

## Third Circular – Workshop of the International Space Science Institute (ISSI)

### Mercury

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*This circular is based on the [second circular](#) and contains only important items that have been updated in the meantime. Its main purpose is to serve as a last reminder.*

#### MOST IMPORTANT:

**Arrival and departure dates are urgently needed of those participants who have not provided these already.**

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#### Workshop program

Information about the Workshop and the updated program can be found on the Workshop website <http://www.issi.unibe.ch/workshops/Mercury/>

There are three periods (on Tuesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning) set aside for discussion in splinter groups. The main objective of these discussions is to determine the best way to present the outcome of the Workshop in the ISSI book and the volume of Space Sciences Reviews that will be devoted to this Workshop. It is expected that there will be four splinter groups, representing the planetary interior, surface, exosphere and magnetosphere. Most participants will naturally gravitate to one of these groups, but participants will also be encouraged to take part in more than one splinter group, to ensure that links are clearly worked out between, for instance, the planetary magnetic field and the magnetosphere or the exosphere and the surface. Multi-authored papers that cover such links will be encouraged.

#### Funding of the workshop

ISSI will fund the participants by providing the daily subsistence cost during the time of the meeting up to a maximum of 7 days (time of arrival in Bern through departure from Bern). Hotel costs (room and breakfast) will be paid by ISSI to the hotels directly, except for any extras charged to the room; these charges the participants should pay themselves upon departure. The daily allowances of 35 CHF per meal will be reimbursed by bank transfer after the workshop based on a form that all participants will be requested to fill in while at

ISSI. Please bring your banking information with you, including the SWIFT code if possible.

### **Equipment available at ISSI**

Both wired and wireless (802.11b and 802.11a modes) access to the network is available on both floors of the institute.

Please contact our computer engineer and system administrator, Saliba Saliba ([saliba@issi.unibe.ch](mailto:saliba@issi.unibe.ch)), with any computer-related questions.

### **Social program**

There is a free afternoon on Wednesday 28 June. We propose to organize an excursion by bus from ISSI to Avenches, a pretty town with important Roman remains, and Murten on the Lake of Murten, a spectacular old town in an idyllic setting.

On Thursday, 29 June the Workshop dinner will take place in one of the famed Bernese restaurants in the old town.