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Joint Spring Meeting of the Texas Sections of the APS and AAPT, and Zone 13 of the SPS

March 1 - 3, 2001

Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, Texas
Meeting ID: TSS01

Websites:

<http://158.135.202.22/physics/>
<http://www.aps.org/TSAPS/>

General Information

In Spring 2001, Sam Houston State University will host a joint meeting of The Texas Sections of the AAPT and APS, Zone 13 of SPS on March 2-3, 2001, with Executive committee meetings, a welcome reception, and registration starting on the evening of March 1, 2001

Conference Sessions

Conference sessions will be held on the Sam Houston State University campus. Parallel contributed paper sessions will occur as usual; we encourage the submission of APS, AAPT, and SPS contributed papers on any topic; this is an excellent opportunity for physicists in our neighborhood to find out what is going on nearby. The usual APS rules for contributed papers apply.

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presentations will be possible. In addition to sessions of contributed papers, the meeting will feature plenary general interest sessions on physics. A program of workshops for physics teachers will be available during the meeting. There will be opportunities to tour physics research facilities. More information will be posted on the web as it becomes available.

Registration and Welcome Reception

Thursday evening, March 1, 2001, the Registration and a Welcoming Reception will be held in the room adjacent to the front desk of the University Hotel on campus from 6:00-9:00 p.m. On Friday morning, March 2, we will move the Registration Desk to the lobby of the Beto Criminal Justice

Center from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Send the attached pre-registration form to Gwen Penny by February 2, 2001. All others are encouraged to pre-register in order to guarantee banquet tickets, meal tickets, and the lowest registration charge. The pre-registration form also will be available in PDF format on the Web. Please note that the fees will increase after the pre-registration deadline of February 2, 2001.

Abstract Submission

Complete abstract submission instructions can be found at <http://www.aps.org/meet/meet-abstract.html>. The deadline for receipt of abstracts on the electronic form is February 9, 2001. Please proof-read your abstract carefully before submission. Contributors may submit in one of two ways:

Submitting abstracts via the web: To submit a contributed abstract using the online web submission process, an author needs to know two things: 1) the number and ordering of authors and collaborations, and 2) the abstract content. The web page will guide you through the rest. Try a test submission before submitting your abstract. Log onto <http://abstracts.aps.org> and select the meeting TEST. Follow the directions online to create your own practice abstract. When ready to submit your abstract online, select the meeting (TSS01) by clicking on the appropriate button. A form will be created for you. Simply input the information.

Submitting abstracts via e-mail: Contributors must create their abstracts from an electronic template supplied by the American Physical Society. The template and instruction files for contributed abstracts can be obtained by sending an e-mail to abs-request@aps.org with the phrase REQUEST TSS01 in the message. Those contributors who absolutely are unable to submit an abstract electronically should contact meetings@aps.org.

To have your abstract(s) published in the Spring 2001 Supplement issue of the APS Bulletin, please return the attached abstract publication form to Walter Borst with payment of \$15.00 for each abstract, made out to "Texas Section APS", by February 26, 2001.

Student Travel Awards

The Executive Committee of the TSAPS will present several travel awards to students presenting papers at the meeting.

(Please note: Starting with this meeting, we will be making travel awards for the spring and fall meetings, but student paper awards only for the fall meeting.) These travel awards will be \$100 for students from outside the immediate meeting area and \$50 from within that area. We are trying to support as many students as possible, but the available funds are limited. Generally they will just supplement what departments can provide. To qualify for an award:

1. The student must submit by the pre-registration deadline a paper AND the student must be its first author.
2. By the registration deadline of 2/2/01 the student must have a supervisor or department chair submit a letter by E-mail in support of a travel award. The letter should say if other travel funds are provided to supplement our award. Lack of other travel funds will not lessen the chance of receiving an award. A single letter in support of more than one student from the same institution is permitted, provided each student is described. The letter should have Support for Travel Award as the subject and should be sent by e-mail to: Professor Larry Shepley (larry@einstein.ph.utexas.edu).
3. The student must indicate at the bottom of the pre-registration form that he or she is applying for a travel award.
4. The student must indicate on the pre-registration form that he or she is member of the Texas Section of the APS. If that is not the case, he or she may join when applying for the travel award (see below). Recipients of a travel award will be notified by e-mail approximately one week before the meeting, and the awards checks will be available at the registration desk upon presenting evidence of membership in the Texas Section of the APS.

In joining the Texas Section of the APS and the APS, graduate and undergraduate students may take advantage of the APS one-year free trial membership. The only requirement is that they have never been a member of the American Physical Society and are currently a full time student. Students can download the free trial application from the APS website at <http://www.aps.org/memb/students.html>. To reinstate a previous membership, download the application (dues required) at <http://www.aps.org/memb/joinaps.html>. When you join or reinstate the APS membership, be sure to specify that you also want to join the Texas Section of APS. There is no additional charge for joining the Texas Section.

Accommodations

The Beto Criminal Justice Center is attached to the University Hotel. We have reserved a block of 80 rooms in the University hotel for this conference. The room rate will be \$37 per night for one person and \$42 for two. Each additional person is \$3. Reservations for the on-campus hotel should be made no later than February 22, 2001. Please call 936-291-2151 to make reservations. Be sure to identify yourself as an APS Conference attendee.

Best Western/Sam Houston Inn

613 I-45 South
Huntsville, TX 77340
936-295-9151

Comfort Inn and Suites

160 I-45 South
Huntsville, TX 77340
936-438-8400

Econo Lodge

112 I-45 North
Huntsville, TX 77340
936-293-8800

Gateway Inn and Suites

606 I-45 North
Huntsville, TX 77340
936-295-7595

Holiday Inn Express

201 W. Hill Park Circle
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