

I Brazilian Workshop on Astrobiology
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Urca, Rio de Janeiro - RJ Brazil

Second Newsletter

Dear participants of the I BWA,

We are pleased to inform you that the registration closed totalling 169 subscriptions and 54 submitted works for both oral and poster presentations. There are two more weeks to go and we would like to share some information with you so that our Workshop runs nice and smooth.

- 1) Registration fee: despite we expected to receive most of the registration fee payments on March 1, we understand it was not a very good date for deadline, since it happened just after Brazilian Carnival. Naturally, it is still possible to register at the BWA venue on Monday 20, but we strongly encourage everybody to send the registration checks to the Brazilian Astronomical Society, until March 13, 2006, at:
Sociedade Astronômica Brasileira - Ref: I Brazilian Workshop on Astrobiology
Endereço: Rua do Matão, 1226 - Cidade Universitária
CEP 05508-900 - São Paulo – SP
Tel.: 011 3091 28 00 - FAX.: 011 3091 28 60
e-mail: secret@sab-astro.org.br
- 2) We carefully checked that everybody who submitted a work for oral or poster presentations received the referee report and, in case of changes, we reviewed it and informed the authors regarding the acceptance of their work. Please check the web page (<http://www.das.inpe.br/participants.html>) to see if your presentation is listed and if the title is correct. Do not hesitate to contact us in case of any problems.
- 3) For those who will contribute oral communications or poster presentations, we stress the following point: PLEASE BE AWARE that this is a heterogeneous environment, with many undergraduate and graduate students from different science areas. Bear in mind that basic concepts for biologists may not be so for astronomers and physicists and vice-versa. A didactic presentation aimed towards scientists from different fields will certainly be a fruitful approach for establishing a dialogue with scientists from different areas.
- 4) If you are already sure that you will participate and will be in Rio on March 20 and 21, please send us a confirmation message (astrobio@das.inpe.br). We are depending on the number of confirmed participants to choose in which room the conferences and oral communications will occur.

Hope to see you all in Rio,

The Local Organizing Committee