

Bulletin #2 (November 2011)

Introduction

CHEP 2012 is organized by Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) and New York University (NYU). There is an International Advisory Committee (IAC) setting the overall themes of the conference, a Local Organizing Committee (LOC) in charge of the conference infrastructure and a Program Committee (PC) responsible for the content. Details can be found at the conference website <http://www.chep2012.org>.



A WLCG workshop will be held at NYU during the weekend before CHEP 2012.

WLCG Workshop – May 19th – 20th (Saturday – Sunday).

CHEP Conference – May 21st – 25th (Monday – Friday).

This bulletin provides information on registration details, lodging choices, social events planned for WLCG and CHEP and a menu of city tours available to CHEP participants and their guests. An update on the scientific program is also included.

Venue

CHEP will be held at NYU's Skirball Center (plenary sessions) and the nearby Kimmel Center (parallel sessions), located in Greenwich Village in lower Manhattan, NY. All WLCG sessions will be held at the Kimmel Center.

Corporate Sponsors

The LOC is pleased to announce the following corporate sponsors of CHEP 2012.

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Registration

Online registration for CHEP and WLCG will be opened on November 14. Because of liability issues at the conference venues, on-site registration will not be possible. Therefore, all conference participants must pre-register online before coming to CHEP. The online registration page accepts both credit card and wire transfer as payment methods.

The registration fee structure is shown below. All figures shown are in US dollars. Registration covers the conference fee, welcome reception and banquet (CHEP only), respective coffee breaks (WLCG and/or CHEP), and publication of the conference proceedings (CHEP only). Discounts are available to students and BNL participants.

CHEP

Early Registration (before January 31, 2012)

Participant:	\$600
Students:	\$400
BNL:	\$450
Guest:	\$200 (covers Welcome Reception and Conference Banquet)

Regular Registration (after January 31, 2012)

Participant:	\$650
Student:	\$450
BNL:	\$450
Guest:	\$220

A limited number of individual tickets to either the CHEP reception or banquet will be available for purchase at the conference secretary's office during the week of the conference. The price is US \$125 per ticket, and only cash payments in US dollars will be accepted.

WLCG

Early Registration (before January 31, 2012)

Participant:	\$160
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Regular Registration (after January 31, 2012)

Participant:	\$200
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Cancellation Policy

Note: Confirmed conference participants may only cancel registration with a written request to chep2012@bnl.gov. A 15% cancellation fee will be charged if the cancellation request is received before April 2. No refund requests after April 2 will be honored.

Student Support

We are pleased to announce that ACEOLE will continue their support of students attending CHEP in 2012.

ACEOLE is a Marie Curie Actions initiative at CERN, funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Program. Marie Curie Actions are aimed principally at training young researchers. The ACEOLE project covers the fields of data acquisition, electronics, and optoelectronics and will run until 30 September 2012.



ACEOLE is pleased to be able to cover part of expenses for promising young researchers regardless of nationality. The LOC, in conjunction with ACEOLE, is offering all students a discount off the registration fee. Students are required to send proof of student status (please see www.chep2012.org) to chep2012@bnl.gov before receiving the student discount code to be used during the registration process.

Academic/Research Exhibition Space

The LOC is pleased to offer a limited number of exhibition spaces for academic and research institutions at the conference venue. Exhibition space is approximately 6.5 m² (72 ft²) in size, and rental fee covers two tables, chairs, access to electrical power (standard US outlets only), internet connectivity and a display wall for posters and advertising materials.

Fee: \$3000 (until January 31, 2012)
 \$3500 (after January 31, 2012)

The LOC will contact groups interested in exhibition space with further details after the abstract acceptance process is complete in late December 2011.

Travel and Lodging

New York City is located in the northeastern region of the United States and is a major transportation hub to Asia, Europe and South America. The New York metro area is served by two international (John F. Kennedy and Newark Liberty) and one domestic (La Guardia) airports and is also well served with rail and regional bus service. Local transportation options to/from the meeting venue include NY city buses, subway and taxis. More detailed travel information can be found on the conference website and in future bulletins.

