

36th National Congress of the Italian Society for the History of Physics and Astronomy

Naples, October 04-07, 2016

First Announcement

The 36th 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 Napoli on October 04-07, 2016 (see www.sisfa.org). The main venue of the Congress will be the Department of Physics "Ettore Pancini" at the University of Naples "Federico II", Complesso Universitario di Monte S. Angelo.

General Information and Programme

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

Local partners and organizing cooperation: 1) INFN – Sezione di Napoli, 2) Dipartimento di Fisica "Ettore Pancini", Università di Napoli "Federico II", 3) Scuola Militare Nunziatella, 4) Polo Archivistico Sanitario – Ex-Ospedale Psichiatrico "Leonardo Bianchi", 5) Osservatorio Astronomico di Capodimonte.

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

Congress official email address: convegno2016@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 page: <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: A session will be devoted to the centennial of Einstein's theoretical prediction of gravitational waves and to the recent experimental discovery of them. Other special sessions: "Giuseppe Saverio Poli (1746-1825) and the development of Science in Southern Italy between the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries"; "Historical Collections of Scientific Instruments in Naples and Southern Italy".

Outline of the Congress: The Congress will host invited talks and communications. Various initiatives will also give participants the opportunity to get acquainted with the scientific and historical heritage of Napoli. More specific details on the initiatives and practical information on transportation and accommodation will be soon provided on the Congress web page.

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. 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 15, 2016): please fill in the blanks as appropriate in the "Congress registration" area on the Congress web page: <http://www.sisfa.org/convegni/xxxvi-convegno-sisfa/>

b) Abstract format: Abstracts must provide 1) Title of the contribution, 2) Name(s) of the contributor(s), 3) a brief Summary with essential bibliography of the proposed contribution (MAX. 2000 characters, including spaces) 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, 2016): 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.

d) Payment of conference fee (deadline July 20, 2016) 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 € 100 (full) or € 50 (reduced), to be paid by bank transfer (see below) writing 2016+SURNAME in the comments field ("causale") space to allow us proper administrative handling;

1.1) SISFA members should also ensure that their 2016 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 “Iscrizione e Contatti” on our website) and pay with the same bank transfer.

2) For non SISFA members the conference fees are € 150 (full) or € 75 (reduced), to be paid by bank transfer (see below) writing 2016+SURNAME in the comments field (“causale”) space to allow 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 2012-2016; 3) 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 2016+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 Napoli.
The organizing committees