ADASS XIV Conference

Preliminary Announcement

April, 2004

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.

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.

The ADASS 2004 web site (http://adass.ipac.caltech.edu/) will be
regularly updated over the next few months. This site will include all
needed information about the conference program, registration,
financial assistance, and accommodations. It will be possible to
register for the conference through the web site starting in early June
2004.

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 deadline
            Abstract submission   06/04/04-07/23/04
            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 use:

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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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