



Welcome Day at SISSA



The School welcomes its new students

19 November, 9.30 – 12.15

SISSA

Via Bonomea 265, Trieste

Once again it's time for the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) in Trieste to introduce itself and welcome its new arrivals, the students who are just starting on their PhD journey and the research fellows who will join the School's research projects for the next few years. As in previous years, the Welcome Day will include talks, awards (including the "Bassoli Prize") and the launch of the new "Talents" website, an online service that puts companies in touch with young scientists looking for positions outside the academic world. To end the day of celebrations, a guest lecture will be given by Malcolm Longair, the English physicist who worked at the Cavendish Laboratory of the University of Cambridge.

The Welcome Day is a day of celebrations that is held at SISSA every year in November, where new students are welcomed and "old" ones are given awards. It is also an opportunity for the school to introduce itself by presenting the work that is done on its premises. This year the day



will start at 9.30, with the Director's greetings to students, staff and authorities, and will continue with presentations by the scientific and administrative personnel, students and post-docs.

These will be followed by the award ceremony, where awards will be given for the best 2014 PhD theses in Physics, Mathematics and Neuroscience and the best Master's theses, medals will be awarded to the administrative personnel, and the Director's special prize will be presented. This year the Welcome Day will also provide the opportunity to announce the name of the winner of the Bassoli Prize, the competition organized in conjunction with the National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN) in Rome and dedicated to the memory of the science journalist who taught for many years on SISSA's Master's Course in Science Communication.

There will also be a presentation of the "Talents" project, an online service that facilitates contact between companies that pursue innovation and research and the brilliant students who are trained at SISSA. Talents is a service that the School offers its students, following a tradition started by many high-level international institutes: a "showcase" that highlights the students' knowledge and skills and helps companies to select the best professionals.

Finally, at 11.30 a guest lecture will be given by the physicist Malcolm Longair, from the University of Cambridge, entitled "Fundamental Physics, Astrophysics and Cosmology". The lecture is open to the public and will be held in English.

COMPLETE PROGRAMME:

9.30 – Presentation of SISSA and Director's welcome (showing of the new SISSA video)

9.50 – Local authorities' greetings

10.10 - "Adventures and misadventures of a SISSA PhD student"

10.20 - Students and postdocs: the pillars of SISSA

10.35 – Education and research at SISSA

11.00 – Awards for PhD and Master's theses, Bassoli Prize, Personnel medal awards, Director's special prize

11.30 – Guest lecture: "Fundamental Physics, Astrophysics and Cosmology" with Malcolm Longair, University of Cambridge, UK

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