

Dear Everybody,

this is a short update; circular 3 will be sent later in February.

Many thanks again to all those who sent in their registration, and in many cases proposals for a talk or a poster. We have now processed all proposals received prior to the deadline of January 15, and if you are in this category you have by now received our reply. Proposals received after January 15 will be processed at a later time.

We had far more proposals than expected, and slots for talks are nearly over. We thus decided to set a final deadline at FEBRUARY 7 (this week) 24:00 for the proposals of talks; after this date we will only consider proposals for posters. Please note that, due to the little time not yet allotted, we are afraid we will only be able to offer short talks slots – if any – for proposals received at this stage.

This is also an occasion to mention a couple of news:

- the web page has been updated; now you can access a list of registered participants.
- Mariano Cadoni (Università di Cagliari) will help us in organization.

The next circular will also give our preliminary plans for the organization of transfers between Olbia and Cala Gonone on arrival and departure days. These will be made final only once we have detail of travel plans of participants (there is a deadline at 5 May to require the transfer). However, as we already had some request of information in this sense, you might like to note the following if you are in the process of booking a flight:

- we expect most people will fly through Rome and Milan (planes from these land at about the same time, both in the morning and on the afternoon); thus by default buses can be expected to be triggered on these flights. This could be changed after we have details. A transfer can be organized for people arriving in Olbia by ferry on Sunday morning (see circulars for the ferry services), if there is request for this.
- transfer can be organized at any time, albeit with taxis rather than with buses. We will organize group taxis – possibly with minibuses – on request at any time on arrival and departure days (you are of course free to require an individual taxi, which will of course be more expensive but will fetch you with no waiting time), and will give you directions to require similar services directly to the taxi company if you arrive e.g. the day before.
- On the way back we will again organize transfers, but note that at that date there should be also public bus services going from Cala Gonone to the airport (these will of course stop in several towns and thus be slower than a special service we can organize). Arrangements for the return trip will be made at the conference itself.

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