**CALL FOR MINI-COLLOQUIA**

*CMD26 - Condensed Matter in Groningen* is an international conference covering all aspects of condensed matter physics, including soft condensed matter, liquid physics, biophysics, materials science, quantum physics and quantum simulators, low temperature physics, quantum fluids, strongly correlated materials, semiconductor physics, magnetism, surface and interface physics, electronic, optical, structural, and mechanical properties of materials, acoustics, and disordered media. An important place will be granted to interdisciplinary topics as well as to the development of research infrastructure in Europe.

The scientific programme will consist of a series of plenary and semi-plenary talks and Mini-colloquia. Within each **Mini-colloquium**, there will be invited lectures, oral contributions and posters.

*CMD26 Condensed Matter in Groningen* is organized by the Condensed Matter Division of the European Physical Society (EPS) with support from the Foundation for Fundamental Research on Matter (FOM), which is part of the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO).

*CMD26 - Condensed Matter in Groningen* is the next in the series of biyearly EPS-CMD conferences, the last of which was held in Paris.

The meeting will be held from **September 4th through September 9th, 2016**, in the Martiniplaza Conference Centre in Groningen, The Netherlands.

The largest and most important part of the *CMD26 – Condensed Matter in Groningen* programmeare the **Mini-colloquia** that will gather specific scientific communities. **Mini-colloquia** will have the same format and modus operandi as at the previous *CMD25 – JMC14 Condensed Matter in Paris*. **Mini-colloquia** resemble Focus Sessions at similar meetings.

Typically, a **Mini-colloquium** will start with an introductory or overview talk on the subject at hand, followed invited talks on major advances in the last two years, shorter contributed talks. A Mini-colloquium also comprises posters, which will be presented in dedicated posters sessions. Mini-colloquia sessions concern the oral part of the programme. A Mini-colloquium may comprise one or several oral sessions of 2,5 to 3 hours duration.

**You are kindly invited to propose a Mini-colloquium in your domain of scientific interest.**

• All condensed matter physicists active in Europe may submit a proposal for a Mini-colloquium.

• The proposal must emanate from a minimum of two, and a maximum of four organizers. Organizers have to be from different laboratories. The organizing team must comprise at least one organizer from the Netherlands, and at least one European organizer from another country than the Netherlands.

• Please use the imposed format for a Mini-colloquium proposal. This includes the organizers with their affiliation and contact info in the header, a brief description of the subject area to be addressed, and a short motivation of why the proposal is timely. The total should not exceed one page.

• A Mini-colloquium at *CMD26 – Condensed Matter in Groningen* grants the occasion to organise a **scientific meeting of the community** in which you are active, without the worry of logistic constraints. These will be taken care of by the local organisers of *CMD26 – Condensed Matter in Groningen*. You may thus concentrate entirely on the scientific programme.

• In particular, European research networks are strongly encouraged to seize the opportunity to organize a Mini-colloquium as a means to hold a scientific meeting.

• A Mini-colloquium should present a topic that is of sufficient interest, so as to gather between a few dozen to over a hundred people. It is therefore very important to define a sufficiently broad theme, open to related topics as well as to worldwide activity in the field.

* **You may submit your proposal for a Mini-colloquium at** **until November 6th, 2015 to** CMD26@rug.nl

• The proposals will be refereed by the Programme Committee of *CMD26 – Condensed Matter in Groningen*, that will contact you regarding acceptance at the beginning of December 2015. The Board may also propose the merger of closely related Mini-colloquia.

• The Programme Committee of *CMD26 – Condensed Matter in Groningen* may ask you to broaden, narrow, or reorient the topics and scope of your proposed Mini-colloquium, or to merge your proposal with another, received from colleagues, in case of overlap.

We look forward to your submission!

For the Programme Committee

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**Appendix I : Mini-colloquium Proposal Form**

To be returned via email ( CMD26@rug.nl )

**Organizer 1 :**

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Institution :

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**Organizer 2 :**

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**Organizer 4 :**

Name :

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Telephone number :

**Description of the Proposed Mini-colloquium (1/2 page):**

**Estimated Audience (who & how many would attend):**

**Motivation (a few lines) :**

**Appendix II : Mini-colloquia Charter**

**Engagement**

Submitting a proposal for a Mini-colloquium engages you, should your proposal be retained, to register for *CMD26 – Condensed Matter in Groningen*, and to be present on the day(s) of your Mini-colloquium. As all participants, we warmly invite you to attend *CMD26 – Condensed Matter in Groningen* for the length of the Conference.

**What will be the operational mode of the Mini-colloquia? What will you have to do?**

You will be responsible for the Mini-colloquium’s progamme. This will be harmonized with the rest of *CMD26 – Condensed Matter in Groningen*’s programme through the definition of 15 min time slots. Talks can take up a single slot (short talk), or two slots (long talk). Related Poster presentations will be the object of separate poster sessions. The time allotted to Mini-colloquia in the programme thus represents that dedicated to **oral presentations and discussion**.

The duration of a Mini-colloquium session shall be no less than 2h30. If the programme allows it, 3h sessions are feasible. You may choose speakers from those registered participants at *CMD26 – Groningen* that have proposed a contribution relevant to the topic of your Mini-colloquium. You may also directly solicit persons of your choice, who should, however, register for the meeting. The European Physical Society cannot take it upon itself to fund travel, accommodation, or registration charges for Mini-colloquium participants. However, should your Mini-colloquium be sponsored by an existing research body or agency, you may of course use that body or agency’s funding.

You should see to it that your Mini-colloquium proceeds in a regular manner, without contributions overrunning the allotted time, or participants monopolizing the discussion. For this, you should appoint a chairperson. The local organisation committee of *CMD26 – Condensed Matter in Groningen* will be responsible for all things material as well as logistics.

**A few recommendations**

Do not limit the number of contributors too much and do not programme too many long talks – the purpose of the Mini-colloquia is not to allot supplementary semi-plenary talks. Do have the non-specialist in mind – it is good practice to program an introductory talk, and to ask the speakers to properly introduce their work, avoiding jargon or too much technical language.

**Language**

The official language of *CMD26 – Condensed Matter in Groningen* will be English.