

ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Cosmic Ray Workshop "ARAGATS-2007" will be held in September 9-13, 2007 at Nor-Amberd (Yerevan, Armenia). The Workshop is organized by the Moscow Lebedev Physical Institute and the Yerevan Physics Institute.

The Workshop will focus on the cosmic ray and gamma ray data collection, analysis and interpretation relevant to the study of the knee energy region of the primary cosmic ray energy spectrum on data collected with the GAMMA and MAKET-ANI arrays at Mt. Aragats and other facilities located at mountain elevations as well as closer to sea level. Although the existence of the knee (a change in the slope of the primary cosmic ray spectrum) and the concept that the nuclear primary composition becomes heavier through the knee region are generally agreed, the absolute normalization of the spectrum, the position of the knee, and the primary mass composition through this energy region remain uncertain and confused. A close discussion among the several research groups working in this area is important in order to resolve differences between them and proceeds towards the better understanding of the knee origin. This Workshop is a logical successor to a very successful Workshop held in Kazakhstan at the Tien-Shan station in August, 2006.

On behalf of the Organizing committee we invite you to attend it. The registration is opened on the Workshop site <http://gamma.yerphi.am/ICRW-Aragats-2007/>. The First Bulletin is attached.

With best regards,
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