



PRESS RELEASE

SISSA Student day: 500 expected!



On Wednesday 8 February the institute will welcome hundreds of boys and girls from schools. The annual event aims at presenting scientific activities and research to youngsters

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SISSA Student day returns! More than 500 students from high school - coming from Friuli Venezia Giulia and other Italian regions - will participate in the third edition of the event. The morning of 8 February will be totally dedicated to youngsters, free to choose whether to visit labs, the exhibition about the story of the Universe located in SISSA 130 metre corridor or attend interactive lessons and seminars. In an informal and pleasant context, curiosity will be the students' only guide when they explore the 40 planned activities on offer.



"Cultivating... neurons", "Selfies from the Big Bang" or "Looking for ET: pros and cons clues about alien existence", "If Earth was a donut" and "From nose to brain: the olfactory system between science and literature" are some of the titles in the programme. Thanks to the unconventional and already positively tested formula, the 2017 edition is ready to renew the success of those organized in 2015 and 2016. After SISSA Director Stefano Ruffo's welcome, boys and girls will start an adventure in science. In what someone has defined as "organized chaos", the students will be free to choose the activities that particularly interest them, following only their interest.

The programme includes several activities with different formats. "Dialogue in science" consists of conversations between scientists and Master course in science communication "Franco Prattico" students. These meetings will focus on topics such as galaxy history, virtual simulation, neutrinos and time perception. "Seminars and interactive lessons" will be given by SISSA researchers who will talk about frontiers, questions and future perspectives of scientific research. Student day participants will even have the chance to play and discuss scientific hot topics, thanks to the "discussion games". The exhibition "The story of the Universe at a glance" will transform the SISSA long corridor in a 15 step trip through the vastness of cosmic time. The "Lab tours" will guide the students into the worlds of cognitive neuroscience, neurobiology and genomics.

"The Student day represents a very nice occasion for high school students to meet SISSA researchers and to learn something more about scientific research" says Director Stefano Ruffo. "As in the previous editions, the schools response has been enthusiastic. This positive feedback makes us very proud. At the same time, it is a big incentive in offering a high quality event to participants".

The Student day 2017 is one of the "SISSA for school" activities. "SISSA for school" is the weekly initiative including seminars and visits organized all the year round for spreading scientific culture among youngsters and presenting SISSA scientific research to them. "SISSA for school" is organized by SISSA Medialab together with a large number of SISSA PhD students and researchers.

LINKS:

- Programme in brief: goo.gl/ps9GeC
- Detailed programme: goo.gl/3oV1PB



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