

SPT2018 - Practical Matters

WHEN

SPT2018 will be held on 3-10 June 2018; Sunday 3 June is arrival day, Sunday 10 June is departure day. The conference will run from the early morning of Monday 4 June to the late afternoon of Saturday 9 June and is expected to end with the traditional farewell party in the evening of Saturday 9 June.

WHERE

SPT2018 will take place in the conference center of Hotel Resort Flamingo in Santa Margherita di Pula near Cagliari (Sardinia, ITALY). Participants can lodge wherever they like, but they are offered a special fare for the four stars Hotel Flamingo or the nearby (300 mt walk between the trees) in the three stars Hotel Mare Pineta, belonging to the same Resort.

HOW TO GET THERE (see also "TRANSFER" page)

The conference location is more conveniently reached via Cagliari. If you travel by car from mainland Italy, there are ferries reaching Cagliari port; from there, there will be a 30-40 minutes drive depending on traffic conditions. You can also get ferries taking you to Porto Torres (North-West Sardinia) or to Olbia & Porto Aranci (North-East), but in these cases you should expect a much longer road travel.

If you arrive by ferry in Cagliari with no car, the ARST (public bus) station is just outside the port; from there you find frequent service to Pula and Hotel Flamingo. In case of requests, transfer by taxi can be arranged (see the "transfer" page).

If you fly to Sardinia the (by far) most convenient option is Cagliari airport (Cagliari Elmas, airport code CAG). From there you can reach Santa Margherita di Pula by public transportation or by the dedicated transfer service which will be arranged for SPT participants on arrival day. A similar service will also be offered on departure day to reach Cagliari airport.

It is obviously suggested to book your flights well in advance, as Sardinia is an increasingly popular holidays destination, and flights can be expected to be crowded in the summer.

ACCOMODATION & RATES

As mentioned above, accommodation at special reduced rates is offered to SPT participants and accompanying persons, in both Hotel Flamingo and the nearby Hotel Mare Pineta (note that main meals will in any case be at Flamingo, while breakfast will be in the chosen hotel).

The agreed rates are as follow, including in all cases Full Board¹ and referring to per person daily rates; all rooms are actually double so by "single room" it is meant "double room used as single". Rates include VAT but do not include local city taxes².

Hotel Flamingo - Standard double room	100 €
Hotel Flamingo - Standard single room	130 €
Hotel Flamingo - De Luxe double room	110 €
Hotel Flamingo - De Luxe single room	140 €
Hotel Mare Pineta - double room	80 €
Hotel Mare Pineta - single room	105 €

These rates also apply in case SPT participants want to extend their stay before or after the conference.

RESERVATION & CANCELLATIONS

Reservation at these rates will be possible using a special form; this will be posted on the SPT web site tentatively at the end of January. Reservation will open on February 1 (note that any request sent in before this date will not be processed until then). A certain number of rooms (in both Hotels) have been reserved for SPT and will not be available to "general public" until the deadline (see below). After this date there is not guarantee that rooms are available, nor that the rates mentioned above will be applied.

At the moment of reservation, it will be required to either provide credit card details, or make a money transfer to cover the first night of stay. Further details will be announced on the reservation form.

Standard cancellation fees will be applied. Please note that there will be no cancellation fees at least until the list of accepted contributed talks and posters is announced.

DEADLINE

The deadline for Hotel reservation is 28 FEBRUARY 2018. After this date the Hotel will still allow reservation IF rooms are available, but is not bound to honor the agreed rates.

LODGING ELSEWHERE

You are of course free to lodge elsewhere; in this case, if you want to take meals at Flamingo you can buy meal ticket at 25€ per meal.

¹Limited drinks supply - ¼ liter wine and ½ liter mineral water per meal, extra to be paid individually.

²At the time being city taxes are 1.20€ per day in Hotel Flamingo, 0.80€ per day in Hotel Mare Pineta.