



THE UNIVERSITY *of York*



NUSTAR Week 2016

University of York, UK

September 27th – 30th

FIRST CIRCULAR

Dear Colleagues,

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.

A preliminary program will be available soon. With this circular we want to encourage your participation in the meeting. Please note the dates in your diary if you have not already done so. We also wanted to provide you with some practical information that you might find useful in planning your trip.

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

The programme will start Tuesday morning, September 27th and concludes on Friday lunchtime, September 30th. The first day and a half (until Wednesday lunch) are reserved for sub-collaboration meetings and working group meetings for the various projects of NUSTAR. The final two days are reserved for plenary sessions covering NUSTAR physics.

We are planning a drinks reception on Tuesday 27th and the conference dinner will be on Wednesday 28th.

LOCATION

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 most convenient way to travel to York from overseas is likely to be a flight 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. 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.

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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>

CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION FEE

There will be a small (estimated £60-70) conference fee to cover local costs, conference dinner etc.

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>