEB-14 initials from the Greek: `Νεώτερες Εξελίξεις στην Βαρύτητα'). This is a series of meetings initiated in 1984 in Crete by the late Professor Vassilis Xanthopoulos and a group of greek relativists. Since then this meeting is held every other year at various cities in Greece organized by different groups of greek relativists and cosmologists. This is the third time it is organized at Ioannina (the other two times were in 1988 and 2000).

It is our pleasure to see that the international participation in these meetings has been constantly raising during the last few years and we hope that this increase will continue in the future. Our goal is to provide the stimulating environment for the presentation and discussion of the most recent cutting edge research results in classical and quantum gravity and cosmology. We hope that this will also provide the fertile ground for the initiation of new projects and the development of new collaborations in this exciting and rapidly developing field of research.

We would like to take this opportunity to also bring to your attention some practical information that you may find useful during the development of the meeting (please check also the 'Travel Info' link at <http://neb14.physics.uoi.gr/> ).

**Registration material:** The registration fee is 80 Euros and includes dinner and coffee. It is reduced to 50 Euros for members of the Hellenic Society of Gravitation and Cosmology and for students. It is waived for the plenary invited speakers.

In the folder received after your registration you may find:

- A certificate of your registration and participation at NEB-14.
- An updated version of the detailed program of the meeting. An updated version of the program may also be found at the www site of the meeting ( <http://neb14.physics.uoi.gr/> ).
- A collection of the abstracts of the talks.
- A coupon-card that you will need in order to participate in the conference dinner (banquet) that will take place at the conference hotel on Thursday June 10 at 8:00pm.
- A map of the city of Ioannina with annotations corresponding to places of interest and restaurants. More maps and travel information may be found at the www site of the meeting ('Travel Info' link on left frame) .

**Public Lecture:** A public lecture (in Greek) is scheduled to take place in the evening of the first day of the conference (Tuesday June 8, 2010) by Prof. Kostas Kokkotas of the universities of Tuebingen and Thessaloniki. The lecture titled 'General Relativity as a tool for studying the Universe' is primarily addressed to non-experts of the local community but participants of the conference are also welcome to attend.

**Excursion:** An excursion is scheduled on Wednesday June 9 after lunch to Lychnos Beach and to the touristic town of Parga. The buses will depart at 15:00 from the hotel. It takes about one and a half hours to Lychnos beach. We will stay there from about 16:30 to 18:30 for coffee and swimming and then we will go to the town of Parga where will stay for about two hours for dinner and walks. We will depart from Parga at about 21:00 and be back at the Hotel at about 22:30. You can find a Google map with the route of the excursion at the [www](#) site of the meeting ('Travel Info' link on left frame) . Photographs from the area may also be found The cost for the transportation at the excursion is 10 Euros per person and you may register at the conference secretariat on the first day of the meeting (Tuesday June 8, 2010).

**Meeting of the Hellenic Society of Gravitation and Cosmology:** The meeting will take place on the third day of the meeting (Thursday June 10, 2010) at 18:00 after the lectures and before the banquet. Members of the society are requested to participate. Elections and discussion about the next meeting are included in the agenda.

**Banquet:** The conference dinner will take place at the Grand-Serai Hotel on the third day of the meeting (Thursday June 10, 2010) at 20:00 after the meeting of the Hellenic Society of Gravitation and Cosmology. Please do not forget to have your dinner coupon card that may be found in your registration folder.

**Proceedings:** Plenary and keynote invited speakers may submit papers corresponding to their talks for publication (after referee review) at the conference proceedings. The proceedings will be published in the **open access** [Journal of Physics: Conference Series](#) (JPCS), published by [IOP Publishing](#).

The deadline for the manuscript submission is September 10, 2010. Please see detailed instructions at the [www](#) site of the conference for the preparation of the papers.