

## SPT2018 - Conference organization and talks - NEW VERSION MAY 2018

1. The Scientific Committee decided, in order to allow a greater number of participants to present their results as a talk, to slightly change the format previously foreseen. There will be talks lasting 30' (all invited talks plus a very limited number of contributed talks) and talks lasting 20' (other contributed talks); all talks have moreover 5' discussion time; this should NOT be used as extra time for the talk. In addition, on one afternoon we will have two parallel sessions.
2. Speakers are also welcome to present a poster to give further detail on their work; these will be on display for the whole length of the conference. There will not be a specific poster session.
3. The speakers should consider the interdisciplinary nature of SPT conferences, and tailor accordingly their talks; specialized discussions can be held in free time (even using the conference room, compatibly with hotel regulations).
4. Tentatively, talks will be from 9.30 to 12.30 and from 16.00 to 19.30 (with coffee-breaks), with small variations as needed. This leaves time for effective interactions among participants.
5. We expect to have one full day devoted to an (optional) excursion in the beautiful surroundings of Santa Margherita di Pula.
6. We will be using a (comfortable) conference room; there will be a beamer, but not a blackboard nor a OHP. If you have slides for the OHP, we suggest you scan them and take them along as a PDF file on a USB stick.
7. Please have your talk ready on a USB stick for transfer to the conference computer (preferred format is PDF); if you have special need in this respect, in particular if you believe you should really but really use your own computer, contact the organizers. Any time spent in dealing with problems with last-moment charging your talk on the computer (or connection if you really but really had to use your own one) will be considered as part of your talk.
8. The conference room has a back glass-door looking directly at the swimming pool and the beach; people in the audience will be easily be able, and actually encouraged, to flee away in case of boring or exceedingly technical talks.
9. Please keep to the time limit for your talk, as a courtesy to other participants and speakers. Chairpersons will be required to be very strict with time, albeit a grace period of ten to fifteen seconds can be allowed before reluctantly resorting to resolute physical action.
10. The program will be announced around mid-May and posted on the conference website.
11. The booklet of abstract is available on the conference website, but it will be printed and distributed at the conference, together with the program and other material (this is a call to save paper).