18th International Symposium on Origin of Matter and Evolution of Galaxies (OMEG18 2026)

July 21, 2026

THIRD CIRCULAR

The 18th International Symposium on Origin of Matter and Evolution of Galaxies (OMEG18) will be held at RIKEN Wako Campus, Japan, from October 20 to 23, 2026.

OMEG18 is the 18th symposium in a series held almost biannually since 1988. The symposium aims to promote discussions on nuclear astrophysics and related fields, bringing together researchers and students from a broad range of disciplines.

Abstract submission and review have been completed. Contributors have been informed of the decisions on the presentation types. The symposium program is being finalized and will be made available on the symposium website.

Registration is now open. Participants who need visa documents are requested to complete their registration by July 31, 2026.

<IMPORTANT NOTICE>

Please ignore any emails regarding OMEG18 from travel agencies or other companies that are not affiliated with the organizers or RIKEN. The organizers have not asked any external company to arrange accommodation or travel support for OMEG18 participants.

<INVITED SPEAKERS>

The list of confirmed invited speakers is available on the symposium website:
https://indico2.riken.jp/event/5341/page/483-invited-speakers

<SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE>

Please note that the welcome reception previously planned for Monday, October 19, will not be held.

The current outline of the symposium schedule is as follows:
- Invited and contributed presentations from Tuesday, October 20, to Friday, October 23
- Poster sessions during the symposium
- Excursion in the afternoon of Thursday, October 22
- Banquet dinner on Thursday evening, October 22

<SYMPOSIUM VENUE AND ACCESS>

The symposium will take place at RIKEN Wako Campus in Wako City, Saitama Prefecture, Japan. The venue is the large conference room on the second floor of the Headquarters Building.

Only registered participants will be allowed to enter the RIKEN Wako Campus for OMEG18. Participants can enter the campus only via the West Gate. Registered participants will receive a temporary pass at the West Gate Guard Station after giving their name. The temporary pass is valid only on the day of issue and must be returned each day.

Details on the symposium venue and access are given on the following web page:
https://indico2.riken.jp/event/5341/page/484-travel-information

<SOCIAL EVENTS>

The following social events are planned:
- Excursion in the afternoon of Thursday, October 22
- Banquet dinner on Thursday evening, October 22

For the excursion, we are planning a bus tour to Toyosu. Participants will visit Toyosu Senkyaku Banrai, a commercial complex inspired by the streets of the Edo period, and TeamLab Planets, a digital art museum offering an immersive experience. Please note that the number of tickets for TeamLab Planets may be limited.

The banquet will be held on a Yakatabune, a traditional Japanese houseboat, on the Sumida River. Participants will enjoy a Japanese dinner and night views of Tokyo.

Details are available on the following web page:
https://indico2.riken.jp/event/5341/page/505-social-event

<ABSTRACT SUBMISSION>

The abstract submission period has ended. The review of submitted abstracts has been completed, and contributors have been informed of their presentation types.

Presenters are requested to complete their registration and payment by the relevant deadlines.

<REGISTRATION>

Online registration is now open on the following web page:
https://indico2.riken.jp/event/5341/page/486-registration-fee-and-payment

The early-bird registration fee applies only if payment is completed by the early-bird payment deadline, August 30, 2026. Payments completed after the deadline will be subject to the late registration fee, regardless of the registration date.

The registration fees are as follows.
- Early-bird payment, until August 30, 2026:
- Regular participants: 45,000 JPY
- Students: 20,000 JPY
- Accompanying persons: 20,000 JPY per person

Late payment, from August 31, 2026:
- Regular participants: 50,000 JPY
- Students: 25,000 JPY
- Accompanying persons: 25,000 JPY per person

Applicants for the student registration fee must submit a valid student certificate or a copy of a student ID card.

The registration fee includes coffee breaks, lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, refreshments for the poster session, the excursion, and the banquet. The registration fee for an accompanying person includes only the excursion and banquet.

Registration will be completed only after payment of the fee has been received.

<PAYMENT>

Payment for the symposium must be made online only by credit card. Accepted credit cards are VISA, MasterCard, JCB, American Express, and Diners.

If you encounter any issues with the payment process, please contact the organizers for assistance.

<SUPPORT>

Partial support will be available for young scientists, including students who are not financially supported by their home institute. Please contact the organizers for details.

<POSTER AWARDS>

The best poster presentations delivered by young scientists will be awarded prizes on the last day of the symposium.

<VISA ASSISTANCE>

Participants who need documents for their visa application must complete registration by July 31, 2026. The organizers will contact registered participants for the detailed procedure. The visa documents will be sent by the end of August.

If you need an invitation letter in advance to obtain your passport, please register first without requesting visa documents. After your passport is issued, you can modify the registration to request the visa documents.

<ACCOMMODATION>

The RIKEN dormitory is not available for this conference.

There are three hotels in front of Wako-shi Station. Many convenient hotels are also located along the Tobu Tojo Line or near Ikebukuro Station.

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<WEBSITE AND CONTACT>

Symposium website:
https://indico2.riken.jp/event/5341/

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<SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES>

Abstract submission deadline: June 28, 2026 (closed)
Third circular: July 21, 2026
Registration with visa document request deadline: July 31, 2026
Early-bird payment deadline: August 30, 2026
Final circular: September 11, 2026
Online registration deadline: October 12, 2026
Payment deadline: October 14, 2026
Symposium dates: October 20-23, 2026