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The 48th YERAC will bring together early-career scientists in the field of radio astronomy to present and discuss their research. This year it takes place from 4-6 September, and is hosted by JIVE and ASTRON at their headquarters in Dwingeloo, the Netherlands.

The programme consists of mandatory talks by the participants. In addition, there will be daily scientific events and invited talks to highlight the activities of JIVE, ASTRON and NOVA. Several social events are scheduled as well. The meeting is aimed at PhD-level researchers, though more junior scientists or recent graduates will be considered in exceptional cases.

Participation in YERAC is by recommendation. We therefore ask institutes to recommend candidates for this year's YERAC, multiple recommendations are possible. We ask candidates to proceed with the registration as soon as possible. Registration is now open, and closes on 1 June. Late registrations will not be considered. The LOC will select the participants by optimising for a diverse range of topics and participants. After final selection each participant is asked to submit a title and abstract for their contribution.

As usual, accommodation and subsistence for all participants will be covered by JIVE and ASTRON, with substantial support from RadioNet. Transportation to the nearest train station (Hoogeveen) needs to be provided by the participant's institute. Due to logistical limitations up to 35 participants can be hosted. The LOC encourages diverse candidates, such as people from ethnic minority backgrounds, LGBTQIA students, and disabled students. Anyone with special needs or requirements is asked to contact the LOC to discuss how we can best accommodate them.

Recommendation letter

Each candidate is expected to provide a recommendation letter by their PhD supervisor or institute director. The letter needs to include: the topic of research, year when the PhD was started, year when the PhD should be finished, name(s) of the supervisor(s), a brief (~1 page A4) summary of the candidate's resume, and their host institute. In case of candidates not in a PhD programme, it should be made clear that the candidate meets the same level of education as a junior PhD student. Recommendation letters should be e-mailed to the LOC by the registration deadline.

Important Dates

- 30 March: Registration opens
- 1 June: Registration closes
- 1 June: Recommendation letter received by LOC
- 15 June: Final list of participants & abstract submission opens
- 15 July: Abstract submission deadline
- 3 September: Arrival
- 4-6 September: YERAC
- 7 September: Departure

More information

More details and the registration form can be found on the website:

<http://jive.eu/yerac2018/>. You can also contact us at

yerac2018@jive.eu

if you have any more questions.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Kind regards from LOC,
Ilse van Bemmel (JIVE, Chair)
Katharina Immer (JIVE, Co-Chair)
Gina Maffey (JIVE)
Robert Schulz (ASTRON)
Yvonne Kool (JIVE)
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