

SPQT2024

Santa Margherita di Pula (Sardinia), 2-8 June 2024

Newsletter #3

March 18, 2024

Dear All,

This is to update you on some SPQT-related matters. In case you want not to receive any more mail related to the conference, please send a mail with subject "unsubscribe".

The previous newsletters are available on our web site; some information given in those is also repeated here for your convenience.

1. **(pre)-Registration** is still open, and will be open up to the conference day (but see below for other deadlines); a registration form is available on our web site www.sptspt.it/SPT2024/SPQT2024.html Through this form you can also propose a contribution (see below). The registration process is overseen by Massimo Moscolari; in case there are problems with the form contact him: massimo.moscolari@polimi.it
2. Even if you are an **invited speaker**, please fill the registration form, just for our records. This is also an occasion to send us your **title & abstract** (if you have not already done so); this should be on a mail, not in the form.
3. **Reservation** in Hotel Flamingo or in the nearby Mare Pineta is also still possible, but by now the set of rooms which were reserved for the conference is on general offer; the Hotel is rather large, but e.g. if a group pops up it may be impossible to get a room there; a reservation form is also available through our web site (see above). Note that, as mentioned in the previous Newsletter,
 - a. The cancellation policy is explicitly stated in the reservation form.
 - b. The organizers can not help in any way towards hotel reservation.
 - c. You are of course free to lodge elsewhere;
 - d. in this case you will, if you wish, be able to have meals in Flamingo with other participants, at a flat rate of 25 E per meal.
4. Note that when you file a **reservation** you should receive a **confirmation** from the Hotel. If you don't get this within 24 hrs (don't count weekends in this) something went wrong and you should contact them.
5. As stressed in Newsletter#1, it is our intention to keep a relaxed pace in the meeting, allowing for informal discussion and interaction among participants. This means we will have a relatively **small number of talks**, *by invitation only*.
6. Participants are welcome to contribute in other ways, such as **posters** (use for this the registration form). The deadline for proposing posters is **Wednesday April 24**; note that by that date we need to have received not only the title but also the abstract.

- Posters will be physically mounted on 100x70 cardboard panels (these will in turn be mounted vertically); you may use more than one panel if needed, but in that case please warn us.
7. We also remind you about the other SPT conference, taking place in the same location and in the following week, devoted to Chemical Reaction Networks. See their web site www.sptspt.it/SPT2024/SPTCRN2024.html
 8. Pula is better reached through Cagliari. In due time we will arrange for **transfer** from the Cagliari airport (and, if required, port) directly to the Hotel. We can now anticipate the **cost** of such transfers. These are (one way and A/R respectively)
 - a. 85/160 for a car car (max 3 pax)
 - b. 120/230 for a van (max 7 pax)
 - c. These prices do not include supplements, such as special seats for infants or night transfers.
 9. When getting nearer to the conference we will ask details of **arrival times** to those wishing to possibly share a car or van (and thus reduce the cost of transfer); we will actually ask for such details to everybody, in order to help the organization of drivers' work. Car or van sharing may involve some waiting time at the airport.
 10. It is also possible to reach Pula by public transport (<https://www.arst.sardegna.it/>); the lines connecting Cagliari (and airport) to Santa Margherita are #129 and #133.
 11. The **overall schedule** of the conference will be (roughly) as follows:
 - a. Sunday June 2 is arrival day, i.e. we expect you to arrive on that day, better if in time for a common dinner, and for a get-together drink before dinner;
 - b. talks will start around 9.00 on Monday and terminate around 19:00 on Friday; there will be long intervals in the hotter part of the day.
 - c. Saturday June 8 is departure day, i.e. we expect you to leave on Saturday (or later if you wish) after having a final dinner together (and maybe a farewell drink before that) on Friday evening.
 - d. It is probable (that is, generally planned but not finally decided neither organized yet) that Wednesday will be dedicated - fully or partially - to an excursion (this day may vary depending on weather forecast).
 12. Some of the invited speakers were so kind to already give us a (tentative) title and abstract; you may access these through our web page. The **titles & abstracts file** is regularly updated (about once a week).
 13. In preparing your talk, please consider the diverse nature of the audience at this conference; technical details can be illustrated to interested people in the ample free time left for informal discussions.

Looking forward to meeting you in Pula

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