

ADASS XIV Conference
October 24-27, 2004
Pasadena California, USA

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the 14th annual conference on Astronomical Data Analysis Software and Systems (ADASS), to be held in Pasadena, California, USA, at the Sheraton Hotel from October 24-27, 2004. The program is expected to last until about 4pm on Wednesday 27th.

The conference is hosted by the Infrared Processing and Analysis Center (IPAC) and the California Institute of Technology (Caltech)

The ADASS Conference Series (<http://adass.org/>) provides a forum for scientists and computer specialists concerned with algorithms, software, and operating systems that focus on the acquisition, reduction, analysis, storage and dissemination of astronomical data. The program includes invited talks, contributed papers, display sessions, tutorials, focused demonstrations sessions, and computer demonstrations, as well as special interest ("Birds of a Feather" or BOF) meetings. These activities aim to encourage communication among software specialists, scientists, and users, and also to stimulate further development of astronomical software and systems.

The ADASS 2004 web site (<http://adass.ipac.caltech.edu/>) is now ready for registration and abstract submission - take advantage of the early bird registration between June 4, 2004 and August 2, 2004. This site includes all needed information about the conference program, registration, financial assistance, and accommodations. The web site will be regularly updated until the conclusion of the meeting and include, as available, the conference program, tutorial workshop and BOF meetings, the invited speakers, and the participants.

New this year are the "Focused Demonstrations" tracks: opportunities for developers to acquire a meeting room in order to demonstrate their application to a small, focused audience. See the web site for details.

We encourage you to attend and participate in this exciting conference. This year, key topics include:

- o Algorithms
- o Great Space Observatories
- o Ground-based Observatories
- o Virtual Observatory

A limited amount of funding is available for students and others who require financial assistance to attend ADASS. The procedure for applying for financial aid is also available on the conference web site.

The Spitzer Science Center will host a Workshop at the same venue on Thursday, October 28, the day after this conference. The workshop will focus on calibration and planning for the Spitzer Space Telescope.

People interested in this workshop will find further details on the ADASS 2004 web site in the coming weeks.

Important dates to keep in mind:

Conference registration	
Via the Web	06/04/04-10/11/04
Registration at the conference	10/24/04-10/27/04
Deadline for financial aid	07/09/04
Early registration deadline	08/02/04
Paper submission deadlines	
Abstract submission	08/02/04
Manuscript submission for proceedings	11/19/04
Hotel registration deadline	09/24/04
Publication of oral program	09/09/04
Conference dates	10/24/04-10/27/04
Spitzer Science Center Workshop	10/28/04

As you may be aware, visa and passport regulations have changed considerably in recent years. Those who are planning to attend ADASS 2004 from outside the USA are strongly encouraged to investigate what requirements apply to them, to inquire locally how long the process typically takes, and to start any required application procedures in a timely manner. We would hate to see you forced to cancel at the last moment because of visa problems. Be aware that the rules may be different if your passport is not machine-readable, that you may have to agree to have your picture taken and your fingerprints recorded. If you need to provide the host/event information please contact adass@ipac.caltech.edu for details.

We encourage you to attend and participate in this exciting conference.

Please forward this announcement to any of your colleagues who might be interested in attending ADASS.

We look forward to seeing you in Pasadena!

Sincerely,

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