

CHEP 2018 Second Bulletin

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CHEP 2018, the 23rd International Conference on Computing in High-Energy and Nuclear Physics will take place at the National Palace of Culture (NDK), Sofia, Bulgaria on **July 9-13, 2018**. Up-to-date information about CHEP 2018 and historical information about the CHEP conferences can be found on the CHEP 2018 Web site <http://CHEP2018.org>

PyHEP 2018 Workshop

The first workshop, PyHEP 2018, of the new series of workshops “Python in HEP”, will be held as a pre-CHEP event in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 7-8 July 2018, just before the start of CHEP. It will focus on a review of where and how Python is used in our community, and what the future will hold. The pre-conference workshop will be a forum for the participants, representatives of the community, to discuss topics around the areas of work identified in the HSF Community White Paper. There will be ample time for discussion.

The workshop will take place in the [Hilton Hotel](#), 5 minutes walk from the CHEP conference venue. Up-to-date information can be found on the [agenda page](#). The PyHEP 2018 registration will be an optional part of the registration process for the CHEP 2018 conference.

Lodging

The closest airport is Sofia International Airport (SOF), which is well-connected to the city center. [Read more](#). Most CHEP participants will not need to rent a car. Sofia is a compact city with a good public transportation system. There are plenty of restaurants within walking distance from the conference venue and the recommended hotels.

We have preliminary booking arrangements for 200 rooms at the Hilton Hotel (100), Grand Hotel Sofia (65) and Central Park Hotel (35). A list of hotels recommended by the organizers can be found [here](#).

Visa

Since 1 January 2007 the Republic of Bulgaria has been applying the European Union’s Common Visa Policy, subject to the terms of the Accession Treaty. In case a visa is required please contact us if you need any assistance. [Read more](#).

Important Dates

- Early Registration Opens: **22 January, 2018**
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance: **15 March, 2018**
- Early Registration Closes: **14 April, 2018**
- Registration Opens: **15 April, 2018**
- Hotel Reservation Deadline: **1 June, 2018**

Registration Costs

Registration category	Before April 15	After April 15
CHEP 2018 (general)*	€500	€600
CHEP 2018 (student)*	€300	
CHEP 2018 Reception (Mon, July 9)	Included	
CHEP 2018 Banquet (Thu, July 12)	Included	
Banquet for accompanying person	€80	
Pre-conference workshop**	€60	

Cancellation Fee: €50 (no refunds after June 15, 2018)

* Daily lunch and coffee/tea breaks included in registration fee for CHEP Conference

** The pre-conference workshop registration fee includes 4 Coffee/Tea breaks and 2 lunches.

Students

Participation of students is strongly encouraged. We can offer limited financial support to students interested to attend the conference. If you would like to participate please send us a CV and a motivation letter to the [Conference Chairs](#).

Childcare

For first time CHEP will offer childcare services in the Hilton Hotel in a close proximity to the conference facilities. The service will be available to all registered attendees and will be adapted to the conference program. It will run from 8:30am to 6pm during the week and will cover the time of conference dinner if requested.

The animation program includes puppet show and magic tricks. Please note that the children lunch meals are not included. The daily childcare fee is approximately 15€ provided a group of at least 10.

Explore Bulgaria

Bulgaria is a beautiful country worth exploring. One of the local top destinations, The Black Sea, only 40 minutes away by plane. If you prefer mountains and lakes Rila, Pirin, Rodhope and Stara Planina resorts are just nearby. If you like to learn about Europe's ancient history visit places such as [Belogradchik Rocks](#), [Valley of Thracian Kings](#) and [Perperikon](#). Local organizers have set up a page describing in brief some of the tourist attractions. [Read more](#).

If you are planning on organizing your summer vacation before or after the conference you can contact the conference chairs for more information about local travel agencies.

Sponsors

Commercial sponsorship of CHEP 2018 is encouraged. Opportunities exist to sponsor booths, presentation slots in plenary and parallel sessions, and other ways of interacting with conference participants. For more information please visit the [sponsorship webpage section](#) or contact the CHEP 2018 [Conference Chairs](#).

Contact

The conference chairs are Peter Hristov (CERN), Petya Vasileva (CERN) and Vassil Vassilev (Princeton University). Questions about the scientific organization, sponsorship or other enquiries should be addressed to [Conference Chairs](#).