

# IWARA2026 - 12th International Workshop on Astronomy and Relativistic Astrophysics

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2026**

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Cinvestav, CDMX, México.

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## Second Announcement

Dear colleagues, it is with great pleasure that we address those registered for IWARA2026. The IWARA2026 meeting is the twelfth in a series of events we have organized since 2003, known by the acronyms IWARA (11 events in different locations), SMFNS (6 events in Varadero, Cuba), and STARS (5 events in Havana, Cuba), for a total of 25 events to date. Thank you for your registration.

**Location.** The event will take place from August 31 to September 4, 2026, at the Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados (Cinvestav), located at Av. Politécnico 2508, Col. San Pedro Zacatenco, Gustavo A. Madero, 07010, Mexico City, Mexico. Mexico City boasts hundreds of hotels of all categories, archaeological sites, and is near the ancient and spectacular city of Teotihuacan, dating back to the early Christian era, a colonial center from the 16th century onward, and many other tourist attractions.

**Some important dates.**

June 30: Last day to register an abstract

July 31: Last day to pay the reduced registration fee

August 26: Last day to pay the registration fee

Workshop: August 31 to September 4

**Preliminary schedule.** Our program will begin with the opening of the Cinvestav doors at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 31, at which time registration will begin. This includes the distribution of conference materials, preparation of posters for display in the Plebanski Library, information distribution, Q&A sessions, and late registration fee collection (cash only and upon request). The event will begin on August 31 at 9:00 a.m. in the José Adem Auditorium with a brief introduction followed by oral presentations. The morning session will conclude at 1:30 p.m. The event will resume that same day in the José Adem Auditorium at 3:00 p.m. and will end at 5:00 p.m. On the first day, at 5:00 p.m., a cheese and wine cocktail reception will be held in the Plebanski Library. On September 1, 3, and 4, we will have morning sessions from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and afternoon sessions from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All oral communication sessions will be held in the José Adem Auditorium. On Wednesday, September 2, we are planning a field trip (at an additional cost) to the city of Teotihuacan, which dates back to the beginning of the Christian era.

**Some Speakers:**

Luciano Rezzolla, Frankfurt Universität,

Mariana Vargas, IF-UNAM,

Jorge Cervantes, ININ

Lam Hui, Columbia University,

Luis Ureña, Universidad de Guanajuato,

Enrique Vázquez Semadeni, IRyA-UNAM

Francisco Siddhartha, Universidad Michoacana,

Pierre-Henri Chavanis\*, LPT-Toulouse,

Miguel Alcubierre, ICN-UNAM

Alma González, Universidad de Guanajuato,

Marcel Pawłowski\*, LIA-Potsdam,

Ulises Nucamendi, Universidad Michoacana,

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among others.

**Program, abstracts and book of abstracts.** A few days before the event begins, we will send the program with the oral presentations, as well as the list of posters that students and researchers will present, and a book with the abstracts of the papers presented at IWARA2026. We remind you that the call for abstracts is open and will close on May 1, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

Please submit your abstracts as soon as possible to avoid a large number of last-minute submissions. The deadline for reviewing submitted papers is August 20, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

**Coffee breaks.** Coffee breaks and poster sessions will be held in the room opposite the Plebanski Library, located in the same building. Two coffee breaks are scheduled each day: one during the morning session and one during the afternoon session. These breaks will include time for viewing the posters and for discussion among participants.

**Celebration dinner.** To be announced.

**Oral communications and poster presentations.** It is important to emphasize that IWARA is a workshop whose primary motivation is to provide opportunities for discussion and future collaborations, and to open up possibilities for professional growth for our students, junior faculty, and researchers. In this regard, IWARA is organized with a relatively small number of oral presentations, some longer (40 minutes) and others shorter (20 minutes). We prioritize poster presentations for students and researchers, which allow these discussions to take place. To expand the discussion sessions, we are reducing the number of oral presentations, increasing the number of posters presented by students and researchers, and organizing 45-minute poster presentations during coffee breaks in front of the Plebanski Library. This will provide opportunities for experienced researchers, junior researchers, and students to discuss topics of common interest. Posters must be printed and displayed on tripods. Regarding poster format, for both students and researchers, we recommend using the conference poster templates, which can be found: <https://www.latextemplates.com/cat/conference-posters>. We also ask poster session participants to insert the IWARA event series logo, which is included in the attached file. We also recommend submitting a PDF copy of your posters so we can embed them on our website for easy preview on computers, tablets, or mobile phones.

**Costs of the event.** It is important to emphasize that we strongly expect to be able to cover all costs for the conference involving materials, coffee breaks, reception and celebration dinner. We believe that this is a form of organization that reinforces the collaborative aspects of the meeting, enabling interaction between students, professors and researchers and, thus, opening up possibilities for future collaborations. Registration fees constitute the primary source of funding for IWARA2026. Accordingly, the fees have been set to cover the costs of organizing the conference while encouraging broad participation. Fees are USD 260 (faculty and researchers) and USD 130 (students) for payments made by June 30, 2026. After this date, fees are USD 300 and USD 150, respectively. A 16% VAT (IVA) will be applied to the registration fees listed above when an official invoice (factura) is required as proof of payment. For more information, please see: <https://indico.global/event/16048/registrations/3790/>

**Lunchs.** Lunch will be offered on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at a restaurant located across from CINVESTAV. Each meal includes soup, a main course, flavored water, and dessert. The cost is USD 32 for all four days, which may be added to the registration fee. Alternatively, participants may pay USD 8 per day directly at the restaurant or choose from other nearby dining options.

**Proceedings and special volume - reviews.** The proceedings of IWARA2026 will be published by Astronomische Nachrichten, at no cost for the authors. The deadline for submission of publications will be December 4, 2025. Moreover, a special issue with invited contributions (special volume - reviews) will also be published by Astronomische Nachrichten at a later date.

In addition, as is often the case, the events lead to the publication of books by World Scientific (a booklet with the most recent World Scientific publications involving researchers participating in these meetings will be given to the participants as motivation for future collaborations).

**Letters of acceptance.** Many event registrants ask for letters of acceptance of their participation or even for invitation letters. We are happy to respond to these requests. These letters are usually essential to enable registrants to participate in the event and receive financial support for the payment of fees, travel, accommodation costs and even visas.

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