

sSPT2023 4-10 June 2023, Otranto

Newsletter #6

Dear All,

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

1. The sSPT23 workshop is organized by G. Gaeta and S. Walcher, with the precious help of R. Vitolo.
2. You find information about a number of matters, including practical matters as Hotel fares and registration procedure, in previous Newsletters.

- **TALKS**

3. The deadline for proposing talks has now expired, including the extra time; it is not possible to propose talks any more.
4. It is still possible to propose posters, up to the end of April.
5. You find on our web page a preliminary version of the titles & abstracts booklet; it would be nice if invited speakers who have not yet done so could send us a title.
6. As will be clear by the titles & abstracts, the SPT meeting is also in this version quite interdisciplinary (and we hope that – as in previous editions – new collaborations will start thanks to the meeting); we trust speakers will keep this in mind when preparing their talks.
7. Unfortunately, we will **not** have a blackboard in the conference room; thus all talks will have to be on a beamer. Technical details will be given later on, but basically we would like if you get there with your talk slides on a PDF file, avoiding proprietary (both Mac and Win) formats, as files will be charged on the conference PC to avoid wasting times between talks.
8. The fact we are going to have more talks than expected led us to foresee a shorter length for each talk; exact lengths will be announced later on (but soon).
9. It is our intention to preserve space (that is, time) for informal discussions, and a full excursion, likely on Wednesday (to be confirmed); details about the excursion will be communicated later on or directly at the meeting.

- **LODGING**

10. All participants should take care of their own lodging reservation, possibly taking care of the convenient half-board rates we secured at the conference hotel. You are of course free to lodge elsewhere and join for the conference (possibly also for dinners, of course paying these separately). In this case it might be convenient if you can tell us, as at some point we will cross our registration data with the reservation data at the hotel.
11. It is confirmed that while the hotel offers Half-Board accommodation, it will be possible to have lunch (we don't know yet if at the hotel or at nearby places) for 10E/lunch.

- **TRAVEL**

12. You might be already dealing with your travel arrangements, in particular those intending to fly. In this respect, you find in Newsletter#5 prices for a taxi or minibus transfer (see there also for parking, in case you will have a car). If you plan to reach Otranto by public transport, you will have most probably to first get to Lecce, and then proceed by train or by bus. Summer schedules (for both) are not yet known.
13. Those who will fly to different airports and will have to book a train are advised that fast trains for the workshop week should go on dale starting next weekend. Usually both fast-train companies, i.e. *Trenitalia* and *ItaloTreno*, offer relevant discounts (typically, 30%) for tickets bought in the weekend (from Friday afternoon to Monday morning) through discount codes available on their websites; needless to say, cheapest tickets are non-refundable. Regional train tickets have the same price at any time, but are valid only on a specific train (thus e.g. if you fly to Bari and want to reach Lecce by train, the best is to buy ticket on the spot; on this trip a regional train is only slightly slower than InterCity trains).
14. We hope to be able to offer information about bus connections – at least for the major companies – shortly before the workshop. Scheduyles should also be available through Google maps.
15. Should you intend to arrive in Italy earlier on, please keep in mind that June 2 is a national holyday; this may affect some transport schedule – and above all makes that there is a long weekend, so hotels may be more heavily booked than usual.

- **TRANSFER**

16. As you might remember from previous Newsletter, there is the possibility of transfer by taxi, or by a minibus. Both of these could be shared to reduce cost. If you are interested in this possibility, please send us (that is, the SPT address) a message with subject "SPT23 transfer" with the following information: where you will arrive in the area (Bari airport, Brindisi airport, Lecce train station), expected arrival time, how many persons in your group. There is of course no hurry, but it is possible that other participants will make their plans depending on the possibility to share a transfer, so we will later on make public the number of people arriving in each place and in each time (say early morning, late morning, early afternoon, late afternoon). Later on we will have a finer classification and suggest sharing if appropriate.