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MOLEC XVII – 2008

European Conference on Dynamics of Molecular Systems

August 23-28, 2008

St. Petersburg, Russia

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<http://www.ioffe.ru/MOLEC17/>

e-mail: molec17@mail.ioffe.ru

Please note the following DEADLINES:

- April 14, 2008 for sending "Application Form";
- June 2, 2008 for sending abstract of talk, or poster;
- June 9, 2008 for registration and payment of the "Reduced Registration Fees" (later fees are increased to cover extra costs).

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The series of biennial MOLEC Meetings started in 1976, when the first Conference was held in Trento. Since that time the conference was held in Brandbjerg Hojskole (Denmark), Oxford (UK), Nijmegen (The Netherlands), Jerusalem (Israel), Aussois (France), Assisi (Italy), Bernkastel-Kues (Germany), Prague (Czech Republic), Salamanca (Spain), Nyborg Strand (Denmark), Bristol (UK), Jerusalem (Israel), Istanbul (Turkey), Nunspeet (The Netherlands), Trento (Italy), and now comes to St.Petersburg.

European Conference on Dynamics of Molecular Systems focuses on the different aspects of atomic and molecular interactions, with emphasis on both experimental and theoretical studies of the dynamics of elastic, inelastic and reactive encounters between atoms, molecules, ions, clusters and surfaces. The meeting deals in particular with:

- MC - Molecular collisions in different environments (plasmas, atmospheric/interstellar/combustion processes, gas-surface processes, biologically relevant systems, etc.)
- CMD - Fundamental problems and ab-initio calculations on molecular dynamics
- PMI - Photon-matter interactions: spectroscopy, photodissociation and photo-induced reactions including femtosecond dynamics.
- UC - Interaction between ultra-cold molecules and atoms, processes in He droplets.
- VC - Steric effects and vector correlations in reactive processes and in photodissociation.

The Conference format will include invited lectures, hot topics (some of them will be also invited), and poster sessions. The duration of an invited lecture is 35 min (including discussion) and the duration of a hot topics is 25 min (including discussion). The participation of young researchers and students is particularly welcome. For a limited number of students a cheap accommodation will be available.

Preliminary list of speakers:

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Enrico Bodo, University of Rome, Rome, Italy
Mark Brouard, Oxford University, Oxford, UK
Simonetta Cavalli, University of Perugia, Perugia, Italy
David Chandler, Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore, USA
Marcel Drabbels, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland
Alberto Garcia-Vela, CSIC, Madrid, Spain
Karl-Heinz Gericke, TU Braunschweig, Germany
Gregory Hall, Brookhaven Nat. Lab. New York, USA
Christophe Juvet, PPM, Orsay, France
Toshio Kasai, Osaka University, Japan
Raphael Levine, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel
Harold Linnartz, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands
Kopin Liu, Academia Sinica, IAMS, Taipei, Taiwan
Hiroki Nakamura, IMS, Okazaki, Japan
Daniel Neumark, UCB, Berkeley, USA
Eugene Nikitin, Technion, Haifa, Israel
Andrew Orr-Ewing, Bristol University, Bristol, UK

David Parker, University of Nijmegen, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
Pierre Pillet, Laboratoire Aimé Cotton, Orsay, France
Albert Stolow, NRC, Ottawa, Canada
Arthur Suits, Wayne State University, Detroit, USA
Eberhardt Tiemann, Hannover University, Germany
Stanislav Umanskii, Institute of Chemical Physics, Moscow, Russia

The Conference Residence will be held in the Education Center of the Academy of Professional Education in Pushkin, a beautiful suburb of St. Petersburg which is about 25 km from the downtown St. Petersburg and has easy connection with the city by bus, by train, and by taxi. The conference site is a former palace of Kochubey, a Russian prince and statesman of the 18-19 centuries, and is located a few hundred meters from the famous palace of Empress Catherine the Second (a Summer residence of Russian tzars). The day of arrival is August 23. The scientific program will begin in the morning August 24 and finished in the evening August 28, 2008.

The conference center is accessible by public transportation, by taxi and by car from all St. Petersburg airports, bus and railway stations. The conference center address is: Kochubey palace, Radishcheva 4, 196602 Pushkin.
Tel. +7(812)4652155.

