



SPT 2011

SYMMETRY AND PERTURBATION THEORY

Otranto (Lecce, Italy), 5-12 June 2011

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Letter to the participants

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This is a letter to the registered participants to the conference SPT 2011 - Symmetry and Perturbation Theory, Otranto (near to Lecce, South of Italy) 5 June 2011 – 12 June 2011.

The main motivation for this letter is to communicate several important technical details to the participants to SPT 2011. Further information (like updated lists of participants, talks and contributed papers) can be found at our website <http://www.sptspt.it/spt2011/> which has been modified in many parts; we invite the participants to have a look at it.

- **Travel and Local Info:** please check our webpage <http://www.sptspt.it/spt2011/localinfo.html> **before** sending questions to the organizers. Some info about tourist and cultural activities in the area are available at the above webpage. In any case the reference person for matters of local organization is Raffaele Vitolo. Since Hotel Daniela is not connected with public transport, bus transfers will be organized the 5th and 12th of June, see next item.
- **Bus Transfers to/from the Hotel in the Arrival and Departure days:** There will be two or three bus runs in both the arrival and the departure day. On June 5th the bus will start from Brindisi airport, then stop in Lecce Train Station, then stop at the Hotel Daniela. The trip is 80Km and takes about 1h30m, with Lecce at approximately half-way. On June 12th the bus will do the trip in opposite direction.

All participants wishing to use the conference bus service are kindly invited to send a message to spt@sptspt.it with subject 'bus', containing the number of persons (*i.e.*, participants and accompanying persons), arrival and departure flight/train numbers and schedule, by the **deadline of May 10th, 2011**. On May 20th we will send another letter with the schedule of conference buses and respective passengers. For the moment we are not able to

determine the cost: this will depend on the number of passengers and runs. We recall that at SPT 2007 each trip costed 20€ per passenger.

- **Other Options for Travelling to/from the Hotel:** As there is no public transport to the Hotel Daniela, you might refer to Hotel Daniela desk. They are ready to arrange taxis to/from everywhere in the surroundings, including train stations and Brindisi airport. Official prices are still not available, the prices per passenger at the time of SPT 2007 were 80€ Brindisi-Hotel and 55€ Lecce-Hotel. It could be a little bit cheaper to take a taxi either at Brindisi airport or at Lecce train station. Note that there is *no baggage store area* in either Lecce Train station, Lecce Airport terminal or Brindisi Airport.
- **Conference Fee:** The conference fee (60€ for faculty and postdocs, 30€ for students and those without a position) will be payable in cash upon arrival at the conference; you will get a receipt but not an invoice, exactly as in previous SPT conferences. If this arrangement is going to cause some problem, please contact Giuseppe Gaeta.
- **Internet and Printing in the Hotel:** There will be 2 PC connected with internet and a printer. A wireless connection will also be available to the participants of SPT in the computer room. Main scientific journals should be accessible thanks to the Università del Salento network. Hotel Daniela offers a wireless connection in the whole hotel by paying a fee of 2€/hour.
- **Talks:** Except for Wednesday, which is kept free of talks and presentations to allow for other activities (scientific or touristic), there will be six talks on every day, three in a morning session and three in an afternoon session. The length of the talks will be 40 minutes, plus five minutes for short questions and discussion. Speakers are asked to prepare their talks according to these boundary conditions. Even more important, speakers are asked to remember that they will give a presentation to a mixed audience with various backgrounds, and thus their talks should be generally understandable by scientists of mixed background. Technicalities should be kept to a minimum. (The organizers - of course - do not wish to discourage technical discussions among the specialists. But there is ample time for such discussions during coffee breaks, tea breaks, excursions etc., and leaving this opportunity was the primary reason why the organizers went in favor of a relatively relaxed schedule. The primary purpose of the talks, however, should be dissemination of information to non-specialists.)
- **Poster presentations:** There will be two *oral* poster presentation sessions, one on Tuesday and one on Thursday or Friday (to be determined). These will take place in the early afternoon, in an informal atmosphere. They will include a short oral presentation for each poster and leave sufficient time for individual discussions after the presentation round. Poster presenters

are also asked to address an audience which is not particularly addicted to technicalities. Posters will be on display on boards; the organizers will take care of printing them and, for this reasons, authors are kindly invited to submit the posters some days before the conference or in any case not later than the arrival day.

- **Inquiries on talks:** Sebastian Walcher tries to keep an overview of the talk organization, order of talks and poster presentations et cetera. (If he doesn't know how to go on, he will ask the other organizers.) If you have any particular questions or wishes concerning the timing of your presentation, or a possible connection to others, please contact him. (It will not be necessary to contact him in case of uncanonical arrival or departure time. We are aware of these boundary conditions.)
- **Technical issues on talks:** A beamer, an overhead projector and a notebook with Windows/GNU-Linux will be available for the talks. Speakers are invited to send the file of their presentation, preferably in pdf, some days in advance or not later than the arrival day, so that they could be checked with the notebook and the projector. The notebook has OpenOffice.org, so in case you have PowerPoint files check their compatibility with OpenOffice beforehand, or export them in pdf. The notebook also has a PowerPoint viewer, but this solution is sometimes unreliable. No Apple computers will be available for the talks. No blackboard or whiteboard will be available for talks.

Best regards,

The organizing committee
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Ferdinand Verhulst,
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