

Dear Fabiola, Connie, Dave, Gregor and Colleagues of Collaboration Board

The High Energy Physics cluster of Morocco (RUPHE), the Associated International Laboratory "International Laboratory for Collider Physics - ILCP" in collaboration with the Academy HASSAN II of Science and Technology and the Moroccan Ministry of High Education and Research, would like to submit a proposal to host the ATLAS Week 2013 outside CERN at Marrakesh in Morocco. We propose to organize the Atlas Week meetings at the Pick Albatros hotel (<http://www.pickalbatros-morocco.com/liste-package.php>), which is a 5 stars class hotel. You find below the answers to the points requested in the call for proposals.

Marrakesh is an imperial city of Morocco, located near snow-covered mountains of the High Atlas, this oasis is served by Menara international airport, which is located within 10 minutes of the hotel and airport transfer is provided by taxis. The old city of Marrakesh (medina) is famous for its Jamaa el Fna Square, historical sites and monuments, artisanal products and its exotic souks.

The Pickalbatros Garden hotel, where we organize the meetings, is located in a modern area of Marrakesh 10 minutes away by car from the square Jamaa el Fna. The hotel offers 440 rooms and suites. It has a conference centre with a capacity of 800 seats and 6 others with a capacity of 200 to 300 seats. There are several other hotels within 5-10 minutes walking distance, which gives many possibilities for cheap accommodations not far from the place of meetings.

RUPHE has organized several scientific events, particularly the 2009 LAr Week outside CERN (www.ucam.ac.ma/fssm/atlaslar), and has an experienced administration staff. Some technical support will be provided by ILCP. We hope the Collaboration Board will find this proposal favorable.

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Date proposed for Atlas Week 2013

We keep the date proposed, 7-11 October. The temperature is pleasant all day in this period.

Conference facilities

The hotel has a conference centre consisting of a plenary hall with a capacity of 800 seats and 6 meeting rooms, which can accommodate between 200 and 250 people. They are equipped with microphone, speakers, video projectors and wireless Internet connection with a bandwidth allowing the use of videoconferencing.

Cost (accommodation, meals, conference fee)

Accommodation:

Accommodation is possible either at hotels. We commonly recommended Pickalbatros Garden hotel where the meetings will be held and lunches served.

The Pickalbatros Garden hotel offers single rooms and double/twin rooms. The ATLAS Week rate is **45 euros** per night for a single room and **55 euros for double room**. The rooms are spacious and decorated in traditional Moroccan style, but with all modern amenities such as air conditioning, mini-bar, satellite TV and wifi.

Several other low-priced hotels are located within 5-10 minutes' walk, and we'll give their list in the website that we build for the ATLAS Week.

Meals and conference fee

The registration fee is estimated from the financial needs of the program, which we propose. It includes:

- Participation in the scientific program.
- 10 coffee/cookie breaks: 2 per day.
- 5 lunches in Pickalbatros Garden hotel.
- Gala dinner: a typical Moroccan dinner.
- Rental fees of meeting rooms.
- Other social events (Guided visits, excursion, ...)

The estimation of the registration fee is expected to be around **350 Euros, and 250 Euros** for students.

The exact registration fee will be worked out in detail if we are selected to host the ATLAS Week. **Financial support for 30 to 40 participants and students, in exceptional cases where only limited travel funds are available, is possible.**

Additional information

Visas

The website of the Moroccan minister of foreign affairs, <http://www.diplomatie.ma/VisiterleMaroc/Formalitesetprocedures/tabid/189/language/fr-FR/Default.aspx>, and this link gives the list of the countries whose citizen does not need a visa. For citizen of countries that requires a visa to enter to Morocco, the website gives the form to complete and the procedure to follow and we can assist them with the necessary information and invitation letters.

Low cost flights

There are several low cost direct flights from Europe to Marrakesh. Especially, easyjet provides a direct flight Geneva/Marrakesh and the round-trip airfare may be interesting if booked early.

Example of easyjet costs taken on 3rd October 2012

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Horaires - novembre 2012

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Des frais de gestion de 16,00 CHF seront inclus dans le montant total

Les prix des vols affichés sont corrects à compter du mercredi 3 octobre 2012 16:09 GMT.

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