



Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East

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**8<sup>th</sup> SESAME Users' Meeting**  
**19-21 November, 2009**  
**Amman, Jordan**

**Second Announcement**  
**(Tentative)**

The 8<sup>th</sup> SESAME Users' Meeting will be held in Amman, Jordan and will cover various disciplines of applied synchrotron radiation research interests of the SESAME users' community. The meeting will bring together scientists from the region and world experts in the various fields of synchrotron Applications, and will provide a platform for information exchange and discussions of ongoing collaborative efforts within the community. The meeting will also offer the opportunity to develop new collaborative research projects.

The scientific program of the meeting is attached and it can be found at [SESAME website](#). The program includes invited, plenary, and contributed talks as well as a poster session. In addition, three parallel workshops are planned to cover the broad areas of **IR Spectroscopy**, **Soft X-Rays** and **SR Applications in Materials Science** research based on Synchrotron Light. The scientific program will cover topics in:

- ✓ Atomic, molecular, and chemical physics.
- ✓ Structural biology, drug design, and medical applications.
- ✓ Materials science, electronic structure and nanotechnology.
- ✓ Archaeology and cultural heritage.
- ✓ SESAME machine and phase I beamlines development.

A [SESAME site tour](#) is also planned in the afternoon of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the meeting.

### **Accommodation**

The conference will be held at the [Days Inn Hotel & Suites, Amman](#), and a block of rooms is reserved for the participants. You can either make your reservation by contacting the hotel directly ([www.daysinn.com.jo](http://www.daysinn.com.jo)) or have the Local Organizing Committee make the reservation on your behalf by indicating so on the registration form. Of course, you may always make your own reservation at other hotels of your choice.

### **Transportation**

The [Days Inn Hotel](#) is about 40 minute drives from Queen Alia International Airport. Taxi is the best way to get to the hotel from the airport, which costs about 25 JOD (35\$).

## Financial Support

Limited funds are available to meet hotel expenses for some participants. You may request that you be considered for these funds by indicating so on the Registration Form. Meals will be provided to all participants.

## Registration

You may type directly into the interactive Registration Form and save it to your computer, and either e-mail it or fax it as indicated on the form. **If you can not save the typed data then you need to download Adobe Acrobat Professional V.6 .** The registration deadline is **August 15, 2009**. There is no registration fee.

## Abstracts

Abstracts for all talks and posters should be submitted using the Abstract Template. The deadline for abstract submission is **October 1, 2009**.

## Visa Information

Visas are issued from Jordanian Diplomatic and Consular Missions abroad or from major ports of entry according to regulations. You can find a Jordanian Embassy in your country by visiting the [Jordanian diplomatic missions worldwide](#) web page. For more information on how to apply for a visa please go to the [Consular affairs department](#) page. A letter of invitation for purposes of obtaining a visa can be issued by the SESAME Jordanian National Committee upon request.

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Detailed information on the meeting can be found at the [SESAME website](http://www.SESAME.org.jo).  
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