

*BAASP 2019 – 6th International Scientific
Conference*

**"BALTIC APPLIED
ASTROINFORMATICS AND SPACE
DATA PROCESSING"**

August 21-23, 2019
Ventspils, Latvia

**INVITATION TO CONFERENCE
CALL FOR PAPERS**

We invite you to the 6th **International Scientific Conference “Baltic Applied Astroinformatics and Space data Processing”** (BAASP) which will be held at **Ventspils University of Applied Sciences** and organized by Engineering Research Institute “Ventspils International Radio Astronomy Center” (VIRAC) of Ventspils University of Applied Sciences.

Aim of the Conference

The Conference is intended as a collaboration platform for cross border partnership and knowledge transfer for astronomers, astrophysicists, space researchers and engineers as well as experts in related research disciplines in fields such as informatics, electronics, satellite technology, geodesy and environment sciences. While the general scope of BAASP is wide, this year’s specific themes are **astrophysics, space technologies and remote sensing**. The conference focuses on the Baltic region but we also cordially invite participants from other countries.

Conference Theme

Space science is being fundamentally influenced and empowered by computation and information technology, and it stimulates further technological developments. Astronomy, like many other fields, is becoming exponentially data-rich, and the tasks of data management, data acquisition, and knowledge discovery become central to our research organisation, bringing together many technical and methodological challenges. Information technology also provides the stage where we collaborate and interact, and publish, preserve, use and disseminate knowledge. The general philosophy behind is to be future-oriented, which determines the emerging discipline of astroinformatics.

Recent challenges are directed to more human-orientated, highly personalized and trustworthy systems enabling their users to cope with the large variety of frameworks, technologies, data volumes and tools needed to accommodate emerging scientific applications. Therefore, one of the areas of focus here is quantitative and qualitative methods for exploiting, predicting, and understanding the value that information and communication state of art technologies brings to space science, astronomy, geodesy and related fields.

The scope of the conference covers fundamental and applied research that related to space technologies, and includes the following:

- ✓ **space science**, including space and atmospheric physics, Earth observation and remote sensing from space, planetary sciences, astrochemistry, space geodesy, astronomy and astrophysics;
- ✓ **space engineering**, including communications, navigation, space operations, satellite design, testing, and implementation, engineering of new generation radio telescope frontend and backend solutions;
- ✓ **space and industrial IT solutions**, including data acquisition, signal processing, data correlation, data recording, transfer, processing and archiving, high performance and cloud computing techniques.

Key focus in 2019

Astrophysics, remote sensing and new generation radio electronics.

The conference is planned in parallel sessions:

- ✓ Astrophysics is driven by the exploitation of astronomical observations, which includes data processing, interpretation, and putting the results in an appropriate scientific context to understand the underlying physical phenomena. The path from observations to discoveries is the focus of BAASP 2019.
- ✓ Remote sensing is another example, where technologically complex investment ultimately yields scientific and commercially useful results. Besides observations of the Earth, this includes also the Moon and other planets, satellites, even comets, and asteroids in the Solar system. With BAASP 2019, we aim to enable a discussion on aspects of data processing and interpretation in remote sensing.
- ✓ New generation radio electronics is the basis of new discoveries in astrophysics and radio astronomy since novel technology implementations of new modern radio systems enhance the properties of current radio-astronomy instrumentation thus improving specific observing capabilities. The development of both signal processing hardware and software is also the scope of BAASP 2019.

Important Dates

April 1 Abstract submission;

April 15 Abstract acceptance;

May 7 Paper submission (formatted full text) and registration;

June 28 Acceptance decision;

EARLY registration fee until **July 5**;

STANDARD registration fee until **July 31**.

December 1 Final version. Full Paper submission for Conference proceedings – Sciendo “Latvian Journal of Physics and Technical Sciences” (SCOPUS and WoS) or VIRAC journal “Space Research Review” vol.6.

Registration

Will be open at 1 February by e-mail: baasp2019@venta.lv

Enquiries please send by e-mail: baasp2019@venta.lv

The registration fee is:

- ✓ 100 EUR (50 EUR for students) before July 5, 2019
- ✓ 120 EUR (60 EUR for students) before July 31, 2019

Conference registration fee will cover: participant package, lunch, Conference dinner and refreshments during the Conference, publication of the abstract in the Conference Abstract Book and selected papers will be published in the Sciendo “Latvian Journal of Physics and Technical Sciences” (SCOPUS and WoS) or VIRAC journal “Space Research Review” vol.6.

Conference publications

All abstracts will be published in the Conference Abstract Book.

The best selected papers will be published in the “Latvian Journal of Physics and Technical Sciences” (SCOPUS and WoS). All other selected papers will be published in the VIRAC journal “Space Research Review” vol.6.

All participants are invited to submit manuscripts to conference proceedings in the VIRAC journal “Space Research Review” vol.6. All papers will be peer-reviewed. Detailed instructions for full papers will be sent upon acceptance of abstracts.

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Preliminary Schedule of Conference

There will be two types of presentations at the conference: plenary talks (27 minutes talk + 3 minutes for questions), section talks (15-20 minutes, including 3 minutes for questions).

Wednesday, August 21

14:00-15:30 Arrival
 15:30-16:00 Registration
 16:00-20:00 Opening and Refreshments

Thursday, August 22

8:30-9:00 Registration
 9:00-10:30 Opening and plenary session
 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
 11:00-13:00 Work in sections
 13:00-14:00 Lunch
 14:00-15:30 Work in sections
 15:30-16:00 Coffee break
 16:00-18:00 Work in sections
 19:00 Conference dinner

Friday, August 23

9:00-10:30 Work in sections
 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
 11:00-13:00 Work in sections
 13:00-14:00 Lunch
 14:00-15:00 Closing remarks
 15:00-18:00 Meetings/Excursions

Accommodation

You can find the corresponding information about accommodation at Ventspils web site:

<http://www.visitventspils.com/en/start/>

Information and address for correspondence

Questions regarding the conference should be addressed to the local organizing committee (e-mail: baasp2019@venta.lv).

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