



Dear Colleagues,

The 26th International Conference on Ultra-Relativistic Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions (Quark Matter 2017) will take place in Chicago, USA, on February 6 – 11, 2017. The conference venue is the Hyatt Regency Chicago Meeting Center, located in the heart of Chicago. The Quark Matter 2017 conference will consist of 5 1/2 days of invited and contributed talks and poster presentations, beginning the morning of Monday, February 6, and ending early afternoon on Saturday, February 11. The conference will be preceded by a Student Day on Sunday, February 5.

Scientific Topics

The scientific program of the conference will include the following topics:

- QCD at high temperature
- Baryon-rich QCD matter
- QGP in small systems
- Initial state physics and approach to thermal equilibrium
- Collective dynamics
- Correlations and fluctuations
- Jets and jet quenching
- Heavy flavor and quarkonium
- Electroweak probes
- Strongly coupled systems
- New theoretical developments
- Future facilities and new instrumentation

Conference Website

The conference website can be found at <http://qm2017.phy.uic.edu/>

Registration

Registration will be through the conference website and will begin on August 1, 2016.

Accommodation

The conference hotel is the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel. All sessions will be held at the conference hotel. A conference rate of \$129 plus tax for accommodation in single or double rooms is available for conference participants, provided that the booking is made prior to the hotel reservation deadline of January 6, 2017. Rooms can be booked from the conference website after completing the registration. Details about the hotel can be found at <http://www.chicagoregency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

About Chicago

Chicago is the third largest city in the United States with a population of nine million people in its metropolitan area. Chicago, a significant cultural center, is home to renowned museums and a vibrant music scene. Major attractions within walking distance of the conference hotel include the Theater District, the Chicago House of Blues, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Museum of Contemporary Art. The surrounding downtown area offers endless opportunities for dining and nightlife. For more information please visit <http://www.choosechicago.com/>

Travel

The Chicago area is served by two major airports. The majority of international flights arrive to O'Hare (ORD) International Airport. Domestic travelers will have a choice between O'Hare and Midway (MDW) airports. Both airports are near the city center, which is easily accessible by taxi. There is also inexpensive and reliable subway transportation from both airports to the downtown area, running 24 hours a day.

Visa Information

The Quark Matter 2017 conference adheres to the principle of the free circulation of scientists as articulated by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics policy.

Conference participants should familiarize themselves with visa requirements well in advance of the conference. The official source for US visa information is <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/business.html>.

Letters of invitation for visa purposes will be available upon request for registered conference participants. Please address requests to qm2017info@listserv.uic.edu

Young Scientist Support

Students and participants who have received their PhDs within the past five years are encouraged to apply for financial support. Applications should be submitted via the conference website starting August 1, 2016.

Important Dates

1st announcement:	February 15, 2016
2nd announcement:	July 15, 2016
Final announcement	September 15, 2016
Early registration:	August 1 – December 1, 2016
Registration deadline:	February 1, 2017
Student support applications:	August 1 – October 1, 2016
Notification for student support:	November 1, 2016
Abstract submission:	August 1 – October 1, 2016
Notification for parallel talks:	November 1, 2016
Student Day:	February 5, 2017
Conference:	February 6 – 11, 2017

Sincerely yours,

Local Organizing Committee of Quark Matter 2017

Russell Betts (Co-chair), Illinois Institute of Technology

Olga Evdokimov (Co-chair), University of Illinois at Chicago

Ulrich Heinz (Co-chair), Ohio State University