



"Disorder is almost sure" for Welcome Day at SISSA



**An exceptional guest and several awards
at this year's ceremony (including the Bassoli Award)**

**December 1, 2015, 9.30 am-12.15 am
SISSA, Main Lecture Hall
Trieste, Via Bonomea 265**



Every year, the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) in Trieste welcomes new students. This year, along with introducing the Director, fellow students, and scientists, there will be several awards given (including the Bassoli Prize for Science Communication) and the *lectio magistralis* on chaos by Laure Saint-Raymond, a French mathematician.

Welcome Day is a special occasion at SISSA each year: it is a moment for greeting students at the beginning of their academic path at the School and welcoming them with stories shared by PhD candidates and instructors about their experiences. It is also a time to award and recognize students, teachers and staff (the Bassoli prize, dedicated to the memory of Journalist and long-time instructor in the "Franco Prattico" Master in Science Communications program at SISSA will also be awarded). The event traditionally hosts a distinguished scientist as well. This year's distinguished guest is Laure Saint-Raymond, the internationally renowned and influential French mathematician, who will be speaking about "Disorder."

The day will begin with a greeting by recently appointed SISSA Director, Stefano Ruffo, and remarks by local authorities. These will be followed by a presentation of SISSA for Schools, the program where SISSA opens its doors each week for young visitors. "Older" students and post docs will then tell new students about their experiences. SISSA professors will provide information about educational and research activities.

The awards ceremony will begin at 11.00 (Best PhD and Master's thesis, "Special Student" prize, and staff awards medals)

The Bassoli Prize

During the Welcome Day ceremony, the 2015 Bassoli Prize will be awarded to Paola Vaccara for her project "Voices on Ebola," a collection of interviews with people involved in the health emergency that broke out last year in several African countries. The Bassoli prize awards three-thousand euros for the best project featuring interviews and oral histories in the field of science. The prize was established by SISSA and the National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN) and is dedicated to the memory of Romeo Bassoli, scientific journalist who passed away in 2013.

"Disorder is almost Sure" with Laure Saint-Raymond

The celebration will conclude with this year's *lectio magistralis*, which will be given by French mathematician, Laure Saint-Raymond. Saint-Raymond is an expert on partial differential equations; her talk on chaos and irreversibility at SISSA is entitled "Disorder is almost sure." The lecture will be given in English and is open to the public. It will be preceded by a speech of the Director, Stefano Ruffo.



At just forty years of age, Saint-Raymond is the recipient of many prestigious awards. In 2002 (age 27) she was named Professor at the Pierre-and-Marie-Curie University in Paris and is now Vice Director of the Department of Mathematics at the École normale supérieure in Paris. She is also a Professor at Harvard University. Saint Raymond is also member of the French Academy of Sciences. In 2008 she received an award from the European Mathematical Society.

PROGRAM:

- 9.30 Presentation of SISSA and Welcome by the Director
- 9.50 Greetings by the Authorities
- 10.10 SISSA for Schools
- 10.20 SISSA's backbone: students and postdocs
- 10.30 Education and Research at SISSA
- 11.00 2015 Awards for Phd and Master theses, Bassoli Award, Personnel medal awards, Special Student Prize
- 11.30-12.15 Lectio Magistralis: "Disorder is almost sure" by Laure Saint-Raymond

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