



International conference AGES-2026

Active galaxies and other issues of extragalactic astrophysics

St. Petersburg (Russia), April 20-24th, 2026

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FOURTH ANNOUNCEMENT

AGES-2026 brings together researchers working on active galactic nuclei and extragalactic astrophysics, with a strong emphasis on multi-wavelength and time-domain studies, multi-messenger astrophysics, and links to galaxy evolution and cosmology. The conference will bring together more than 100 leading world-class specialists and promising young scientists, providing an important platform for exchanging ideas, discussing new approaches and building collaborations.

AGES-2026 will be held **in person** at Saint Petersburg State University (SPbU) in the historic Twelve Collegia building, which is located within walking distance from the city centre.

Main topics

- ★ AGN monitoring from radio to very-high-energy (VHE) gamma rays
- ★ AGN physics, evolution and feedback
- ★ Physics and evolution of galaxies
- ★ Astrophysical sources of cosmic rays and neutrinos
- ★ Cosmology and physics of the early Universe

Organizers

- ★ St. Petersburg State University
- ★ The Central Astronomical Observatory of the Russian Academy of Sciences at Pulkovo
- ★ Sternberg Astronomical Institute of the Lomonosov Moscow State University
- ★ The St. Petersburg Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences



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- ★ Sil'chenko Olga (SAI-Moscow University, Russia)

Confirmed Invited Speakers:

(abstracts are available [on the website](#))

- ★ Luis C. Ho (Peking University, China)
- ★ Minfeng Gu (Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, China)
- ★ Evgeny Derishev (IAP RAS, Russia)
- ★ Luka Popović (Astronomical Observatory Belgrade
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- ★ Sergei Balashev (Ioffe Institute, Russia)
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- ★ Sergey Troitsky (INR RAS, Russia)

Program

The conference program is attached to this message and will also be available on the conference website shortly.

! Announcement

Please note that the sessions scheduled for **Monday, April 20**, will now be held at the **building of the St. Petersburg Scientific Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences (SPbSC RAS)**. Further details will be announced later.

Registration fees

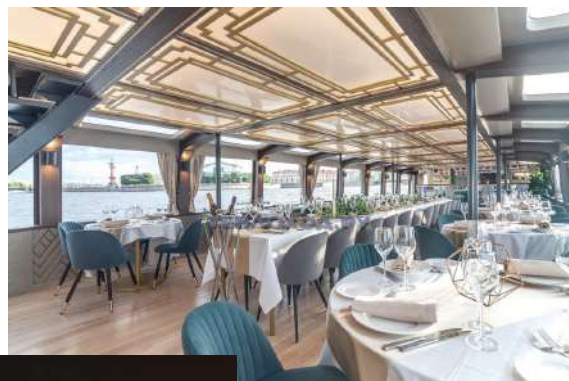
On-site payment is intended for international participants who cannot pay online due to payment restrictions. The registration fee for international participants is 18,000 RUB (~200 EUR).

Social events

- ★ The program will be complemented by **welcome reception** (light snacks and non-alcoholic drinks) and a **classical music concert** (included in the registration fee). These events are scheduled for **April 20**, 2026 in the Assembly Hall of the Twelve Collegia.
- ★ We are pleased to inform you that the **conference dinner** will be held on **April 23** and will take place on a riverboat cruise, offering a scenic view of the city. The participation fee is **4500 RUB (early-bird payment before April 10)** or **5000 RUB (on-site payment)**. You can pay in cash on the first day of the conference. If you would like to pay for the banquet in advance, please contact us: ages.conf2026@spbu.ru. Please note that the dinner will only take place if there are at least 40 participants. More details about the time and boarding location will be announced later.

The organizers would like to offer conference participants the opportunity to go on excursions in St. Petersburg, such as a sightseeing tour or visits to famous museums. These activities are available for an additional cost. According to preliminary information, excursions will be available on April 24 in the afternoon, after the conference. The approximate cost is 2,000 rubles (about €25). Prices are subject to change depending on the number of participants.

We kindly ask all registered participants to indicate their interest in the excursions and the banquet in their personal area under "Personal Information."



Proceedings

It is planned to publish the papers presented at the conference in Moscow University Physics Bulletin. The journal is indexed in all major databases: Web of Science, Scopus, and the core collection of the Russian Science Citation Index (RSCI).

Journal website: <https://link.springer.com/journal/11972>

Authors are encouraged to submit their papers directly in English. In this case, a separate volume of the journal will be formed and published in 2026.

Submission deadline: June 1, 2026.

Recommended article length: 8 pages for plenary talks, 4 pages for sectional presentations, and 2 pages for posters.

Publication fee: Free of charge for authors.

The journal provides a LaTeX template for preparing manuscripts. The electronic version of the paper must be prepared in LaTeX format. In the appendix and via the link below, you will find an archive containing the article template.

If you do not use dedicated LaTeX software, you may use Overleaf:

- Register on <https://www.overleaf.com/>
- Open the template: <https://www.overleaf.com/read/hvxyyybwwbzd#8b127d>
This template is read-only. To edit it, create a copy by selecting “File” → “Make a copy” in the upper panel. After creating a copy, rename the project as FirstAuthorSurname-MUPB (for example, IvanovAB-MUPB). You may then edit the new project. Please do not modify the template structure or introduce custom commands that redefine existing LaTeX commands.

Authors should send an archive containing all materials to the conference organizing committee. All files related to a single paper must be placed in a folder named after the first author’s surname. The folder should contain the LaTeX source files, all figure files, and the compiled PDF.

Participants from Russia intending to publish their papers in the proceedings are requested to bring an expert review certificate and submit it to the organizing committee upon registration. A scanned copy of the expert review must also be included in the archive with the paper files.

Once again, please note that the **submission deadline is June 1, 2026**.

Partners

★ Key Partner: **Gravity Frontiers**

The Scientific and Technological Guild "Gravity Frontiers" unites scientists, engineers, investors, philanthropists, private entrepreneurs, and government representatives to achieve breakthroughs in deep space research and the development of advanced space technologies.

The Guild's mission is to lay the fundamental and technological foundations for an interplanetary economy and future interstellar travel by promoting and supporting research in astrophysics and investing in space technology.

★ Scientific partner: **BRICKS**

BRICKS promotes international cooperation in astronomy among the BRICS countries and helps disseminate AGES-2026 information to the community.

<https://bricsastronomy.org/ages-2026/>



★ Information partner: **AstroAlert**

AstroAlert is a Russian community for professional and amateur astronomers. The project shares astronomy news and educational materials and supports AGES-2026 by promoting conference announcements to its audience.

Links: [VK](#) | [Telegram](#)

Recommended community resource

The New Milky Way (NMW) optical transient survey

We draw participants' attention to The New Milky Way (NMW) — a wide-field optical survey of bright transients near the Galactic plane. The project is designed to detect optical transients with $V < 13.5$ using an automated wide-field system capable of surveying the Milky Way region visible from the observing site within a single night. The transient-search pipeline is based on the open-source VaST software. An online image archive is available on the project page.

Link: <https://scan.sai.msu.ru/nmw/>

We look forward to welcoming you warmly in St. Petersburg!

