Some General Information

For updated Program, consult the program website: https://indico.in2p3.fr/event/12968/overview

Conference Venue:

- **2 4 May**: Physical Sciences Building Auditorium, Indian Institute of Science. It is close to the "D" gate or the Mathikere gate. It is opposite to the new Nano science and Biology buildings and next to new Aerospace buildings. Please note that the distance between IISc main gate and the New Physical Science building is approximately **1.5** km.
- **5 May**: ICTS, About 30 kms away from IISc, transport will be availabe on 5th morning at around 7:30-7:45 am from IISc to ICTS

Directions to IISc:

Bangalore is connected by air, rail and road to all the metros and most major cities of the country. Also, one can fly directly to Bangalore from several international airports.

Local transport from the airport to IISc:

Taxi services are available in the exit of the departure terminal. Metered taxis are also available just outside the terminal on the kerb. You are encouraged to take the metered taxis on the kerb side rather than those from counters like Hertz or Akbar's (People arriving late at night to ICTS are an exception). They are twice as expensive and LIA-CEFIPRA might not be able to reimburse them. Approximate fares to IISc are between Rs 700-Rs 750 + toll fare of Rs 130.

Air conditioned buses to IISc are available from the airport and ticket charges are about Rs 220. Bus number KIAS 10 can drop one right at an IISc gate. All other airport buses with other numbers go via 'Mekhri Circle'. Get down at Mekhri Circle and take an auto to IISc (about 3km distance). The Institute is known as "Tata Institute" to the locals.

Local transport from the Bangalore City Railway Station to IISc:

Bangalore is connected to all major Indian cities by rail. The City Railway Station is the main terminal in Bangalore. If you are traveling by train, you should get off at the City Railway Station, which is about 7 km from the IISc campus. You will have to get out of the station from platform number ONE and reach the prepaid auto stand or hire a city taxi.

Local transport from the Yesvantpur Railway Station to IISc:

Another major railway station in Bangalore, which is the closest to IISc, is 'Yesvantpur'. The distance from this station to IISc is less than 2 km. and it also has prepaid auto facility.

Local transport from the Bus Terminal Station to IISc:

The Main bus terminal in the city is opposite the City Railway Station. This bus terminal, commonly known as Majestic, is about 7 km from IISc. If you happen to reach Majestic, Bangalore, reach platform number 22 of City Bus Station from where almost all buses come to the Institute via Malleswaram. You can get a bus in every 2 min during office hour.

Local transport from the Air/Railway/Bus Station to ICTS:

Participants arriving by Air / train / bus may arrive at the IISc campus (opposite JRD Tata Memorial Library - in the parking lot). There is a frequent shuttle service of the Centre which connects the campus to the ICTS. The schedule is attached and can also be find in program web page.

People reaching late at night, after 8:30 pm (assuming it will take one hour to reach IISc) better use the taxi's like AKBAR TRAVELS to reach ICTS directly, as the last bus from IISc to ICTS leaves at 10:00 pm.

Accommodation:

(Please consult the Accommodation in the program website to find your respective accommodated place.)

Directions to Main Guest House.

You can enter IISc either through the ATM/Security gate or through the main gate. Both these gates are end points of two parallel roads inside the campus. If you enter IISc through the ATM/Security gate, it will end at the main Guest House of the Institute.

Directions to Centenary Guest House

The Centenary Guest House is close to the gate next to the Ramaiah Hospital on the New BEL Road. If you are coming from the airport, it is advisable to tell the taxi driver (if he knows IISc) to take you directly there through New BEL Road. Otherwise, it is better to come to the main gate and ask the security to direct you to the guest house.

Directions to Hoysala Guest House

Hoysala Guest House is close to Nesara restaurant near JRD Tata Memorial Library.

ICTS Guest House

Participants who are accommodated at ICTS can arrive at IISc and catch a bus for ICTS. The time table of transportation from ICTS Guest House to the IISc is attached.

ICTS Guest house address:

International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS) Guest house block Survey No. 151, Shivakote, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North - 560 089, India Phone number: 080 4653 6400

Additional numbers: 080 4653 6000 /080 4653 6100

Please report directly at the respective guest house.

(Please see the campus map in the file for walking directions to the program venue.)

Note for Participants staying at ICTS

The transport will be available on 2-4 may from ICTS to IISc at around 7:45-8:00 am. Breakfast will be provided at the ICTS guest House on 2-4 May. Please have your breakfast before bus leaves.

SPEAKERS:

Speakers are requested to send the title of their talks As Soon As Possible.

Please send your talks (PDF versions preferable) at least a day before your scheduled talk. The schedule of the talks is already available on the website.

Food:

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided at the meeting venue on 2-4th may.

The banquet will be in The IISc Guest House lawn on 4th night.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided in ICTS on 5th May.

Participants staying at CVH and main guest house can have their meals in the IISc main guest house on 1st May and 6th May or some nearby restaurants inside the campus like nesara, prakruti and nisarga or in New Bel Road.

Participants staying in Hoysala can have their meals in some nearby restaurants inside the campus like Nesara, Prakruti and Nisarga or in New BEL Road on $1^{\rm st}$ and $6^{\rm th}$ May.

(Please consult the Bangalore restaurants in the program website to find more options nearby)

Weather:

Weather in Bangalore is quite hot now days, with temperature ranging between 25 deg C and 37 deg C. There can be occasional showers; so an umbrella will be handy.

POWER OUTLETS:

AC power in India is with 220V and 50Hz. The power sockets are of the type "BS 546" (

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AC_power_plugs_and_sockets British and compatible standards)

TA forms:

Those who are claiming travel from LIA-CEFIPRA budget, please make sure that you travel by the lowest fare by any airline and keep your boarding pass intact for reimbursement. Please keep your taxi receipt also intact if you intend to claim it. Please make sure take the metered taxis on the kerb side rather than those from counters like Hertz or Akbar's (People arriving late at night to ICTS are an exception). They are twice as expensive and LIA-CEFIPRA might not be able to reimburse them.

Those who are claiming airfare for travel from France are requested to provide their bank details. i.e the following: Name, Name of Bank, IFSC code, IBAN, Account Number, Swift code. Please note that the expenses will be reimbursed only after you provide the boarding pass and ticket copy on arriving in Bangalore.

Students and Post-docs are eligible only for IInd A/C train fare even if they travel by air.

It is essential for those of you who have applied for travel support to submit the completed TA forms along with copies of tickets and boarding passes(in original) on the first day (May 2nd).

Currency Exchange:

You can exchange your foreign currency to Indian currency at the Bangalore Airport.

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Miscellaneous:

Medical Shops: There is a medical shop on the campus near Tata Memorial Club. There are several on the New BEL Road and in Malleswaram.

Hospitals: M.S.Ramaiah Hospital Ph-080-23608888 Health centre(IISc) Ph **–** 080-22932234,080-22932227

Campus Restaurants: Nesara is the campus restaurant. It is situated behind Old physics building (Opp Hoysala house). Prakruti is situated where the old coffee board is. It serves mostly south Indian snacks, chat items tea and coffee. Nisarga is situated Opp to Biological science building.

(Please consult the Bangalore Restaurants in the program website to find more options nearby.)

ATMs: There are four ATMs in the campus. Two are near the Security gate. Rest of them are near Canara bank and SBI bank.

