

WISE 2019

As anticipated in Tel Aviv, the 2019 WISE meeting will be hosted by Takuji Waseda (University of Tokyo, Japan). The venue will be a suitable location about one hour by bus from Sapporo (Hokkaido). The purpose is to be all together in the same environment. Experience strongly suggests this is the best way to interact and to exchange discussions and information. An effort has been done to fit the meeting with the local cherry blossom. Actually we will be a bit late and unluckily climate change works the other way around, but variability is one of the characteristics of climate.

The dates will be 12-16 May 2019, with the usual ice-breaker on the 12 (Sunday afternoon), followed by four days of lectures, including a half day field trip. The registration fee, that for organization reasons has not yet been framed, will be between 250 and 300 US\$.

Because the venue, Jyozankei, Hokkaido, Japan, a renowned hot spring resort, is not close to Sapporo, bus transport from the New Chitose International Airport will be organized on the 12th as included in the registration fee. I stress that a strong effort should be done to arrive in Sapporo within a suitable time window (to be later specified) to allow Takuji to organise a convenient transport for all of us. In any case public transports (bus and train) are also available and related information will be distributed. The hotel rate (to be soon specified) will include room and meals (breakfast and dinner).

All these pieces of information will be soon made available in a dedicated website.

This message is also to let you know that the deadline for the submission of abstracts will be Sunday, February 3, 2019. As usual, please submit a short text, no more than a page. Send it to me at the address specified below (that is also the one you receive this mail from). A pdf will be appreciated.

Please refer to me for any general matter concerning the meeting, and to Takuji for anything concerning the local logistics. About invitation letters required for visa purpose, they must come from the hosting country, so please address this request to Takuji.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Hokkaido. All the best, Luigi

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