

First Announcement and Call for Abstracts

The International Workshop on Relaxor Ferroelectrics (IWRF-2013)

Ioffe Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia

July 1 – 6, 2013



On behalf of the the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to announce and cordially invite you to **International Workshop on Relaxor Ferroelectrics, which will be held on July 1 - 6, 2013 at Ioffe Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia.**

Present Workshop is a continuation of a series of meeting started in 1997 by the first International workshop on relaxor ferroelectrics (ISRF) in 1996 in Dubna (Russia). It was followed by ISRFII (1998) and ISRFIII (2000) also in Dubna. This series was interrupted for 11 years and was continued by the International Workshops on Ferroelectric Relaxors in 2011 in Xian (China) and in 2012 in Edesheim (Germany).

In 2013 the workshop returned to Russia and it will be held in Ioffe Institute in St.Petersburg (www.ioffe.ru). We will bring together international experts on synthesis, properties, modeling and new applications of relaxor materials. The focus of the workshop is on the fundamental understanding of structure-property relationships and on new materials including lead-free relaxors. Aspects of relaxor ferroelastic and ferromagnetic materials will also be discussed.

The workshop will present invited and contributed talks and original poster reports and will provide ample of time for scientific discussions.

Topics to be included (*but not limited to*)

Basic Principles	Polymeric and biopolymeric relaxors
Progress in Theory	Optic and neutron spectroscopy
Structure of relaxors	Magnetic relaxors
Polar nanoregions and nanodomains	Films

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More information and on-line registration and abstract submission are available at Website: <http://www.iwrf.ru>, www.ioffe.ru/iwrf2013

Important Dates

- Registration Deadline March 1, 2013.
- Abstract Submission Deadline March 15, 2013.
- Abstract Acceptance Notice April 15, 2013.
- Accommodation Reservation Deadline April 30, 2013.
- Manuscript Submission Deadline July 01, 2013.
- Conference Date July 01-06, 2013.

Conference fees

Registration fee is 400 €. Fee will include abstracts, welcome party (boat trip), lunch, excursion and conference dinner. At the moment organizing committee is searching possibility to lower registration fee for students.

Proceedings will be published in the special issue of "Ferroelectrics" (published by Taylor & Francis Group)

Workshop is **sponsored** by Russian Foundation for Basic Research (www.rfbr.ru) and "Condensed Matter Physics" Council of the Russian Academy of Sciences <http://sovetsks.issp.ras.ru/>

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We look forward to welcome you to the beautiful city of St. Petersburg with your active participation. Please circulate this mail to your colleagues and appropriate groups that might be interested in IWRF2013.

Sincerely Yours, IWRF organizers