

SPQT2024

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Newsletter #5

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Dear All,

This is to update you on some SPQT-related matters. The previous newsletters, containing information also on practical matters, are available on our website

www.sptspt.it/SPT2024/SPQT2024.html

Info are divided into subgroups for your convenience

A. TALKS & CO

1. In preparing your **talk**, please keep into account the diversified nature of the audience. Technical details can be illustrated to interested people in the ample free time left for informal discussions.
2. The conference room does not have a blackboard, so you should have slides (**in PDF format**) ready. If you prefer take along your graphical device (graphic tablet or tablet computer) to write on the fly please warn the organizers well in advance (that is, **now**).
3. The **length** of the talks will be **35 minutes**, plus 5 minutes for discussion, except for the **introductory talks** (all of these on Monday) which will have **45 minutes** plus 5 minutes discussion. Please keep these limits in mind, and stay within as a form of respect to the listeners and other speakers.
4. The conference room is within a one minute walk to the beach; if the talk does not sound interesting to you, please do not refrain from reaching the beach rather than pretending you are taking notes on your laptop.
5. The talks to be presented at the conference cover varied topics; the program (to be announced soon) will try to foster interaction between different communities by mixing talks on these different topics.
6. You are welcome to take along copies of your work to be put on display and free distribution for participants.
7. There will be a **fee**; this was fixed to be **50 Euro** for those holding a regular position in a University or Research Institution, and **30 Euro** for others (including students, postdocs & retired people). The fee is only payable **in cash** at registration.

B. EXCURSION, FOOD & OTHER PRACTICALITIES

8. The whole day of Wednesday (this might be moved in the unlikely case of very bad weather forecast) will be free from talks; you will have the option of taking part to different excursions; details will be announced upon arrival but there will a boat excursion and one or two options for land excursions (e.g. the Zuddas cave and the roman city of Nora). Note that all of these options have a limited capacity, and there will be a "first come first served" policy. In other words, if you want to take part in these activities be ready to make your choice at registration. Excursions are not included in the conference fee.
9. Breakfast will be served in the structure where you stay (that is, either "Flamingo" or "Mare Pineta"); main meals will be served at Flamingo for everybody. Those not lodging in one of these two structures can join for meals (paying, of course).
10. Lunch will be served from 13.00 to 14.00, dinner from 20.00 to 21.00; breakfast is available from 7:30 to 10:00.
11. It is possible to rent cars, scooters and bicycles in the Hotel or nearby. Note that local car rental is more expensive than in Cagliari airport, so that if you plan to rent a car for several days or for the whole week you are advised to do so in the airport.
12. We hope you will be at the Hotel by **Sunday at 19:00**; at this time we will have the traditional **get-together on the beach** to first meet in an informal context. Those not lodging in the hotel are also welcome, of course.

C. TRANSFERS

13. As for the **transfers**, we have published in the previous **newsletter#3** the expected **cost** of this; in **newsletter#4** there is a link to an **online form** which you should fill by **May 15** at the latest (actually, the sooner the better) if you want us to organize your transfer (on June 2 and June 8 only); this could involve sharing a car or a minivan with other participants to reduce costs.
14. After May 15, please refer directly to the hotel for help with transfer.
15. **Public transportation** (<https://www.arst.sardegna.it/>) is also available; see in particular <https://app.arstspa.it/quadri/129.html>

Looking forward to meeting you in Pula

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