

Second and Final Circular

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Advanced Laser Technologies



ALT'08

September 13-18, 2008
Siófok, Hungary



Deadlines

July 25, 2008

**Last day of Receipt of Reduced
Registration Fee (extended)**

September 13-18, 2008

Manuscript due date

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the ALT'08 Conference attracted more than 200 presenting authors to date, a number well beyond our initial expectations. Apart from the pleasure this sheer number conveys, this also means far more work for both the Hungarian and Russian Organizers. This is the simple reason why this 2nd Circular arrives to You only now. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

In this document you will find important information on
the conference venue,
the deadlines still ahead of us
the proper way of money transfer for paying the registration fee and
the conference programme.

Please read and follow the below given information carefully.

The Venue

The conference will take place in Siófok, in two hotels, Hotel Panoráma and Hotel Aranypart (<http://www.panoramahotel-siofok.hu>) (<http://www.aranypart.hu/>), laying side by side at the shore of lake Balaton, 110 km south-west from the capital of Hungary, Budapest. It takes less than 1.5 hours to get from Budapest Ferihegy airport to Siófok by car or bus on motorway M7. As an alternative, Siófok is also well served by the Hungarian railway (see timetable at www.elvira.hu).



Registration fees

Prices are as follows, if payments are received

	Before July 25 , 2008	After July 25 , 2008
Regular in single room	EUR 600	EUR 650
Student in single room	EUR 400	EUR 450
Regular in twin/double room	EUR 500	EUR 550
Student in twin/double room	EUR 300	EUR 350
Accompanying persons (supposing that she/he will share a room with a participant):	EUR 300	EUR 350

Unlike other conferences our conference fee is almost all-inclusive, i.e. it covers practically all of your expenses during your stay in Siofok. It certainly includes lodging (with access to the swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna and fitness rooms) and full board: buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner for 5 nights. Beyond these it also covers welcome buffet, admission to all sessions, a copy of the abstract book, invitation to all coffee breaks, excursion and gala dinner and Hungarian VAT of 20%. The only thing you will need to pay for is your own drinks. Given these special conditions all participants, *including our invited speakers*, should pay full fee.

To qualify for a student fee, a valid student ID must be presented on site. Alternatively a personalized letter proving your full-time student status, signed and stamped by the head of the relevant university or institutional department, may also be accepted, providing that you are also able to prove with an ID that you are under 30 years old.

Payment

Bank transfer will be accepted as the sole way of payment. Due to peak season hotels force us to finalise the number of participants by 13 August 2008. Therefore on site payment can only be accepted in very exceptional cases and in cash only, after firm declaration of participation by 13 August 2008 at the latest.

The bank transfer must clearly state (preferably in the Reference field) *i*) the name of the Conference, *ii*) the name of the participant and *iii*) his/her organisation. Unidentified bank transfers cannot be processed. Bank charges are the sole responsibility of the participant and should be paid by his/her own bank, i.e. in addition to the registration fee. If payment is made for more than one person or by a company, please make sure that all participant names are indicated. E-mailing an electronic copy of the bank remittance receipt to t.szorenyi@physx.u-szeged.hu is greatly appreciated.

Payment should be transferred to the following account:

Bank: CIB Bank Zrt.
H-1027 Budapest, Medve utca 4-14.
Account holder: LASERSKILL Kutatási és Fejlesztési Kft.
Account No (IBAN): HU67 1070 0062 4501 3609 5000 0005
SWIFT code: CIBHHUHB

Cancellation

Please notify any cancellation of registration *in writing* to
t.szorenyi@physx.u-szeged.hu

Cancellations are subject to the following conditions:

For cancellations received before 11 August 2008:

refund of registration fee less 10% administration charge

From 11 August and before 21 August 2008:

refund of 50% registration fee

From 21 August onwards no reimbursement can be made.

The scientific programme

Key Topics

In addition to the traditional topics, as photonics, laser-matter interaction and nonlinear processes, applications of nano-, pico- and femtosecond lasers in materials science, nanotechnology, spectroscopy, etc. the programme includes sessions focusing on

- peculiarities of and processing using ultrashort lasers,
- the state-of-the-art of fiber lasers and their applications,
- medical and biomedical applications of photon sources,
- lasers in sensorics,
- lasers in photoacoustics, and
- lasers in metrology.

The Timetable of the Conference

13 Sept 2008 Saturday	14 Sept 2008 Sunday	15 Sept 2008 Monday	16 Sept 2008 Tuesday	17 Sept 2008 Wednesday	18 Sept 2008 Thursday
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Day of arrival	Morning sessions with coffee break	Morning sessions with coffee break	Morning sessions with coffee break	Morning sessions with coffee break	Departure
Registration	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
18:00-21:00 Welcome buffet	Afternoon sessions with coffee break	Afternoon sessions with coffee break	Excursion	Afternoon sessions with coffee break	
	Dinner	Dinner Committee Meeting	Gala dinner	Dinner	

Due to the high number of contributions, most importantly due to the large number of invited speakers, organisation of parallel sessions proved to be necessary. Further to *oral* presentations (**invited: 20+5 and contributed: 15+5 minutes** in length) three *poster* sessions will also be organised.

The preliminary programme including all invited, oral and poster presentations is available at the conference web sites:

<http://www.laserskill.com/ALT08/> and <http://www.nsc.gpi.ru/conf.html>

All prospective participants who have submitted abstract are kindly asked to visit the web site and locate his/her presentation carefully. Although both the Russian and Hungarian Organizers did their best, it can not be excluded, that a few of the 200+ abstracts received have not been properly processed. Everyone, who definitely will participate at the conference, could not find his/her contribution in the programme are kindly asked to notify the Organizers ASAP by sending an e-mail to **t.szorenyi@physx.u-szeged.hu** and a cc to **khakamova@nsc.gpi.ru**

Publication

Instead of compiling a SPIE proceedings, paper version of the presentations will be published in Laser Physics (<http://www.lasphys.com/lasphys.htm>) and Central European Journal of Physics (<http://versita.com/science/physics/cejp>) after rigorous peer review.

Exchange of information

Electronic correspondence remains the solely feasible way of communication, especially in the time frame available up to the kick-off of the Conference. Please send your messages to

t.szorenyi@physx.u-szeged.hu and/or
pustovoy@nsc.gpi.ru and/or
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Information on ALT'08 in general

Conference web sites: <http://www.laserskill.com/ALT08/>
 <http://www.nsc.gpi.ru/conf.html>
Location-Venue: <http://www.gotohungary.com/regions/balaton.shtml>

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