

# 34<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Italian Society for the History of Physics and Astronomy

## Florence, September 10-13, 2014

### First Announcement

The 34<sup>th</sup> yearly Congress of the Italian Society for the History of Physics and Astronomy (SISFA, Società Italiana degli Storici della Fisica e dell'Astronomia) will take place in Florence on September 10-13, 2014. The main venue will be at the *Museo Galileo*, with sessions also taking place at *Fondazione Scienza e Tecnica* and *Museo della Specola – Università di Firenze*.

### General Information and scientific programme

**Organizer:** SISFA (Società Italiana degli Storici della Fisica e dell'Astronomia).

**Sponsors:** Museo Galileo (Firenze); Fondazione Scienza e Tecnica (Firenze); Museo di Storia Naturale, sezione 'La Specola' - Università di Firenze; SAIt (Società Astronomica Italiana).

**The Congress:** The Congress continues the series of meetings that SISFA has been organizing on a yearly basis since its foundation. The Congress aims at promoting the study of the history of physics and astronomy in Italy. At the same time, it provides an opportunity for the diffusion of science and to strengthen old, and establish new, links among the members of SISFA, the members of other scholarly societies, as well as scholars and researchers working in the same and in related fields. Historians of physics and astronomy are therefore invited to participate and the invitation is extended to all interested scholars. The Congress will host both invited talks and oral communications. The official languages will be both Italian and English. More detailed information and updating will appear on the Congress web site <http://www.sisfa.org/convegni/>.

In Florence the Congress will be hosted in three very remarkable places of the history of science in Italy, the Museo Galileo (<http://www.museogalileo.it/>), Fondazione Scienza e Tecnica (<http://www.fstfirenze.it/>) and Museo della Specola (<http://www.msn.unifi.it/CMpro-l-s-11.html>).

Organized visits will give participants the opportunity to get acquainted with the scientific and historical heritage preserved in these three institutions.

Details about transportation and accommodation will be provided on the Second Announcement and on the Congress web site.

**Topics:** Proposals for oral communications should mainly concern the history of physics and astronomy. The following related topics are also allowed: archaeo-astronomy, history of science, history of mathematics, history of chemistry, historiography of science, scientific revolutions, conceptions of Nature, philosophy of science, foundations of physics, science and technology, material cultures, scientific cultural heritage, scientific museology, scientific archives, anthropology of science, sociology of science, science and religion, science and the humanities, science and information theory, science and complexity, computer simulations and virtual reality, Internet projects, psychology of science, scientific imagination, scientific rhetoric, scientific education, scientific communication.

**Pre-registration and abstract submission:** Pre-registration and payment of the registration fee are mandatory for all participants in the Congress. The amount of fees, reductions and payment system will soon appear on the Congress web site. Abstracts of oral communications should be submitted in

both the official languages (Italian and English), within the deadline of **June 15, 2013**. The abstract format will be specified on the same web site. Post-deadline fees will have a 15% increase, calculated on the maximum fee. All abstracts will be peer-reviewed on behalf of the advisory committee.

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**Secretariat:** Laura Mazzucconi (SAIt), Elena Montali (Museo Galileo, Firenze).

**Travel information and accommodation:** To appear on the Congress web site.

We look forward to meeting you in Florence.

*The local organizing committee*