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I am happy to announce that the Summer School website www.summerschoolalpbach.at has been updated with information and application details (including online registration possibility for students) for 2009 "Exoplanets: Discovering and characterizing Earth type planets", held from July 21-30.

Please distribute this information as widely as possible in your country.

Students should submit their applications online before March 31, 2009. We are looking for both students with scientific and engineering background.

The online registration system will provide you with a copy of each application from your country by e-mail automatically.

By the end of the application deadline you will receive a password which will give you access to the internal registration area of the website. This will permit you to have an overview of all national applications and will allow you to generate lists etc. We will then ask you for selection of the students that can be sponsored from your national funds during the month of April. Letters of acceptance to the students selected by you will be sent out by FFG at the end of April based on your decision / advice. The overall number of Summer School participants will again be limited to 60. Please do not hesitate to contact me then if you need advice on how many students per country we will be able to offer a place.

The registration fee for 2009 will be € 370,-. This fee will be collected from each student in Alpbach upon arrival. The fee covers working material, free access to copying and computer, e-mail and internet facilities at the School House, coffee breaks and dinner vouchers (including one free drink per evening) for the entire period of the Summer School including the weekend.

Travel and accommodation costs are not included in the registration fee. The cost for bed & breakfast accommodation in Alpbach amounts to about € 35,-/ 40,- per person, per night in private houses. A stay of 11 nights is essential for all students.

All student accommodation will be organised by us for the selected participants. We will contact the participants on that from our end. Students will have to pay their lodging expenses in Alpbach upon departure in their private houses and deal with refund issues with you directly. The basis of the Summer School is "no-exchange of funds".

sincere thanks for your cooperation and looking forward to working with you again and to receiving many applications from your country

best regards,

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