May is traditionally a peak period for tourism in New York City. The LOC (in partnership with Blue Nest Events—an event planning organization) is pleased, therefore, to offer the following negotiated lodging choices for WLCG and CHEP.

Lodging options:

Name	Location	# of Rooms for WLCG	# of Rooms for CHEP	Price (single/double) where available	Wi-Fi included	Breakfast included	Reservation Deadline	Rating
Hampton Inn	Soho	40	50	\$209/\$229	Yes	Yes	Feb. 12	3-star
Four Points Sheraton	Chelsea	20	30	\$299	Yes	No	Feb. 12	3-star
Club Quarters	Financial District	0	35	\$206/\$226	Yes	No	Mar. 30	3-star
Sheraton NY	Midtown	0	75	\$269	Yes*	No	Feb. 20	4-star
Wingate Manhattan	Midtown	20	20	\$269/\$289	Yes	Yes	Feb. 15	3-star
Millennium Broadway	Midtown	0	50	\$279	No	No	Feb. 15	4-star
New Yorker	Midtown	75	75	\$239	Yes	No	Feb. 15	4-star
NYU dorm	East Village	0	200	\$75	No	No	Feb. 15	N/A
Total		155	535					

* = free wi-fi if CHEP/WLCG fills up a minimum of 80% of the room block

Note:

- a) **NYU dorm rooms must be reserved and paid for in advance through the CHEP website.** Dorm rooms may be cancelled before March 16 without penalty. Cancellations, changes or no-shows after March 16 will result in a \$50 penalty. Written requests by confirmed conference participants to cancel or change reservation must be sent to chep2012@bnl.gov. Dorm rooms may only be reserved for conference participants. **Dorm rooms are not available to guests and/or family members of conference participants.**

- b) Rates are only guaranteed until respective reservation deadlines. After the deadlines, rates are subject to availability. Hotel room cancellations or changes (except for NYU dorm) are subject to penalties. Check individual policies before reserving hotel rooms.
- c) Hotels require a credit card to guarantee a reservation. Booking a hotel room is a business transaction between conference participant and hotel. The CHEP organizers and sponsoring organizations are not a party in any disputes between the participant and hotel.
- d) Rates do not include a 14.75% New York City tax and a \$3.50 hotel occupancy tax per room per night.

Social Events

The LOC will hold a 2-hour welcome reception at the Sheraton New York Hotel on Monday, May 21st and a conference banquet on Thursday, May 24th. The conference banquet will be hosted by Spirit Cruises, featuring a 3-hour boat cruise from Manhattan's Chelsea Piers (west-side) around lower Manhattan and into the East River. Admission to both events is included in the conference registration fee. Extra tickets for both events can be purchased online during the registration process for accompanying guests. A limited number of extra tickets will also be available on-site.

The LOC has arranged a WLCG reception at the Rosenthal Pavilion, a glass-enclosed ballroom at the top of the Kimmel Center on Saturday, May 19th. Admission to the reception is included in the WLCG registration fee.

On Wednesday afternoon, sessions will not be held. Attendees will be offered a choice of city tours at special rates. More details are available below and on www.chep2012.org.

City Tours

The following tours and special offers have been arranged by BlueNest, an event organizing company contracted by the conference organizers. Full details can be found on www.chep2012.org. Future bulletins will contain instructions on signing up for tours. Participants must reserve and pay for selected tours in advance.

