



# PRAHA2026

## The 28th International Conference on High Resolution Molecular Spectroscopy

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> CIRCULAR: February 2026

The PRAHA2026 meeting will mark the 28th edition of the Prague Spectroscopy Conference Series, continuing a tradition that began in 1970 of bringing together spectroscopists from Eastern and Western Europe, as well as from around the globe.

The conference will be held in Prague-Dejvice, near Vítězné náměstí and within walking distance of the Dejvická metro station, on the campuses of the University of Chemistry and Technology Prague (UCT) and the Czech Technical University in Prague (CTU). The local organization will be handled in collaboration with the UCT, the CTU, and the Ioannes Marcus Marci Spectroscopic Society.

Please note that **the conference begins on Monday, August 31, in the morning and ends on Friday, September 4, at lunchtime.** Participants are therefore expected to arrive in Prague on Sunday, August 30, in the afternoon or evening.

**Prague**, the capital of the Czech Republic, is a major European cultural and historical center, renowned for its well-preserved medieval architecture, historic squares, and iconic landmarks such as Charles Bridge and Prague Castle. With a history dating back more than a thousand years, Prague combines a rich legacy of Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque heritage with the vibrancy of a modern metropolis, offering excellent infrastructure, a strong academic tradition, and a welcoming environment for international visitors.

### Scientific Program

The program will include ten invited talks, three mini-symposia on specific topics (*exoplanetary atmospheres; chirality and chiral recognition; molecular ion spectroscopy*), contributed talks, and poster sessions.

| INVITED SPEAKERS                     |   |
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| <a href="#">BERNADETTE BRODERICK</a> | University of Missouri / Columbia, USA                |
| <a href="#">SANDRA BRÜNKEN</a>       | Radboud University/Nijmegen, Netherlands              |
| <a href="#">WYBREN JAN BUMA</a>      | University of Amsterdam, Netherlands                  |
| <a href="#">JOSÉ CERNICHARO</a>      | Instituto de Física Fundamental, CSIC / Madrid, Spain |
| <a href="#">THOMAS GIESEN</a>        | Universität Kassel, Germany                           |
| <a href="#">SCOTT KABLE</a>          | University of New South Wales / Sydney, Australia     |
| <a href="#">JER-LAI KUO</a>          | Academia Sinica / Taipei, Taiwan                      |
| <a href="#">LUCILE RUTKOWSKI</a>     | IPR / Rennes, France                                  |
| <a href="#">YAN TAN</a>              | University Sci. Tech. China / Hefei, China            |
| <a href="#">SERGEY YURCHENKO</a>     | UCL / London, UK                                      |

Contributions are invited in the fields of:

- Observation, measurement, and analysis of high-resolution rotational, vibrational, or electronic spectra of molecules (radicals, ions, complexes, clusters, etc.) in the gas phase or in matrices
- Experimental techniques for observing such spectra
- Theory assisting the prediction, simulation, and interpretation of spectra
- Applications in related fields, such as the physics and chemistry of planetary and cool-star atmospheres, the interstellar medium, chemical kinetics, biologically important molecules in the gas phase or in matrices, combustion, cold molecules, and metrology

Both oral and poster contributions are welcome, but we especially encourage students to submit oral presentations.

In addition, a ceremonial Ioannes Marcus Marci Session will take place during the conference. The keynote speaker of this session will be [Professor Reinhard Genzel](#) (Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics), who was awarded the 2020 Nobel Prize in Physics “for the discovery of a supermassive compact object at the center of our galaxy.”

## Accommodation

Single, double, and triple rooms will be available in the student dormitories near the conference venue. Meals will be served at the student cafeteria. The conference program will include a reception, a concert, and possible excursions for participants and accompanying persons. A full price list for accommodation and meals will be provided in the second circular, to be issued in March/April.

## Important dates

Second circular with meeting information: **March/April 2026**

Deadline for early bird registration: **May 20, 2026**

Deadline for registration at regular fee: **June 30, 2026**

Deadline for abstract submission: **June 30, 2026**

## Fees

A conference fee of 380 EUR (approx. 9,200 CZK) applies to regular participants, and 250 EUR (approx. 6,000 CZK) to students. This fee also includes the reception and the concert. Fees will increase after the **Early Bird Registration Period**. Further information, including prices for accompanying persons, will be provided in the second circular.

## Web page + E-mail

The conference website is currently under construction and is expected to be completed before the second circular is sent out. At present, however, you can visit the [repository web pages](#), which contain a significant amount of material from previous PRAHA-series conferences. We kindly ask you to forward this circular to anyone who may be interested.

You may contact the Local Organizing Committee by e-mail [praha2026@vscht.cz](mailto:praha2026@vscht.cz)