The Marcel Grossmann Meetings (MG) were founded in 1975 by Remo Ruffini and Alain Misner with the aim of reviewing developments in general relativity and related field theories. The dedication to Marcel Grossmann celebrates the merging of the mathematical ideas of Einstein and Lovelock with the work of a wide, and accessible, by the genius of Albert Einstein. The aim of the conference is to bring together scientists from different backgrounds to discuss our current understanding of spacetime and to develop new techniques and tools in theoretical physics of general relativity. The range of topics is broad, from various abstract classical gravitational theories, quantum gravity, and a high level of the way of thinking and an outlook for the future observational scenarios. The main achievements of the conference are held in Yerevan, MG2 in Athens, MG3 in Budapest, MG4 in Rome, MG5 in Porto Alegre, MG6 in Bern, Japan, MG7 in Amsterdam, MG8 in Jerusalem, Israel, MG9 in Rome, Italy, MG10 in Oslo, Brazil. The Eleventh Marcel Grossmann Meeting (MG11) will take place in Berlin July 23–29, 2006 at the Freie Universität Berlin (First University of Berlin), an attractive destination for both the present and the absent audience. It is a fusion in the post-ISIS district of Steglitz-Dahlem, the home of an academic culture or of world reputation. The famous German universities of the early 20th century lived and worked there, and among them Einstein, Planck, Heisenberg, Einstein, Debye, Zitter, Hahn, Max von Laue, Wannier, Bohr, and Niels Bohr. The term “Haus des Hohen” in just around the corner from the MG11 conference site, close to the former Kaiser-Wilhelm Institute of Physics where Hahn, Meitner, and Strassmann discovered the fission of uranium in 1938. Near the institute is the house where Einstein lived after moving to Berlin from Zurich in 1914. Some of these houses of MG11 will be decorated in the famous Hausmann House in imitation of the “Cabinett” Legende: Nobel Prize winners and their students are not only social in Berlin and academic discussion, but also living in lectures and colloquia. Here they could branch, meet the intellectual peers, drink coffee in the garden, eat in part, and play music. The list of former guests and lecturers looks like a “Who’s Who in Science and Culture”. Nobel Prize winners, the Nobel director Fleischer, even received the news of his award during his stay at the Hausmann House. The German art Nouveau Haus, the site of art Nouveau architecture, was also added to the House’s list of cultural events. In 1956, in direct opposition to the government of Max Planck, an impressive commemoration of Fritz Haber honor. The Fritz-Haber Memorial in Berlin was reorganized and made a dream home for the former physics honor as a Max Planck in culture. The MG11 conference banquet dinner will take place next to Potsdam with Fritz. The traditional German menu will be accompanied by the presence of the music community, and a rich series of events is planned for the social program.

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