

# 35<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Italian Society for the History of Physics and Astronomy

Arezzo, September 16-19, 2015

## Second Announcement

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual Congress of the Italian Society for the History of Physics and Astronomy (SISFA, Società Italiana degli Storici della Fisica e dell'Astronomia) will take place in Arezzo on September 16-19, 2015. The main venue will be at the Museo dei Mezzi di Comunicazione - Via Ricasoli 22, Arezzo.

## General Information and Programme

**Organizer:** SISFA (Società Italiana degli Storici della Fisica e dell'Astronomia).

**Local partners and organizing cooperation:** Museo dei Mezzi di Comunicazione - Arezzo; Associazione Culturale "Il Mondo in Casa" - Arezzo.

**Endorsement:** Accademia Petrarca di Lettere Arti e Scienze - Arezzo; Centro UNESCO di Arezzo.

**SISFA Advisory Committee:** Gianni Battimelli (Università di Roma Sapienza), Fabrizio Bonoli (Università di Bologna), Paolo Brenni (CNR - Firenze, FST - Firenze), Fausto Casi (Museo dei Mezzi di Comunicazione, Arezzo), Salvatore Esposito (INFN - Sezione di Napoli), Lucio Fregonese (Università di Pavia), Leonardo Gariboldi (Università degli Studi di Milano), Massimo Mazzoni (SAIt), Pasquale Tucci (Università degli Studi di Milano, fr).

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**Congress official web page:** <http://www.sisfa.org/convegni/xxxv-convegno-sisfa/>

**Congress official e-mail address:** [convegno2015@sisfa.org](mailto:convegno2015@sisfa.org)

**The Congress:** Continuing the series of SISFA annual meetings, the Congress aims at promoting the study of the history of physics and astronomy in Italy. At the same time, it provides an opportunity to strengthen old and establish new links among the members of SISFA, the members of other scholarly societies and researchers working in the same and in related fields. Historians of physics and astronomy are therefore invited to participate and the invitation is extended to all interested scholars. The Congress will host both invited talks and oral communications. The official languages will be both Italian and English. More detailed information and updating will appear on the Congress web site <http://www.sisfa.org/convegni/>.

**Topics:** Proposals for oral communications should mainly address the history of physics and astronomy, also in connection with the related areas of mathematics, chemistry and the history of science and culture. Studies focusing on historical instruments and documentary sources regarding the mentioned fields are also relevant, as well as the applications of the history of physics and astronomy in science education and museum displays.

**Topical sessions:** “History of Light” and “Science and World War I” on occasion of, respectively, the International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies (proclaimed by UN for 2015) and the Centenary of Italy’s intervention in the world conflict.

**Outline of the Congress:** The Congress will host invited talks and communications. The topical sessions will include exhibits and re-enactment of historical experiments and demonstrations with both original and reconstructed instruments. In Arezzo the Congress will be hosted in the Museo dei Mezzi di Comunicazione. Various initiatives will also give participants the opportunity to get acquainted with the scientific and historical heritage of Arezzo. More specific details on the initiatives and practical information on transportation and accommodation will be soon provided on the Congress web site.

**Registration, abstract submission and conference fee:** registration and payment of the conference fee are mandatory for all congress participants both presenting oral communications or attending only (see deadlines below).

Abstracts of oral communications should be submitted preferably in English. All abstracts will be peer-reviewed on behalf of the advisory committee. Post-deadline registrations will be considered only exceptionally and an extra € 30 fee applied if accepted.

Please see below for more details regarding registration, abstract submission and conference fees.

**a) Registration** (deadline June 20, 2015): please fill in the blanks as appropriate in the “Congress registration” area on the Congress web page: <http://www.sisfa.org/convegni/xxxv-convegno-sisfa/>

**b) Abstract format:** Abstracts must provide 1) Title of the contribution, 2) Name(s) of the contributor(s), 3) a brief Summary of the proposed contribution (MAX. 400 words) and 4) an Essential bibliography (MAX. 10 titles) at the end of the summary following the bibliography style in the file “Abstract Bibliography Style” you can download from the “Abstract submission” area on the Congress web page.

The abstract should be produced as a digital file (Word 97-2003 or upper versions), named after the surname(s) of the contributor(s).

**c) Abstract submission** (deadline June 20, 2015): the Word file containing the abstract and bibliography should be uploaded using the upload button in the area “Abstract submission” on the Congress web page. Acceptance of the abstract and participation will be communicated by June 30, 2015.

**d) Abstract acceptance** will be communicated by June 30, 2015.

**e) Payment of conference fee** (deadline July 20, 2015) applying to the specific situation (see below).

**Amount of conference fees:** different conference fees apply to 1) SISFA and 2) non SISFA members. Reductions do also apply (see below) for special categories of participants:

1) for SISFA members the conference fees are € **110** (full) or € **55** (reduced), to be paid by bank transfer (see below) writing 2015+SURNAME in the comments field (“causale”) space to allow us proper administrative handling;

1.1) SISFA members should also ensure that their 2015 membership fee has been paid. If not already done, you can add your proper membership fee to the conference fee: + € 50 (full) or + € 35 (reduced) depending on your condition (see under “Iscrizioni e contatti” on our web site) and pay with the same bank transfer.

2) for non SISFA members the conference fees are € 135 (full) or € 75 (reduced), to be paid by bank transfer (see below) writing 2015+SURNAME in the comments field (“causale”) space to allows us proper administrative handling.

**Fee reductions:** the indicated conference fee reductions apply in general to the following categories only: 1) Undergraduate students; 2) MPhil or PhD students, current or obtained 2011-2015; 3) “Assegno di ricerca”, current or completed 2013-2015; 5) Secondary school teachers, current.

**Payment system:** The proper total fee should be paid by bank transfer using the IBAN code and bank details below. Please, remember to write 2015+SURNAME in the comments field (“causale”):

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The Conference fee includes: conference kit, conference booklet, coffee breaks. The Conference proceedings will be published online.

**Travel information and accommodation:** To appear soon on the Congress web site.

We look forward to meeting you in Arezzo.

*The organizing committees*