

Object: SISFA: new website and 2013 Meeting

Dear SISFA members,

1) with great pleasure we announce **the new website of our society**, <http://www.sisfa.org>

For the moment, it is only in Italian, but it will be an important tool for our society.

2) I also take this occasion to recall our next **2013 SISFA MEETING** (Acireale-Catania-Siracusa, 4-7 September 2013), whose deadline is **July 10** (see the second announcement). The Meeting webpage is now reachable also from the SISFA website (click on **"Convegno 2013"**, under the item "Convegni"). We will hope to see you at our Meeting.

3) Coming back to our website, which should be considered still "in progress" so that your comments are welcome, I want to focus on some general points.

- a) First of all, the **logo** of our society in the upper left of the site. We have adopted a criterion of simplicity and sobriety, without any selection of images that would be resulted restrictive for our widespread activities.
- b) I have, instead, decided to show **evocative images** for the history of physics and astronomy in the upper banner in our site, on the right of the logo. This banner is able to mix randomly several images referring to Galilei, Volta and Fermi. Galilei: wonderful images from his Sidereus Nuncius recall the great revolution operated by his celestial observations. Volta: the original sketches of his "pile" (in its two different forms) refer to his great invention and to the unsuspected new scientific domains that it opened. Fermi: the third image shows a series of spectacular nuclear events (obtained at CERN with a streamer chamber), among which we can see weak interaction decays, governed by the theory that Fermi introduced in order to explain nuclear beta decay.
- c) In the member list of our society, we have checked the memberships as updated to 2012, but some mistake or omission could be inevitably happened. If so, please write to us and we will be able to correct it.

Finally, let me thank very much our Secretary, Salvatore Esposito, for the quality and quantity of his work that has allowed the preparation of the new website.

Cordially,

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