

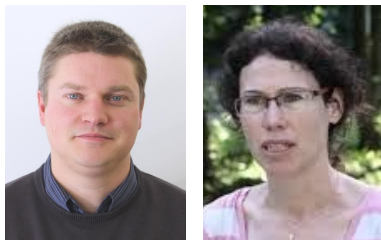


### Welcome!

On behalf of the international and local advisory and organizing committees of the European Physical Society HEP2019 conference, we welcome you to the vibrant city of Ghent for a week of reviews and latest developments in the wide field of high-energy physics.

We aimed for an attractive scientific conference, complemented by an inspiring outreach and social program.

We wish you an enriching week!



Michael Tytgat and Barbara Clerbaux  
chair and vice-chair of the LOC

### Daily newsletter

Throughout the conference, you will receive this daily newsletter with highlights of the scientific programme, but also as a resource of practical information for the day. As this is our first newsletter, we focus on organisational aspects, like the registration and the first social event, a guided city tour of Ghent. Enjoy!

Steven, Martina, Daniele, and Didar

### Registration information

Registration starts on Wednesday July 10 at 16h until 19h at the International Convention Center (ICC), the conference's main site.

### Guided city tour

On the evening of July 10, city guides will take registered participants on a ~1.5h tour through the city center. Groups will form from 17h onwards. Detailed info will be provided at the registration desk.

### Extra event: Solvay seminar

An extra event was added: a seminar by Prof. Em. Pierre Marage (ULB) on *The Solvay Councils and the Beginning of Modern Physics*.

The seminar will take place in Campus Ledeganck, Aud. 2 on Friday 12 July at 18h45.

Do not miss this opportunity to learn about key events in science history that happened in Belgium. The Solvay council events were pioneers of today's international conferences like EPS!

### Picture of the day

The picture decorating the conference website captures several of the jewels of downtown Ghent. The *Graslei* bordering the river *Leie*, the former post building with its clock tower, the 13th century Saint-Nicholas church, and in the back the world-heritage Ghent Belfry, formerly housing the majestic *Klokke Roeland* alarm bell keeping watch over the city.



### Did you know?

Hidden behind the house on the right of the picture is Saint Bavo's Cathedral, housing the famous *Ghent Altarpiece*, painted by the *van Eyck* brothers around the year 1430. In 1934, two of the panels were stolen. While one of them was returned, the *Just Judges* panel is still missing. Just a few months ago, yet another fruitless search for it was conducted under one of Ghent's streets. The mystery of this painting is one of Belgium's longest running whodunits.

