

## **Session *Science and World War I* (September 17, 2015)**

Motivated by the centenary of Italy's intervention in the first world conflict, this session of the SISFA 2015 Conference is an occasion to consider how science and scientists were involved in this dramatic phase of modern history. With the international framework as a background, a group of invited talks will address important issues such as the attitude of Italian scientists towards the war, the relation with foreign contexts and the effects on scientific research up to the post-war period. Attached to the session, a small exhibition prepared with original objects and instruments will illustrate military applications of science in connection especially with the manifold communication technologies that were exploited during the war.

### **SUMMARY**

#### **1) INVITED TALKS**

**-Gianni Battimelli – Università di Roma La Sapienza:**

*Gli scienziati italiani e l'intervento*

**-Luigi Cerruti:**

*The Notorious Appeal 'An die Kulturwelt'. A Self-Portrait of the German Intellectuals*

**-Giovanni Paoloni – Università di Roma La Sapienza:**

*L'Italia accademica e il modello americano*

**-Sandra Linguerra – Università di Bologna:**

*La ricerca dalla guerra alla pace*

#### **B) EXHIBITION “COMUNICAZIONI IN TRINCEA, 1915-1918”**