



**KAZAN FEDERAL UNIVERSITY**

**BRICS Association on Gravity, Astrophysics and Cosmology**  
**Russian Gravitational Society**  
**5-100 Russian Academic Excellence Project**

**The Third Symposium of the BRICS Association  
on Gravity, Astrophysics and Cosmology**  
*August 29 – September 3, 2019*

**2<sup>nd</sup> INFORMATION LETTER**

*Dear Colleague!*

We are happy to inform you that 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium of the BRICS Association on Gravity, Astrophysics and Cosmology will take place from August 29 to September 3, 2019 in the Institute of Physics of Kazan Federal University, Kazan, Russia.

**Website of the BRICS-AGAC Symposium:** <http://kpfu.ru/brics-agac>  
**BRICS-AGAC homepage:** <http://www.brics-agac.zjut.edu.cn>  
**E-mail address:** [brics-agac@mail.ru](mailto:brics-agac@mail.ru)

**Registration:** An applicant should fill a registration form on the conference website

**REGISTRATION FEE**

1. US \$200 / 3000 Rubles – Early regular payment
2. US \$200 / 5000 Rubles – Late regular payment
3. US \$100 / 1500 Rubles – Registration fee for students and postgraduate students

The registration fee covers a Conference bag, participation in all sessions, publication of the Program and Book of Abstracts and Conference events (coffee breaks, welcome party and ship excursion over the Volga river. *Notice:* Conference banquet is not included in the fee).

Since the Local Organizing Committee will be able to cover the major part of registration fees for Russian participants and partially for participants from former Soviet Union countries (Belarus, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, etc.), their registration fees will be decreased up to 3000 Rubles (early regular payment up to August 16); 5000 Rubles (late regular payment after August 15). The payment can be made through a bank transfer. The receipt of the registration fee transfer is given on the conference website in the section "Registration Fee".

**ABSTRACTS AND PROCEEDINGS**

The Proceedings of the Third Symposium of the BRICS Association on Gravity, Astrophysics and Cosmology will be published in a special issue of the journal *Universe* (<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/universe>). It is planned to publish full papers based on talks of the conference. All submissions will be refereed and the Guest Editors will make decisions as to whether a paper should be accepted or rejected, based on comments from reviewers. The deadline for submission of full manuscripts for publication is October 31, 2019.

Before the Symposium a book of talk's abstracts will be published. The deadline for submission of abstracts is August 10, 2019.

## ACCOMMODATION

The Kazan Federal University has an agreement with several hotels nearby the University about a special reduced price. So, the Organizing Committee can recommend the following hotels to your attention (please find more details on <https://www.booking.com>):

1. **Giuseppe Hotel \*\*\*\***  
Kremlevskaya Str.,15/25, 420111 Kazan, Russia
2. **Ibis Kazan Hotel \*\*\***  
Pravo-Bulachnaya Str. 43/1, 420111 Kazan, Russia
3. **Tatarstan Hotel \*\*\***  
Pushkina Ulitsa 4, 420107 Kazan, Russia
4. **Regina na Universitetskoy \*\*\***  
Universitetskaya Street, 9, 420111 Kazan, Russia
5. **Osobnyak na Teatralnoy \*\*\***  
Teatralnaya Ulitsa 3, 420111 Kazan, Russia

Besides the above variants, you may yourself choose appropriate city hotels/hostels/apartments.

NOTICE! Since the end of August is a top tourist season in Kazan, we strongly recommend you to make a choice of your accommodation as soon as possible. In case you would choose a hotel from the above list, please inform the organizers in order they reserve a room for you with a special price.

## SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAM

Kazan is one of the largest, more beautiful and more touristically attractive cities of Russia, which is on the list of UNESCO World Heritage cities

(find more in Wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kazan>).

Institute of Physics of Kazan Federal University, where the Third Symposium of the BRICS Association on Gravity, Astrophysics and Cosmology will be held, is situated in the historical part of Kazan. So, all participants will have an opportunity to take part in the bus city tour and have individual excursions to various places of interest for their choice.

On August 30 it is celebrating the day of Kazan city. Usually on this day in Kazan there are many different open-air events, including concerts of folk, pop and classical music, evening fireworks, etc. So, this will be a good opportunity for all participants to know more about Kazan.

Kazan lies at the confluence of the Kazanka River and the greatest Russian Volga River. On September 2 the LOC is planned to organize a ship trip over Volga.

## VISA

Foreign participants must have a valid passport and may need a visa for entry into the Russian Federation. An official invitation letter which is needed when applying for the visa will be prepared by the organizing committee for registered participants. To prepare an invitation we need the following information:

- copy of valid passport (as a pdf- or jpg-file)
- official address of your place of work and your position
- phone number
- name of a city where a Russian Embassy or Consulate is located and where you will apply and then obtain a visa
- dates of visit

As the process for obtaining a visa takes time, please request the invitation letter as soon as possible!