

sSPT2023 4-10 June 2023, Otranto

Newsletter #12

Dear All,

We are now getting near to the conference; here you will find both practical infos (many of these repeated from previous newsletter, for your convenience) and info about the actual conference, i.e. about talks.

All the previous newsletter are anyway available on the workshop web page

<http://www.sptspt.it/SPT2023.html>

The sSPT23 workshop is organized by G. Gaeta and S. Walcher, with the precious help of R. Vitolo.

Local & travel infos

1. A **local info page** has been created (and will be maintained) thanks to Raffaele Vitolo. This can be accessed at: <http://poincare.unisalento.it/vitolo/tempo/localinfo.html> and it has been **recently updated**, in particular concerning public transport to Otranto.
2. If you like to have **lunches** at the Hotel, please warn them in advance (the deadline was May15, see however below); note that this should be *for all days* (i.e. not on a day by day basis). Late request may be accepted if possible, but you should keep in mind that in that season the food will be bought based on the number of expected customers. You will anyway find many other places nearby.
3. When you arrive, the Hotel will have to register your data; you may speed this up by sending in advance to them a copy of your passport or other ID.
4. We have received very few requests for grouped transfer, while we know that many other participants arranged directly with the hotel their transfer. Those of you who required assistance by us (organizers) should have received an answer. If you forgot to do so, by now you should refer directly to the Hotel, or to local taxi company (see the local info page above).
5. As you know, the Hotel is within the city of Otranto, and actually within a few minutes' walk from the train and bus station; thus if you arrive by bus/train, just walk to the Hotel.
6. For those coming with a car, the Hotel has a garage within its premises; this has a very limited number (10) of places available (they can be reserved in advance, if you wish so), and costs 10 E/day; nearby the hotel there is a (open air) parking lot, which you find on Google maps as "Parcheggio Sforza", available at 5 E/day. Then of course you can park elsewhere in the city; for this you might ask advice to the hotel reception upon arrival.

7. The conference room will **not** have internet access. This should instead be OK in the rest of the Hotel.
8. The meeting will start with our traditional welcome party before dinner on Sunday (say at 19:00, approximately), and end with our farewell party on Friday, again before dinner – you are of course free to continue celebrating after dinner.
9. There seems to be a recrudescence in COVID (at least judging from the Italian sport chronicles, in particular cycling); as we will have to spend a week in close contact with each other, I would recommend all of you to take the by now usual precautions while traveling – such as use FFP2 face masks, avoid as far as possible close contacts with fellow travellers, etc etc

Talks and posters

10. Our titles & abstracts PDF file is available on our web page and kept updated; by now it should be the final version; we suggest you not to print it, as you should find a copy in Otranto.
11. The **program** will be out on the SPT2023 web page next. We have taken your requests into account – in particular concerning the unfortunate cases of people not staying for the whole week.
12. The slots assigned to you include times for questions; thus we suggest to conclude your talk some minutes earlier than indicated in the program, i.e. to prepare your talk to be slightly shorter than the assigned time.
13. Please remember that the time limits of slots, in the SPT series, are to be intended as **strict**; this means that if your talk is half-finished when your time expires, you will please have to leave it this way (beside having no questions). **Seriously**. And albeit I understand after the long break in conferences due to the pandemic, we can all be over-willing to communicate personally¹. Regulars of SPT meetings may remember the rule is strict, and there were cases in which lengthy speakers have been physically removed; we hope this will not be needed on this meeting.
14. I am aware slots are a bit short in all cases (if you think they are too short, consider the series of conferences ran by Joel Lebowitz...); as explained in previous newsletters, we had a far more positive answer than initially expected, but want to keep the overall time dedicated to formal talks limited, so that ample time for informal interactions is left. This also means you will have an occasion to show the technical details of your work to interested people outside the talk's limits; we hope this will also lead to new collaborations.

Giuseppe Gaeta
May 17, 2023

¹ Explanation for younger people: this is a matter of respect for other speakers; albeit you might think that what you want to say is more important than what other people do, they might have a different opinion.