CONFIRMED KEYNOTE AND INVITED TALKS


Maria Antonietta BARUCCI, "Rosetta mission from Steins to Lutetia and beyond", LESA-Observatoire de Paris, France. Keynote speaker.

Zouhair BENKHALDOUN, Moon and Solar project at Oukaimeden Observatory (Morocco). Cadi Ayad University, Marrakech, Morocco. Invited talk.


Alvaro CROSTA, Remote sensing and geophysical characteristics of some Brazilian impact structures. Institute of Geosciences, University of Campinas, Brazil. Invited talk.


Ludovic FERRIÈRE, Recent work and confirmation of Congolese meteorite impact structures(s), Museum of Natural History, Vienna, Austria. Invited talk.

Luigi FOLCO, The Kamil Crater in Egypt: discovery and geophysical investigation. Luigi Folco on behalf of the 2010 Italian-Egyptian geophysical expedition members. Museo Nazionale dell’Antartide Università di Stena, Italy. Invited talk.

Jérôme GATTACCECA, Meteorite recovery in the Atacama Desert (Chile): results and comparison with other hot deserts. CEREGE (CNRS / Aix-Marseille University), France. Invited talk.


Abdeslam HOUMMADA, Progress on the neutrino telescope project in TAZA (Morocco). Hassan II University Casablanca, Faculty of Sciences Morocco. Invited talk.

Albert JAMBON, Impact effects and shock metamorphism in meteorites "Achondrites". INSTE, Université Pierre et Marie Curie Paris 6 France. Invited talk.


Olivier MOUSSIS, Formation conditions of comets in the primordial nebula. Institut Universitaire de France, Université de Franche-Comté & OSU THETA de Franche-Comté, Besançon, France. Keynote speaker.


Wolf Uwe REIMOLD, Economic potential of impact structures. Museum für Naturkunde Leibniz-Institute at Humboldt University Berlin Germany. Keynote speaker.

Kai WÜNEMANN, Oceanic impacts and their environmental effects. Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, Germany. Keynote speaker.

PRESENTATION:
The Faculty of Sciences, Casablanca Hassan II University, in partnership with the Arab Union for Astronomy and Space Sciences (AUASS) and the Arab Geologist Association (AGA), organizes the 2nd ARAB IMPACT CRATERING AND ASTROGEOLOGY CONFERENCE (AICAC II). The conference will open on the evening of 13 November 2011 and involves talks on 14 and 15 November at the Faculty of Science of the Hassan II Casablanca University. This is followed by a 5-day excursion through Morocco.

This conference comes after the first AICAC meeting that was initiated by the AUASS and took place at the University of Jordan in Amman on 9-11 November 2009. AICAC I was a highly successful meeting with participants from 22 countries, including 6 Arab countries.

AICAC II aims at establishing cooperation between well-established groups in the fields of Impact Cratering and Astrogeology and researchers from the Middle East and North Africa, where many impact craters exist and numerous meteorites have been collected. The conference will be a unique opportunity for Arab researchers to meet experts of the analysis of terrestrial impact structures and meteorite collections and will promote exchanges about the most advanced techniques for the characterization of shocked material. The conference will increase awareness in Arab countries, where meteorites abound and impact craters exist or have yet to be discovered, but where the scientific importance of this research field has not been systematically pursued yet. The objectives are to stimulate careful documentation of impact craters, to promote new research in Astrogeology and Meteoritics, and to increase interest among universities and scientific institutions in the Arabic countries.

CONFERENCE TOPICS:
(1) Impact cratering as an astronomical and geological phenomenon
(2) Structural features of impact structures
(3) Economic mineral associations related to impact structures
(4) Effects of impacts on the atmosphere, landscape, life, land stability
(5) General Astrogeology science
(6) Desert meteorites
(7) Geotourism and Heritage Conservation related to impact craters
(8) Asteroids, with a focus on Near-Earth Objects
(9) Comets
The main topics will be introduced by keynote addresses.

ABSTRACT FORMAT:
The abstract is two pages format; a template will be downloaded from the AICAC II website.

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- Arab Union for Astronomy and Space Sciences AUASS
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- Association Marocaine des Sciences de la Terre AMST
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CONFERENCE LANGUAGE:
English, there will be no simultaneous translation

WEATHER, TRANSPORTATION:
Casablanca is the economic capital of Morocco and is reachable via its international airport Casablanca Mohamed V. The Casablanca Mohamed V Airport is connected by regular direct flights to the majority of big cities of the world. Transport from the airport to the city centre is available by train or taxi and takes about 20 minutes. There will be a reception station at the airport that can be booked through the travel agency ICO TOURS International (330 Dh one way), the participants can book themselves directly through the travel agency ICO TOURS International. Casablanca offers a range of prestigious hotels at reasonable fares. Morocco is a safe travel destination. It is a major target for worldwide tourism and geotourism and a hub of geoscientific research. The hospitable people of Morocco are looking forward to hosting you.

The average weather conditions in mid-November are around 20 degrees during the day in Casablanca, and some 15 degrees at night. In the southern part of the country, daytime temperature may reach 25 degrees and at night it may cool to less than ten. Snow on the High Atlas is fairly possible.

ACCOMMODATION:
The organizers made a special deal with the ICO TOURS International travel agency that will organise hotels booking at:
Hotel Suisse 4* (http://www.hotelsuisse-casablanca.com/home.htm), 585 DH TTC BB single/night, 410 DH TTC BB double/night/person
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Presentations will be held in Val D’Anfa Hotel, except the opening talks that will take place at the Faculty of Sciences Ain Chock auditorium, at Hassan II University Casablanca. A transportation service from hotels to this function will be provided (details in the Final Announcement).

The Organizing Committee is actively engaged in securing sponsorship funds for the support of students and young researchers (for further details, please contact the chairperson).

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• 100 € for registered students (provide a letter of confirmation from your supervisor upon registration)
• For late registration after 15 October 2011 add € 25.

Local Moroccan currency is the Dirham (MDH): 1 € equals about 11.15 MDH or 1 US$ equals about 8.5 MDH.

Registration fees include all conference materials such as abstract volume, lunches, gala dinner, and local transport.

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