- 1) **New York Orientation Tour** – a guided 4-hr motor coach tour of New York City's most famous landmarks, such as Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Macy's, Chinatown, Soho, Greenwich Village, Little Italy, Ground Zero and much more. Rate is **\$55** (all-inclusive); minimum of 25 and a maximum of 55 guests per tour.
- 2) **Statue of Liberty** – a guided 5-hr customized tour of the Statue of Liberty and the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, paying tribute to the millions of immigrants who left their homeland to start over in the New World. The tour includes roundtrip motorcoach and a ferry ride from lower Manhattan to Ellis Island. Rate is **\$70** (all-inclusive); minimum of 25 and a maximum of 55 guests per tour.
- 3) **Neighborhood Nosh** – a guided 4-hr motorcoach tour of the immigrant neighborhoods of Lower East Side of Manhattan. The tour includes a sampling of kosher dill on Orchard Street, dim sum

in Chinatown, cannoli in Little Italy and plantains on Avenue B. Rate is **\$82** (all-inclusive); minimum of 12 and a maximum of 20 guests per tour.

- 4) **Walk the West Village** – a guided 3-hr walking tour of Manhattan’s West Village, including Washington Square Park, the NYU campus and historic Jefferson Market, one of the few Victorian Gothic buildings left in Manhattan. Rate is **\$28** (all-inclusive); minimum of 12 and a maximum of 25 guests per tour.
- 5) **Broadway Matinee Show** – BlueNest Events (an event organizing company partnering with Brookhaven) offers an exclusive website (see www.chep2012.org) where guests can purchase tickets to Broadway shows with a 10-25% discount off published rates. Guests select show and pay for tickets directly on website. Tickets will be available for pick-up at the box office on the day of the show. Prices **vary and depend on show selected**.
- 6) **All Access City Pass** – NYC All Access City Pass is valid for 9 days and gives guests admission to 6 New York attractions: Empire State Building, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, American Museum of Natural History, The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island OR Circle Line Cruise, Top of the Rock OR Guggenheim Museum. Guests with the All Access City Pass can skip most ticket lines at the attractions listed above. Pass costs **\$74** (all-inclusive).
- 7) **Double Decker Public Tours** – Guests can hop on and off double decker buses at their own pace with stops at most major attractions (Times Square, Madison Square Garden, Empire State Building, Wall Street, Little Italy, Chinatown, United Nations, Battery Park South Street Seaport, Carnegie Hall, Rockefeller Center, Broadway Theatre District, etc). Narrated tours by licensed New York City tour guides. BlueNest will issue confirmation vouchers, which can be exchanged for tickets at the bus stop on Time Square. Tickets are valid for 24 hours and cost **\$39** (all-inclusive).

Cancellation Policy: ALL TOURS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE once purchased. Individual tour changes prior to May 1 will be subject to a \$25 change fee per person. Each tour requires a minimum number of participants. Should the tour be cancelled due to a lack of participation, participant will be given the opportunity to register for another tour, or participant’s payment will be refunded. No refunds will be given on site.

Timetable

Third Bulletin – January 2012 – Conference program news and general updates

Fourth Bulletin – April 2012 – Final conference program

Important Dates

Notification of acceptance – December 19th 2011

End of early registration – January 31st 2012

Conference Program

The scientific program of CHEP 2012 will consist of a plenary session of invited oral presentations, a number of parallel sessions comprising oral and poster presentations, and an industrial, academic and research exhibition. The plenary session will occupy the five mornings of the conference and the parallel sessions will be held on 3 afternoons. The PC is organizing the scientific program, and news on the final program schedule will be published in future bulletins.

A preliminary conference timetable can be found on the CHEP Indico page (click on “Timetable”) <http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=149557>. The WLCG scientific program is managed separately. Please see <https://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=146547> for more information.

The theme of the conference will focus on the processing of HEP data at all stages, from the high level triggers that run on farms of CPUs situated close to the experiment through to the final analyses that use resources distributed worldwide. We expect to draw on the experience from running experiments and also to review the status of new studies of the distributed computing models being made as part of the LHC experimental program. Experts from the computing industry will be invited to give an insight into future technology trends for the underlying computer fabrics, networks and software components.

Conference Proceedings

The CHEP 2012 organizers will publish all accepted contributions (both oral and poster presentations) in the conference proceedings. The organizers have arranged to publish the proceedings electronically in the Journal of Physics through IOP Publishing, about 2 months after the conference.

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