



9th International Bologna Conference

Magnetic Resonance in Porous Media (MRPM9)

July 13 - 17, 2008, Cambridge MA, USA

<http://www.mrpm9.org/index.html>

MRPM9 is an Ampere Event organized under the auspices of Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Please circulate the following announcement with updated information regarding MRPM9.

The conference is devoted to the progress of Magnetic Resonance techniques and applications to further our understanding of Porous Media, and to stimulate the contact among people in academia and industry. It will be held at the research center of Schlumberger in Cambridge, MA, located next to the MIT campus. Topics of the conference will include innovative techniques and applications to study structure, behavior of fluids, and their interactions in natural and artificial materials, including rocks, cements, biological tissues, foodstuffs, wood, particle packs, sediments, pharmaceuticals, zeolites and bioconstructs. New data acquisition and processing techniques, sensitivity enhancement and mobile MR will also be strong features. The conference will be followed by the 8th Workshop on Mobile NMR (CMMR8) on the afternoon of July 17.

Important Deadlines

Submission of abstracts:	March 15, 2008
Notification of acceptance:	April 15, 2008
Early registration:	April 25, 2008
Registration for all presenters:	June 15, 2008

Registration fee (before April 25, 2008)

Ampere members:	525 USD	Accompanying person:	100 USD
Non-Ampere members:	525 USD + 35 USD	Conference dinner:	
Students Ampere members:	300 USD	Regular registration:	50 USD
Students Non-Ampere members:	300 USD + 17.5 USD	Accompanying person:	75 USD

Additional fee for Non-Ampere members covers Ampere membership through Dec. 31, 2009
The registration fee includes breakfast and lunch during the conference.

Invited speakers:

P. Basser, B. Blümich, P. Callaghan, S.-H. Chen, L. Gladden, S. Han, R. Kleinberg, Y. Lin, U. Scheven, J. Seymour, V. Wedeen, and F. Wehrli

Submission of Abstracts and Registration

Abstracts can be submitted at <http://www.mrpm9.org/index.html>. The deadline for abstract submission has been extended to March 15, 2008.

Conference Proceedings:

Presenters of all invited and contributed talks will have the opportunity to submit papers for inclusion in a special conference proceedings of the MRPM9, published by the American Institute of Physics (AIP) <http://www.aip.org/proceedings>, as part of their Conference Proceedings Series. The maximum length of the manuscript will be 4 printed pages. Each registered participant of the MRPM9 will obtain a copy of the proceedings. The conference proceedings will also be available on-line.

Papers based on accepted posters, and any manuscripts that exceed the AIP proceedings page limit, will be published in a special edition of the on-line journal **Diffusion Fundamentals** <http://www.uni-leipzig.de/diffusion/journal/>. This special edition will also include abstracts of all accepted contributions to the conference. All manuscripts submitted for the *AIP Proceedings* and *Diffusion Fundamentals* will be peer reviewed and have to follow the limitations and instructions listed on the conference website <http://www.mrpm9.org/index.html>. The deadline for the submission of manuscripts is July 14, 2008.

The **Giulio Cesare Borgia Prize for Young Researchers** will be awarded to the emerging scientist who, based on a presentation to the community at the conference, shows greatest promise for future scientific leadership. The Prize has been established in memory of the contribution made by Giulio Cesare Borgia to the development of Magnetic Resonance in Porous Media and for the particular attention he always paid to the enthusiasm, passion, and courage of young people who undertook the difficult and adventurous path of scientific investigation in this fascinating area of research.

A small number of **Student Travel Awards** will be made to eligible students who are presenting a talk or poster, and who apply for the award during abstract submission. The awards will take into account the distance from the Cambridge/Boston area.

Accommodation

Special conference rates have been negotiated with *The Kendall Hotel*, <http://www.kendallhotel.com/>, located next to the MIT campus and within walking distance of the conference facility. The MRPM9 conference rate is \$199 per night plus applicable taxes and includes breakfast. Alternatively, rooms in MIT dormitories can be booked through MIT conference services after March 15. Please check the conference webpage <http://www.mrpm9.org/index.html> for updates.

Please visit <http://www.mrpm9.org/index.html> for updated instructions on abstract submission, registration, oral and poster presentation, conference dinner, Student Travel Award, Student Breakfast Table, and Borgia Prize. Please register early and reserve your conference dinner, as total enrollment is limited.

For further information, please email mrpm9_at_slb.com or the organizing committee.

Hoping to see all of you in Cambridge.

Martin Hürlimann and Yi-Qiao Song
Chairs of MRPM9

