



SOFIA SKY ARCHIVE DATA CENTER

Virtual Observatory Info-Workshop House of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Sofia, Bulgaria

January 24 – 25, 2008

(Hosted by the Astronomical Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

PURPOSE AND GOALS :

The EURO-VO Data Centre Alliance project in collaboration with the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences are organizing the Virtual Observatory Info-Workshop at Sofia, Bulgaria on 24-25 January 2008.

The Workshop is aimed at providing support to Data Centers from countries not participating in the EuroVO-DCA project to acquire the knowledge and experience necessary to allow them to become "publishers" in the VO.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in the form and return it by e-mail to Milcho Tsvetkov (milcho@skyarchive.org) and Enrique Solano (esm@laeff.inta.es). Closing date for the registration: December 31st 2007.

- **Name:**

- **Institution / Data Center:**

- **Datasets you want to publish in the VO:**

➤ **Venue :**

Please, fill in the appropriate response:

- Car

Arrival date:

Departure date:

- Train (Sofia Central Railway Station)

Arrival date:

Departure date:

Will you be renting a car?

Yes

No

- Plane:

Arrival at Sofia Airport, flight number and time:

Departure from Sofia Airport, flight number and time:

Will you be renting a car?

Yes

No

➤ **Lodging:**

Please, make your own reservation for the following accommodations, or ask Milcho Tsvetkov (milcho@skyarchive.org) for help.

- RAI Hotel
Akad. Nikola Obreshkov Str.
Bulgaria 1113 Sofia 6 A
Tel. / Fax: + 359 2 971 14 35, + 359 2 971 14 43, + 359 2 971 14 47
e-mail: hotelrai@dir.bg Web: http://www.rai90.com/rai/info_en.htm

- House of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
50 Shipchenski Prohod Str.
Sofia
Tel: +3592 8710009

- Both hotels are nearby and are located about 10 min from the Sofia Airport by taxi, ("OK" Yellow Cabs recommended, price is about 3.- Euro.)

- Daily accommodation rate for both hotels (including breakfast):

- **Single room: 45 euros / night**
- **Appartment: 70 euros / night**
- **Shared room: 25 euros /night**

➤ **Meals:**

- Jan 24th (Thursday):
 - Lunch: 10 euros YES NO
 - Workshop dinner: 15 euros YES NO

- Jan 25th (Friday):
 - Lunch: 10 euros YES NO

- Meals will be provided at the House of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

- Please specify if you have a special needs (vegetarian, diabetics, ...):

➤ **Information and notes of interest:**

- There is no registration fee.
- Attendance to the Workshop is limited to 40-50 participants.
- Free cable and wireless INTERNET will be available in both hotels for all participants.
- A multimedia beam and an overhead projector will be available in the meeting room.
- Participants are requested to bring your own laptops and data of interest for the hands-on sessions.
- Presentations and working material from the workshop will be available at EuroVO-DCA and BGVO_SSADC sites.
- Hands-on sessions must be efficient and useful. In order to guarantee this, it is of fundamental importance that participating Data Centres became familiar well in advance with the tools (SAADA, Daltoolkit) and the associated software (mysql, Tomcat, Java, ...). Data Centres are also required to identify the data sets they want to publish in the VO and begin to work in their VO-compliance before the Workshop. Data Centres will be required to submit a weekly progress report (short, informal) before the workshop.