



BULLETIN n. 1

This is the first announcement of the *First International Conference on Particle and Fundamental Physics in Space (SpacePart)*, to be held at

La Biodola, Isola d'Elba, Italy
May 14th - 19th, 2002

This Conference is devoted to review the experimental status of Astroparticle Research in Space together with the related Theoretical aspects. The Conference is sponsored by the Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN), the Universities of Pisa, Perugia and Siena, the Agenzia Spaziale Italiana (ASI).

1. Program

The program will include sessions on *Search for AntiMatter, Search for Dark Matter, Cosmic Rays Composition, Gamma Astrophysics, Neutrino Physics, Gravitation and Fundamental Physics, Space Detectors and Technologies, Interdisciplinary Space Physics*.

The Conference will be organized as a series of plenary half-day sessions, each addressing one or more specific topics of interest. A detailed preliminary program will be forwarded to participants with bulletin n. 2.

2. Attendance and Registration

Attendance will be by invitation only and will be limited to about 150 physicists. Participants are expected to attend the Conference for its full duration. Invited colleagues willing to participate should carefully fill in the Registration Form and return it **not later than March 31st, 2002**.

3. Contributions and abstracts

Contributions to the Conference will be either talks or posters. Part of the time will be devoted to invited reviews of important topics. Additional contributions will be included on a time available basis. The average allocated time for presentations is expected to be 20 min. The final decision will be made by the Organizers. The International Advisory Committee and the Organizers will notify the authors of the acceptance or rejection of their contributions in due time.

Physicists interested in contributing to the scientific program are invited to fill in the proper section in the Registration Form.

Contributors to the Conference, for talks and poster as well, are requested to submit a brief abstract (preferably in LaTeX format via e-mail), *120 words or 15 lines maximum length*, **not later than March 31st, 2002**, in order to distribute participants the whole collection.

All contributing authors are expected to prepare a manuscript, following the prescriptions of Nuclear Physics B, to be included in the Proceedings and **submit it upon arrival** at the reception desk. An electronic version of the manuscript is also requested.

4. Working hours

There will be two daily sessions, from 8.30 to 12.30 a.m. and from 4.30 to 7.30 p.m.

5. Conference fee

This fee includes cost of proceedings, bus transportation from Rome or Pisa Airport to the hotels and viceversa, Ferry tickets, coffee breaks, conference gala dinner, etc. The requested amount is **350 €**.

6. Accommodation

The Conference hall and the hotels are located in La Biodola area. La Biodola is a beautiful little bay on Elba Island. Elba is the biggest island of the Tuscan Archipelago in the Tyrrhenian Sea and is a major holiday resort, famous for its natural beauties, its history and its vineyards. The island is located 10-km offshore, about 80 km south of Pisa and about 250 km north of Rome.

Participants sharing a double room or with family will be accommodated, unless otherwise requested, in two seaside first class Hotels, the Hotel Hermitage (HH) and the Hotel Biodola (HB), located very close to each other in an isolated area approximately 10 Km from Portoferraio. The Conference hall is located in the Hotel Hermitage site. Only a few single rooms are available at the Hermitage and Biodola Hotels.

Notice that lunch for all participants will be served at the Hotel Hermitage.

Full-inclusive accommodation fees are as follows:

Hotel Hermitage & Hotel Biodola		Accommodation
Participants	600 €	double room
Adult companions	500 €	double room
Children under 14	350 €	same room as parents
Children under 10	300 €	same room as parents
Children under 6	250 €	same room as parents
Children under 2	free	same room as parents
Extra charge	125 €	single room

The above fees include full board accommodation, from Tuesday May 14th dinner to Sunday May 19th breakfast, social activities, excursions, full use of the hotel sport facilities, etc.

This beautiful and comfortable accommodation at reasonable cost has a counterpart: participants, as already said, are expected to attend the meeting for its full duration; no reduction of cost for people staying only part-time is foreseen. People planning to stay longer should inform the Organizing Committee.

9. Payment

Conference and accommodation fees can be paid at the registration desk upon arrival. All major currencies will be accepted, as well as EC, traveler or personal cheques. However, no credit cards can be accepted by the Organizing Committee.

10. Important dates

Deadline for returning Registration Form	March 31st, 2002
Deadline for receipt of Abstracts:	March 31st, 2002
Arrival:	May 14th, 2002
Meeting sessions:	May 15th–18th, 2002
Departure:	May 19th, 2002

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