



THE UNIVERSITY *of York*



# NUSTAR Week 2016

University of York, UK

September 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

## SECOND CIRCULAR

The NUSTAR Week 2016 will be hosted by the University of York. The conference will take place at the King's Manor, in the centre of the historic city of York. Following the tradition of previous such events, we hope to have an intense week of discussions and collaboration meetings. There will be special emphasis on UK contributions to NUSTAR and related science.

In this second circular you'll find some more details to help you plan your travel and accommodation. Registration for the event is now open

We are looking forward to welcoming you in York!

Mike Bentley, York (co-Chair and local organiser), Zsolt Podolyak (Surrey, co-Chair), Alison Bruce (Brighton), Paddy Regan (Surrey) **...on behalf of the UK-NUSTAR collaboration**

## PROGRAMME and SCHEDULE

On outline program for the week is available on conference web pages. This shows which sub-group collaboration meetings are taking place and when. Monday 26<sup>th</sup> is planned for arrival, and the time until Wednesday lunch is reserved for sub-collaboration meetings and working group meetings for the various projects of NUSTAR. The final two days, from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> (lunch) to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> (lunch) are reserved for plenary sessions covering NUSTAR physics. See the outline programme on the web page. *Please note, the Super-FRS collaboration meeting starts early, on Monday afternoon 26<sup>th</sup> September.*

We are planning a drinks reception on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and the conference dinner will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> at the National Railway Museum.

## REGISTRATION

Registration is now open on the web page. There is a registration fee of £65, which part of the costs of the conference. This contributes to the costs of venue hire, lunches, conference dinner etc. This can be paid in cash on arrival or online via the conference web page. **Please note that the venue for the plenary sessions of the conference has a capacity limit, and so we recommend that you register early, and before you book your travel.**

## **LOCATION - see map below**

The meeting will take place at The King's Manor, part of the University of York, located in the centre of the historic city. York is a city with nearly 2000 years of history. Originally a Roman, then Viking, settlement, York has played a major role in significant periods of English history. This ancient walled city has many attractions, including the stunning York Minster, one of the largest Gothic cathedrals in northern Europe, many beautiful ancient buildings and the UK's largest railway museum.

## **TRAVEL**

**AIR:** York is within easy travelling distance of four international airports: Leeds/Bradford, Humberside, Manchester and Robin Hood Doncaster/Sheffield. It is also accessible from Edinburgh Airport and the five major London airports that serve nearly every international airline, including budget airline operators.

**However, the recommended way to travel to York from overseas is to fly to Manchester International Airport, followed by train to York.** There are regular direct trains to York from the airport, with a journey time of 1h50m. The Manchester Airport train station is located in the airport (follow the signs) and you can buy a ticket to York from ticket machines or from the ticket office in the station.

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**TRAIN:** There are direct trains from most major cities, including London (Kings Cross), Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and Edinburgh. Once at the station in York, the conference venue is a short walk away, as are all the attractions of York and many hotels and guest houses.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for accommodation. We encourage you to make your room reservations as soon as possible. The conference venue is in the centre of this small city, close to York Minster, so any accommodation that is central will be fine. There are several hotels in or near, the centre of York, which are easily found online. York, being a tourist city also has a wide range of other guest houses and "bed and breakfast" options, the latter of which can provide a cheaper and more "authentic British" option – but check the reviews!

**Cheaper accommodation:** For a lower-cost option, the University has its own bed-and-breakfast accommodation, called Franklin House, which currently charges £52.90 per night for an en-suite room with breakfast. This is on the University campus, and not in the centre of the city, but there is an easy, and regular, 10-minute bus to and from the city. This accommodation can be booked online at the following link (click on Franklin House at the bottom of the page)

<https://www.yorkconferences.com/secure/york-conferences/bed-and-breakfast.aspx>

## **WEATHER IN YORK**

The weather in York at the end of September is expected to be mild-ish (average high/low 15°C/9°C), and rain is always possible!

**CONFERENCE WEB SITE:** <https://indico.gsi.de/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=4119>

# MAP of YORK CITY CENTRE

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No 66 Bus stops:  
• To University  
• To City