There will be a shuttle bus between the Pulkovo-2 International Airport and the Conference Residence in Pushkin during the day of August 23, which will operate every hour. For participants arriving before, or after or from another airport or station, transportation information can be found on the conference web site: <http://www.ioffe.ru/MOLEC17/>

Expecting many accompanying persons, the Local Organizing Committee plans to organize for them a special excursion program.

St. Petersburg is one of most important scientific, historic, and cultural centers in Russia and one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. An illustrated history of St. Petersburg, points of interest, and a virtual city tour can be found at the following web sites:

<http://www.saint-petersburg.com/history/index.asp>

<http://www.saint-petersburg.com/virtual-tour/index.asp>

<http://www.hermitagemuseum.org/>

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IMPORTANT PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION
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If you wish the local organizers to help you for the visa application then also send a copy of the first page(s) of your passport to the local organizers, before April 14, 2006, together with your Application Form. The same should be done for each accompanying person. The children under 16 who come with you and are noted in your passport need not to be mentioned in your Application Form, and do not need an individual Visa Application form.

The Application form(s) should be sent as attached file(s) by e-mail to: molec17@mail.ioffe.ru. The copy of the passport can be either scanned and sent as an attached file to the above e-mail address, or faxed to the number +7(812)2471017 with the note: "To the MOLEC-17 Organizing Committee".

Please note that a visitor to the Russian Federation must have a passport valid 6 months beyond the intended stay, a visa, and documents testifying return or onward travel. You should bear in mind that the Letter of Invitation (LOI) and the visa are two different things. You must first apply for a LOI and then send the LOI together with the visa application to a Russian Embassy or Consulate in the country of residence.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will supply each participant to MOLEC-XVII with a "Letter of Invitation" authorized by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is required for business-type visas. A copy of the Letter of Invitation will be faxed to you and the original will be sent to you by regular mail, if necessary.

You may also apply for a Letter of Invitation or Voucher for Accommodation by yourself; see the information about visas to Russia on the web site: <http://www.visatorussiaonline.com/> or <http://www.russian-st-petersburg.com/5-russian-visa/index.htm>.

In most countries your visa may be issued with a fax copy of the Letter of Invitation or Voucher for Accommodation, but we recommend you to check with the local Russian Consulate office if you need the original.

In order to get a Letter of Invitation in time from the LOC the Application Form should be sent by April 14, 2006.

Important: Russian law requires that you register your visa within 3 working days of your arrival in Russia. This registration will be made at the conference desk.

If you wish to attend MOLEC-17 then please fill up and e-mail the application form below to the address: molec17@mail.ioffe.ru. Each accompanying person should also supply an Application Form, however free of scientific data.

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APPLICATION FORM
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I would like to attend the European Conference on Dynamics of Molecular Systems (MOLEC-17) to be held at St.-Petersburg, Russia, on August 23-28, 2008.

Please mark:

I need a Letter of Visa Invitation

I do not need a Letter of Visa Invitation

VISA INFORMATION

1) // Title/Status (Prof, Dr, Student, Accompanying dependent, ...) //

2) // Family Name //

3) // First name, other names, patronymic (if applicable), as it appears in your passport //

4) // DOB (dd.mm.yyyy), place of birth //

5) // Sex (Male, Female) //

6) // Citizenship //

7) // Passport number, expire date //

8) // Name and DOB of accompanying children below 16
(if they are mentioned in your passport) //

9) // Approximate dates of arrival to and departure from Russia //

10) // Russian Consulate where you intend to apply for a visa //

11) // Address, phone number //

12) // E-mail //

13) // The FAX number where the VISA invitation should be sent //

SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

Research field: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Zip/Post Code: _____

City: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: _____

Telefax: _____

E-mail: _____

If you would like to make a presentation at the meeting then please complete the following:

I would like to give a talk entitled

Author(s) (please underline the speaker)

I would like to give a poster entitled

Author(s) (please underline the presentator)

Comments or suggestions:

Date:

Signature:

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Registration and the Conference fee

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The registration fees are as follows (in Euro):

	Before June 9, 2008	After June 9, 2008
Regular participant	300	350
Accompanying person	100	150
Students	100	150

The fee covers the running costs of the Conference, visa support, transportation from airport to the Conference Residence, Welcome party, Conference dinner, but NOT the accommodation expenses.

Accommodation

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The participants will stay in the Conference Residence and in the nearby Hotel Ekaterina located directly in the Bolshoy Catherine Palace which is about 15 minutes walk from the Conference Residence through the Catherine Park. Single and double rooms are available in the Conference

Residence. Only 20 double rooms are available in the Hotel Ekaterina, therefore the participants who would like to stay in this hotel should register well in advance.

