Preface

The 9th Joint International Hadron Structure '15 Conference was held in GRAND HOTEL BELLEVUE, Horný Smokovec, Slovak Republic in June 29th–July 3rd 2015 in High Tatra Mountains.

The Hadron Structure '15 Conference goes back 40 years; the first meeting was held in 1973 at Smolenice Castle, at foot of the Little Carpathian Mountains around 50 km north of Bratislava. It has been arisen from the earlier well known Vienna-Budapest-Bratislava “Triangle Meetings”, organized in the late of 1960s.

The Hadron Structure Conferences always consisted of presentations of 40' invited lectures and short 20' communications, mixed with theoretical talks and experimental reviews. We have tried to conserve this rule also in this Conference with the presentation of new results from many experimental centers around the world. There were 41 registered participants attending 38 talks, which reported results, reviews and prospects covering mainly physics of the structure of hadrons, perturbative and nonperturbative QCD, heavy-ion collisions, hadron spectroscopy and other subjects of recent physics.

The Hadron Structure Conferences are organized every year; the odd years in the Slovak Republic, and in St. Petersburg and its surroundings on the even years.

The Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute is planning the 10th Joint International Hadron Structure and QCD Conference to be scheduled for the middle of the year 2016.

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