

## FIRST BULLETIN

The 8<sup>th</sup> international workshop on Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detectors (RICH2013) will be held on December 2-6, 2013 at Shonan Village Center (<u>http://www.shonan-village.co.jp/svc/</u>) in Kanagawa-prefecture, Japan. The venue locates about 50 km south-west from Tokyo.

This is the 8<sup>th</sup> in series of the workshop which was started in Bari, Italy (1993) followed by Uppsala, Sweden (1995); Ein Gedi, Israel (1998); Pylos, Greece (2002); Playa del Carmen, Mexico (2004); Trieste, Italy (2007) and Cassis, France (2010).

RICH2013 will focus on the "state of the art" and the future developments in Cherenkov light imaging techniques for applications in High Energy Physics, Nuclear Physics and Astroparticle Physics. Other applications of Cherenkov radiation and alternative particle identification methods will also be discussed.

The conference is organized in plenary sessions of invited and contributed talks, and poster presentations.

The list of topics includes:

- Cherenkov light imaging in particle and nuclear physics experiments
- Cherenkov detectors in astroparticle physics
- Novel Cherenkov imaging techniques for future experiments
- Photon detection techniques for Cherenkov counters
- Technological aspects of Cherenkov detectors
- Pattern recognition and data analysis
- Alternative PID techniques

The preliminary program consists of seven half-day scientific sessions, together with social programs, including excursions to Kamakura which is the old capital of Japan and Hakone which is near Mt. Fuji, and a Banquet.

Shonan Village Center has an accommodation facility where about 100 participants can stay, which enables to have frank discussions among participants after the sessions.

The workshop web site (http://RICH2013.kek.jp/) contains more details on the preliminary scientific program, access to the venue, information for exhibitors, and so on.

You can ask any questions about this workshop to send e-mails to rich2013@kek.jp.

Important dates;

The workshop will proceed with the following time line.

-2012 Nov:	Workshop HP will be opened
-2013 Jan:	Call for abstract
	Registration will be started (Japan Travel Bureau)
-2013 Jul: (begin	nning)
	Abstract deadline and support request
-2013 Jul. (end)	
	Notification about abstract and support acceptance
-2013.Sep:	Registration will be closed
-2013.Dec:	Workshop starts
-2014.Mar:	Proceedings deadline