

## MH2006 News & Announcements

Dear MH2006 Registrants:

MH2006 will begin in just over five weeks. We are sending this e-mail message to inform you of several recent news items and as a reminder to pay your Conference Fee and make your hotel reservation. More complete information and the latest updates can be found on the MH2006 webpage: <http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/mh2006/index.php>.

**Payment of MH2006 Conference Fees:** As a courtesy to the organizers and to avoid any unforeseen problems later at the conference desk, **please pay your conference fee now**. If you intend to use a credit card for payment of the \$600 full Conference Fee, please do so in advance using the on-line method via the PayPal web link:

[http://www.pichtr.org/MH2006\\_conference\\_fees.htm](http://www.pichtr.org/MH2006_conference_fees.htm). The two preferred on-site payment methods will be either by cash or check drawn on a United States bank. The organizers cannot guarantee that reliable processing of your credit card will be successful at the conference site, and you will be refused admission to all MH2006 events if the Fee has not been paid. Prepayment using one of the methods indicated on the MH2006 Payment webpage: <http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/mh2006/payment.php> is highly recommended. Prepayment enables the organizers to determine better who is actually coming and helps the overall planning of various conference matters such as the number of lunches to provide, the number of abstract books to print, etc.

**Hotel Reservations:** There are now less than 30 rooms available in the Maui Sheraton Resort Conference hotel at the special MH2006 rate for Sunday through Thursday and the hotel is essentially fully booked for either the Saturday before or Friday after the conference. Furthermore, the discounted rates for these available rooms will expire on September 1, 2006. Hence, you should make your reservations quickly, (since it is on a **first-come first-serve basis**), or you will need to obtain your lodging at other hotels in either Kaanapali Beach or Lahaina at their prevailing rates. Please check at the MH2006 Lodging webpage: <http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/mh2006/lodging.php> for more information.

**Local Transportation:** Go to <http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/mh2006/lodging.php> for a summary of local transportation choices from the two airports on the island of Maui along with directions to the Maui Sheraton Resort Hotel. The shuttle services listed also provide transportation to other locations on the island. Check out their websites for further details. This information will also be available on the MH2006 website. Please note: there are no special shuttles arranged between the conference location and the city of Lahaina during the MH2006 meeting days. Some limited public bus transportation is available near the conference location. See the attached e-mail for more details.

**Submission of Papers to the MH2006 Proceedings:** The due date for submission of your manuscripts of a talk or poster presented at the conference has been extended to September 11, 2006. Please see the Abstract/Submission webpage: [http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/mh2006/MH2006\\_paper\\_submission.pdf](http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/mh2006/MH2006_paper_submission.pdf) for instructions.

**Oral Sessions:** The latest schedule of all oral presentations is available at the MH2006 Program webpage: <http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/mh2006/program.php>. Titles and abstracts for both oral and poster presentations will be available on the MH2006 website in September.

**Poster Sessions:** There will be poster sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. A preliminary schedule for posters will be available on the MH2006 Program webpage: <http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/mh2006/program.php>, by September 5, 2006. Please check there to determine the day and location number for your Poster. Posters should be in place by 5:00 p.m. (17:00) on your date and removed by 11:00 p.m. (23:00) that same evening or they will be removed and discarded early the following morning. Note the dimensions of the poster boards will be 8 ft wide x 4 ft tall (i.e., approximately 2.4 m by 1.2 m).

**Optional Excursion:** On Wednesday (October 4, 2006) afternoon, there will be an optional excursion via buses to the Haleakala Volcano National Park (<http://www.haleakala.national-park.com/>). Final confirmation to take this optional excursion and cash payment of the \$30.00 ticket price must be made by 8:00 p.m. (20:00) on Monday, October 2, 2006. More information on this excursion will be posted on the MH2006 website in September.

**Ewald Wicke Award:** As in previous MH Symposia, MH2006 is again offering the Ewald Wicke Award (1000 Euro). This prize is earmarked for promising junior MH scientists (under 35 years) to allow them to visit international MH conferences. Active participants at MH2006 who are under 35 and would like to compete for the award are invited to email an application to the conference secretariat at [MH2006@nist.gov](mailto:MH2006@nist.gov) by September 17, 2006. Please see the Ewald Wicke webpage: <http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/mh2006/ewalde.php> for more details.