Palo Alto, California, USA on 20 - 22 March 2015

The 2015 SARA Western Regional Conference will be held at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 20 - 22 March 2015. The meeting will include a visit the Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology (KIPAC).



<u>**Call for papers**</u>: Papers are welcome on subjects directly related to radio astronomy including hardware, software, education and tutorials, research strategies, observations and data collection and philosophy. If you wish to present a paper please email a letter of intent, including a proposed title and abstract to the conference coordinator at westernconference@radio-astronomy.org no later than 31 December 2014.

Be sure to include your full name, affiliation, postal address, and email address, and indicate your willingness to attend the conference to present your paper. Submitters will receive an email response, typically within one week.

Presentations and proceedings: In addition to presentations by SARA members, we plan to have speakers from the Stanford University faculty, and possibly KIPAC. Papers and presentations on radio astronomy hardware, software, education, research strategies, philosophy, and observing efforts and methods are welcome. Formal proceedings will be published for this conference. If presenters want to submit a paper or a copy of their presentation, we will make them available to attendees on CD.

<u>Basic schedule</u>: Our first day will include a visit to the KIPAC facilities at Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC). The next two days' meetings will take place on the Stanford University campus and will include presentations by members and guest speakers.

<u>Getting there</u>: Fly into San Jose or San Francisco airports and rent a car to drive to Palo Alto.

<u>Registration</u>: Registration for the 2015 Western Regional Conference is just US\$55.00. This includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Payment can be made through PayPal, www.paypal.com by sending payment to treasurer@radioastronomy.org. Please include in comments that the payment is for the **2015 Western Regional Conference**. You also can mail a check payable to SARA, 2189 Redwood Ave, Washington, IA 52353, USA. Please include an e-mail address so a confirmation can be sent to you when we receive your payment.

Hotel reservations: Marriott Courtyard Palo Alto Los Altos Last day to book by: 3/5/15 Marriott hotel(s) offering SARA a special group rate: Courtyard Palo Alto Los Altos for 129.00 USD per night Book your group rate: SARA >>

What to wear: Our conference settings are casual.

<u>Saturday night dinner</u>: We will make a group dinner reservation at a local restaurant for Saturday night.

<u>Additional Information</u>: Additional details will be published online at <u>www.radio-astronomy.org/meetings</u> and in the SARA journal, *Radio Astronomy*, as we get closer to the conference date. Please contact conference coordinator David Westman if you have any questions or if you would like to help with the conference: westernconference@radio-astronomy.org.



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