European Astronomy comes to Lisbon in September
The European Week of Astronomy and Space Science

The Joint European and National Astronomy Meeting (JENAM) 2010, a major European astronomy meeting, will take place at the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal, from Monday 6 September to Friday 10 September 2010.

This is an initiative of the European Astronomical Society (EAS) and will be an exciting scientific event, spanning front line topics in Astronomy, Space Sciences and technologies spread by the EAS Symposia, Plenary, Public and Special Sessions and posters. The programme for JENAM 2010 will cover a vast number of subjects ranging from the evolutionary aspects of Dwarf Galaxies, the study of Star Clusters in the era of Large Surveys, optical and infrared Interferometry, the role of environment in star and galaxies formation, Astronomy Planning in Europe, professional and amateur astronomers collaboration to new trends in Global Astronomy Education.

Again, on this 18th edition of JENAM, main European astronomy infrastructures such as the European Southern Observatory (ESO) and the European Space Agency (ESA) will present their topical results. For the first time, CERN will participate at a JENAM with a major contribution.

More than 400 abstracts for oral presentations and posters have been submitted and around 600 astronomers from around the world are expected to attend.

This is the second time JENAM is held in Portugal and organised by the Portuguese Astronomical Society. Since its last Portuguese edition in Porto in 2002, astronomy has become the most competitive scientific area of research in Portugal, according to a study recently released by the Ministry of Science and Technology (http://www.gpeari.mctes.pt/archive/doc/Producaocientificanacional_fev_2010_aa.pdf)

Details of the conference can be found on the official website: http://www.jenam2010.org

A draft programme can be found at: http://www.jenam2010.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=13&Itemid=26

Further information will be circulated before and during the meeting, including press notices on presentations that may be of special interest (subject to embargo).

JENAM 2010 is organised by the Portuguese Astronomical Society with the support of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, OPTICON, RadioNet, ESO and ESA.
Media Registration

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. Press room facilities will be available for the duration of the conference, from 9 am on Monday 6 September through to 5 pm on Friday 10 September. The venue has a wireless network.

Media registration is free. Any bona fide media delegates can pre-register online or by e-mailing info@scienceoffice.org (advance registration is not essential but encouraged).

Science bloggers and new media activists are most welcome to join the conference or our mailing list.

Notes for the editors

JENAM is organised each year in one of the European countries jointly by the European Astronomical Society (EAS) and one of the national astronomical societies. JENAM 2010 is the 18th Annual Meeting of the European Astronomical Society and the 20th Annual Portuguese Meeting of Astronomy and Astrophysics.

The European Astronomical Society (EAS) was founded in 1990 and its purpose is to contribute to and promote the advancement of astronomy, in its broadest sense, in Europe, by providing an independent forum for the discussion of subjects of common interest and by providing means whereby action can be taken on those matters which appear desirable to be handled at the European level. EAS brings together 24 European Astronomical Societies and more than 700 professional astronomers.

Links

JENAM: http://www.jenam2010.org
European Southern Observatory (ESO): http://www.eso.org/public/
European Space Agency: http://www.esa.int
Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT): http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/
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