

2015-12-08: Annual Meeting 2016 - Second Announcement.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the XIII Annual Meeting of the Chilean Astronomical Society (SOCHIAS). We expect to bring together the growing diversity of research done by the Chilean astronomical community and close collaborators.

New content in the call is highlighted in yellow.

Date and Venue

The meeting is to be held March 1-4, 2016, in Hotel Antofagasta, Antofagasta. There will be a program of complementary, optional activities in different, close-by venues and one (also optional) visit to Cerro Paranal Observatory. The details will be announced in the official program.

Outreach to the general community

Although the scientific program will follow a traditional format, open only to the scientific community, the organizers are also drafting a parallel program of activities to which the general public will be invited. These will take place outside the hours scheduled for the scientific program. Are you interested in offering a talk (in Spanish) to the general public? If so, please let us know well in advance of your interest and what the topic of your talk would be. Up to a maximum of four talks may be allocated.

Also, mark the date! On March 3rd at night we'll have a large-scale musical surprise for you!

Registration

Now open at <http://www.sochias.cl/reunion2016>

Grants will be available for graduate students. Priority will be given to those offering to contribute talks (preferred) and posters. The amount of the grant will be announced once the registration is complete but in advance of the deadline for early payment of the conference fee.

“Premio SOCHIAS al Desarrollo de la Astronomía”

During this meeting an award will be given to a person who has made outstanding contributions to the development of Chilean astronomy. Nominations will be invited in a separate message.

Stands

A number of stands will be available for observatories interested in offering a more exhaustive presentation of their facilities and services. The terms for using these stands will be discussed with the representatives of the interested observatories.

Important deadlines

- 2015-12-21: Registration and submission of abstracts.
- 2016-01-11: Early payment of conference fee.
- 2016-03-01: Regular payment of conference fee.

Or add this to your calendar program: <http://bit.ly/1MhxEJ3>

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We look forward to see you in Antofagasta!

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