

**4th International Colloquium
Scientific and Fundamental Aspects of the Galileo Programme
4-6 December 2013, Prague, Czech Republic**
– Preliminary Programme online –

At the end of the Galileo IOV satellites test phase and just before the launch of ESA's scientific GAIA mission with the goal of obtaining the largest, most precise three-dimensional map of our Galaxy by surveying more than a thousand million stars, the 4th International Colloquium on Galileo and GNSS Science, co-organized by the European Space Agency (ESA) and the European GNSS Agency (GSA), is inviting to an interesting programme, see <http://congrexprojects.com/2013-events/13c15/introduction>.

After Welcome Addresses by the host of the Colloquium, the Department of Transportation of the Czech Republic, and the co-organizers, the Director of Galileo and Navigation of ESA, Mr Didier Faivre and the Executive Director of the GSA, Mr Carlo des Dorides, the Keynote covers "**The Science Program of the European Space Agency: pushing science and technology towards excellence**", given by Prof. Alvaro Gimenez, ESA Director of Science and Robotic Exploration.

Two parallel session tracks will report and discuss recent results and ideas on the use of Galileo and GNSS in the atmospheric research on troposphere and ionosphere as well as in geodesy and remote sensing. The Clocks and time transfer session discusses the latest developments. Fundamental problems in satellite navigation will be tackled, like reference frames and orbits and also relativistic positioning. A poster session and a Round Table Discussion at the end of the Colloquium are also part of the programme.

Two social events will allow for networking among the international scientists, the Icebreaker reception at the Prague Major's Residence and the conference dinner at the Strahov Monastery Brewery. And don't forget to visit one of the many traditional Christmas markets in Prague, just opened in the first December days!

Do not forget to register soon on the website mentioned before. Those who forgot to take advantage of the Early Registration Rate before 1 Nov 2013 get still the chance to register with it until 10 Nov 2013.