

First Circular



13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MODERN TRENDS IN ACTIVATION ANALYSIS (MTAA-13)

MARCH 13-18, 2011,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE STATION, TX 77843-3144

With a focus on:

- **Renewal and revitalization**
- **Education and work force development**
- **Participation by students/young scientists**

The Scope

In keeping with the traditional subject matter of previous MTAA meetings, the scope will include activation analysis methodology, methodological enhancements, applications of activation analysis to the fields of energy, environment, biology and medicine, geology, archaeology, homeland security, etc. However, this conference will broaden the subject matter somewhat in that it will invite and entertain contributed presentations from all areas of nuclear analytical methods as well as competing technologies.

Conference Format

The conference format will also be altered to incorporate additional time for individual and group discussions, web-streaming of selected portions of the program and special evening symposia which focus on topics of exceptional current interest and represent fields of study in which nuclear analytical methods are expected to play an expanded role. Time will be made available for attendees to enjoy socializing with one another in traditional Texas activities including the world's largest Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Special Symposia

Three special symposia in a unique meeting format are planned for one evening. Session organizers intend to introduce the topic during the afternoon session via an invited lecture from a recognized leader in the field who will provide a discussion of the state of the topic and the potential for nuclear analytical methods to have an impact in the immediate future. This will be followed, after a buffet meal, by an evening symposium in which several participants will build onto the foundation from the plenary presentation via short 5 to 10 minute talks. Each presenter will further contribute via a poster which will be viewed and discussed following the oral talks. We feel this will allow for maximum attendee interaction in a relaxed setting which will promote new ideas and collaborations. At this early date we are considering symposium topics on Archaeometric Application of Nuclear Analytical Methods, Large Sample Activation Analysis, Border Security/Nuclear Forensics, *In-Vivo* NAA, and Application of Nuclear Technology to Development and Evaluation of Nano-Materials.

Young Scientists

Conference organizers will provide incentives to selected potential attendees in the form of travel awards. We anticipate making up to twelve awards to students and another twelve to young scientists who submit applications. Awardees will be expected to participate in the meeting by submission of abstracts and manuscripts to

the proceedings. While financial need will be considered, recipients will be those considered by the conference organizers to be most likely to provide meaningful participation and future advancement of the science. Details concerning application procedures and criteria for selection will appear in subsequent announcements as well on the conference website.

Visa Information

Conference organizers recognize that travel to the United States from many places in the world requires timely planning for entry documents. We intend to provide any necessary documentation to bona fide registrants to the meeting. Please consult the US Department of State website for current visa requirements.

http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html

Transportation

Texas A&M University is located in the south-central portion of the state of Texas about 90 miles north of the city of Houston. Air travel is available either via Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) or the Dallas-Fort Worth Intercontinental Airport (DFW) to Easterwood Airport (CLL) in College Station. Most attendees will find it most convenient to travel through Houston with a connecting flight, a limousine shuttle or a rental car to College Station. Detailed travel instructions will be provided at a later date. The conference will local provide transportation to/from designated hotels and for all conference events.

Weather

The month of March in Texas is a pleasant time with an average temperature range of 50°F (overnight low) to 73 °F (daytime high). Rainfall averages 2.84 inches, the third driest month of the year. To take advantage of the nice weather and to promote a relaxed productive environment, the dress for the conference will be casual.

Registration Fee

While the determination of registration fee has not been finalized we anticipate a rate no greater than 400\$US. A schedule for student, late registration and accompanying person fees will be available in subsequent circulars and on the conference website.

Important Dates

On-line registration and abstract submission opens - March 1, 2010

Abstracts submission deadline – November 1, 2010

Late registration begins – January 1, 2011

Manuscript submission deadline – March 1, 2011

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Indication of Interest

If you have an interest in participating in MTAA-13, it will be very helpful if you would so indicate on the form found at:

https://tti.tamu.edu/conferences/mtaa13/registration_interest.htm.

This will allow us to make sure you are on the contact list.

