



Second Announcement & Call for Abstracts

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The 11th Asian-Pacific Regional IAU Meeting (APRIM2011) will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in July 26-29, 2011, continuing on from the successful 10th APRIM held in Yunnan, PRC in 2008. The principal aim of the conference is to provide a forum for the expanding astronomy community. In view of the extensive scientific and technical development in astronomy now occurring at the observatories all over the world, APRIM2011 will be an important forum to encourage collaborations among groups working in different countries in the region.

As with APRIM2008, astronomers from all over the world are welcome to contribute to all sessions of the meetings. Participation of young astronomers and students is strongly encouraged. A special session focusing on astronomy education, outreach and popularization of astronomy will also be arranged. High school students, teachers, amateurs and general educators are welcome to participate.

A full-day excursion to the Thai National Observatory, home of the 2.4-m optical telescope, and to the Princess Sirindhorn Neutron Monitor in Doi Inthanon National Park will be arranged as part of the conference programme.

A joint event, AstroExpo2011, to commemorate His Majesty the King's 84th Birthday in the year 2011, will also be organized. Local and overseas exhibitors (astronomical institutions, observatories, scientific instrument companies and publishers) are invited.

Conference Format:

The scientific sessions will consist of 3 Plenary Sessions and 9 Parallel Sessions with invited talks, contributed talks and posters. Public Sessions will also be organized in the evenings. A preliminary schedule is now available on the website.

Lists of confirmed plenary, public and invited speakers are available on the website and will be updated.





Call for Abstracts:

The Scientific Organizing Committee of APRIM2011 calls for papers in all fields of astronomy and astrophysics, but particularly invites work in line with APRIM2011 key topics. All abstracts must be submitted through online abstract submission system, which already open. To avoid technical problems, early submission is strongly recommended. **Deadline: April 30, 2011**

Financial Support:

A limited number of IAU travel grants is available for young astronomers and astronomers from less privileged countries. Those who wish to apply should fill in the IAU grant application form. Please submit your abstract online and send the completed form to the LOC at aprim2011@narit.or.th **no later than January 31, 2011.**

Conference Venue & Hotel Information:

Details of the conference venue and hotels are now available on the website and will be updated regularly.



Important Dates:

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| November 26, 2010 | Online Abstract Submission open |
| January 15, 2011 | Online Registration Payment open |
| January 31, 2011 | Deadline for Travel Grant Applications |
| March 15, 2011 | Notification of Travel Grant awards |
| April 30, 2011 | Deadlines for Abstract Submission & Registration Payment |
| June 15, 2011 | Final Program release |
| June 30, 2011 | Deadline for Hotel Booking |
| July 26-29, 2011 | APRIM2011 Meeting |
| September 30, 2011 | Deadline for submission of papers for the Proceedings |

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