Accommodation rates, (per person in Euro):

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Conference residence Single 540
 Double 390

Hotel Ekaterina Double 450

The above rates cover six nights stay in the hotel from the evening Saturday August 23 till the afternoon Friday August 29, 2008, including all meals.

For a limited number of students a reduced accommodation fee of 250 Euro is available. Students wishing to apply should send a presentation letter (by e-mail to molec17@mail.ioffe.ru) from their supervisor to the Local Organizing Committee that will select successful candidates.

Additional nights at the Prince Kochubey Palace before and/or after the symposium can be arranged if requested early enough. The price is:
single room - 65 Euro/night, double room - 80 Euro/night, breakfast included.

The above costs DO NOT INCLUDE accident or medical insurance: every participant or dependent should carry his / her own accident and medical coverage from his / her home institution or company for the whole duration of the meeting.

Registration&Payment:

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The Registration Form will be available at the Conference web site: <http://www.ioffe.ru/MOLEC17/>. The filled registration form should be e-mailed to the address: molec17@mail.ioffe.ru, or faxed to the number +7(812)2971017 before June 9, 2008 with the note "To the MOLEC-17 Organizing Committee".

The payment of the Conference fee and the hotel should be done by bank transfer (preferably), or by cash at the registration desk.

Bank transfer:

The payment free of all banking and postal charges should be made in EURO. On a bank order, the abbreviation MOLEC-17 and the name(s) of participant(s) or accompanying person(s) must be specified. Payment should be made to: Company Business Visit, Ltd.

Bank account:

Bank VEFK

Correspondent Bank: Deutsche Bank AG

SWIFT: DEUTDEFF

Beneficiary Bank: EEFC Bank Plc.,

SWIFT: PETRRU2P

Account No: 100 9497918 1000

Beneficiary: "Company"Business Visit", Ltd

Account No 40702978207119000013

Payment by cash at the registration desk will be available for a limited number of participants, the participants who would like to pay at the registration desk should inform the Local Organizing Committee well in advance.

Cancellation & Refund:

In the case of cancellation you must notify the General Manager N. Kucherenko (Company Business Visit, Ltd) by fax at: +7 (812) 740-71-43.

Refund will be made upon receipt of a written notice, less a service charge. The service charge is: 3% of the amount paid if the notification is received by August 23, 2008. After August 23, 2008, no refund is possible, due to our commitments with the hotel and other services.

Abstract Submission

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In your e-mail message please specify the authors and title of each of your abstracts and if you prefer an oral talk or a poster display. Most of the oral talks at MOLEC-17 are 20 min long (+ 5 min for discussion). It is possible to present both an oral talk and a poster display. Abstracts should be e-mailed to the Local organizers at: molec17@mail.ioffe.ru before June 2-nd and in any case not later than in July 21 in the form explained below, in order to be included in the booklet of abstracts. The oral talks may not be guaranteed as they will be selected by the Organizing committee.

The abstract file name should have the format: topic-name.pdf; for instance, PMI-Pravilov.pdf would mean that participant Pravilov will present his abstract under topic PMI (Photon-matter interactions: spectroscopy, photodissociation and photo-induced reactions including femtosecond dynamics: see list above). If you intend to present more than one paper in a topic then put sequential numbers in the file name: e.g., PMI-Pravilov-1.pdf, PMI-Pravilov-2.pdf, etc). If you cannot submit your abstract in PDF format then please provide us with a PS, DOC, or RTF file.

Abstracts should preferably be prepared along the following rules. Page size: A4 (297x210 mm), portrait display, margins of 25 mm all around. Title: single-spaced, Times New Roman, 14 points, boldface. Authors: single-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 points. E-mail address of presenting author: id. Affiliation: single-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 points, italic. Abstract text: 1.5 spaced, Times New Roman, 12 points. The references in the text should be given in square brackets, e.g. [1]. Only black-and-white figures are allowed. Authors should make sure that the file does not include copyright fonts or other impediments for reproduction. The abstract should be no larger than one page.

An abstract template is given on our web site: <http://www.ioffe.ru/MOLEC17/>.

Further information can be found on the conference web site <http://www.ioffe.ru/MOLEC17/> which we will keep updated with the most recent news. Final details of the Scientific program, arrival information, etc. will be given in the Third Announcement in July 2008.

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