

This is the first circular to announce the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Meson-Nucleon Physics and the Structure of the Nucleon, MENU 2019, that will be held at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, from **June 2 -7, 2019**.

This conference is part of the series initiated in 1983 in Karlsruhe, Germany. Recent MENU conferences took place in Kyoto, Japan (2016), Rome, Italy (2013), Williamsburg, Virginia (2010), Jülich, Germany (2007), Beijing, China (2004) and Washington DC, USA (2001).

The scientific program will include topics related to Meson-Nucleon Interactions, Hadron Spectroscopy, Nucleon Structure, Few Body Systems, Fundamental Symmetries, Electroweak Probes and Future Facilities and Directions. The conference format will include both plenary and parallel sessions.

The conference location is easily reachable, including via the international airport in Pittsburgh. The Carnegie Mellon campus and conference hotels are accessible by buses, shuttles, taxis, Uber, Lyft or rental car. The MENU-2019 webpage can be accessed at: <a href="https://events.mcs.cmu.edu/menu2019/">https://events.mcs.cmu.edu/menu2019/</a>.

More information will be available on the conference website shortly. **Registration and abstract submission will start at the time of the second circular on January 7, 2019.** The Local Organizing Committee plans to offer travel support to young researchers attending the conference. They will be able to request such support during registration.

Please feel free to forward this announcement to your collaborations and to any interested colleague. For any information, please contact anyone on the Local Organizing Committee or the use the conference email: <a href="mailto:mcs-menu-2019@andrew.cmu.edu">mcs-menu-2019@andrew.cmu.edu</a>.

The Local Organizing Committee looks forward to greeting you in Pittsburgh. Fatiha Benmokhtar (Duquesne), Roy Briere (Carnegie Mellon), Michael McCracken (Washington and Jefferson), Curtis A. Meyer (Carnegie Mellon, Co-Chair), Colin Morningstar (Carnegie Mellon), Reinhard Schumacher (Carnegie Mellon, Co-Chair) and Eric Swanson (Pittsburgh)