**INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ON STATISTICAL PHYSICS: 17th Course**

**FRONTIERS IN WATER BIOPHYSICS 2019**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**How to reach Erice**

A limousine or a bus of the Ettore Majorana Centre (EMCSC) will be available provided you have properly registered yourself no later than July 5. On your arrival at the airport (in Palermo or Trapani) you shall look for the driver of the EMCSC who will be waiting for you and shall take you to Erice. He will be there holding a poster/sign of the Ettore Majorana Center (driving time: about 75min from Palermo, 40min from Trapani).

**Missing driver**

In case you miss the driver or the driver is not there within half an hour after your arrival, you shall call the Secretariat of the EMCSC (phone no.: 0923 869133) for instructions.

NB: the taxi fare to Erice may not be reimbursed unless the trip has been authorized by the EMCSC.

For emergency, call Fabio Marchesoni +39 320 7985898 or Attilio Cesaro +39 320 5303072

**Check-in**

On your arrival please contact the reception desk at the EMCSC main building (San Rocco).

There, you will be asked to fill the arrival registration form, and receive a course folder and your EMCSC badge. A porter will take to your accommodation.

Other information. Upon your arrival at EMCSC, after registration, please read carefully: (1) the material in the folder concerning the regulations of the EMCSC, meals, the location of restaurants working for EMCSC, etc.; (2) the specific information about the workshop posted in the lobby of San Rocco (location and starting time of lectures, program, social events, etc.).

**Payments**

The registration fee mainly covers the local expenses. If not previously provided by bank transfer, it must be paid to the Directors within 24 hours of your arrival. The Directors office is located in the court of the EMCSC main building (San Rocco). Local payment must be done either cash or by wire transfer (no credit card). In case of wire transfer, please e-mail copy of your receipt to the Organizers. The Center will issue a formal receipt of your payment (and, if requested, a Certificate of Attendance, for you to be reimbursed by your home Institution.

**Badge**

You are asked to wear your badge at all times, inside the EMCSC as well as outside, especially at restaurants (see below), during excursions, social events and shopping.

**Restaurants**

Meals are free at a few selected restaurants – you just have to show your badge and sign a list provided by the restaurant. Beverages and dishes not included in the EMCSC menu are on the participants. An updated restaurant list will be given to you with the course folder. Special menu (vegetarian, kosher, etc.) should be negotiated directly with the restaurant (the EMSCS staff will be glad to assist you).

**Accompanying persons**

Rooms in Erice are limited. A limited number of accompanying persons at reduced (half) daily rate will be accepted (room sharing), depending on room availability.

Note that persons accompanying accepted applicants are considered as regular participants with the same benefits and duties: for this reason, they are requested to pay a fee and to wear the EMCSC badge.

**Smoking**

Smoking is forbidden inside all the facilities of the EMCSC (San Rocco, San Domenico, San Francesco), including the rooms.

**Clothing**

Erice is located about 800 m above sea level, on top of a mountain next to the sea. Spring evenings in Erice may be cold and, occasionally, foggy or/and windy. Pack extra warm clothing and good jogging/walking shoes (recommended on occasion of most excursions as well as to walk on the Erice slippery pavements). No formal dress is requested in any social event (banquet included).

**Shopping**

Celebrated wines, cookies, ceramics, coral jewels and other Erice souvenirs may be purchased in some (not all) shops with a 10% discount (just show the EMCSC badge).

**Music**

EMCSC facilities host two old (occasionally in tune) pianos. Participants playing portable instruments are encouraged to bring them along (with the scores). Classic or folk music sessions are often organized in San Rocco, especially after some glasses of Marsala wine.

**Technical facilities**

WiFi (generally available in all the EMCSC buildings) and (moderate) xerox-copying is free. A limited number of PC’s and printers are available to participants. The EMCSC is equipped with power-point/pdf projector facilities.

**EMCSC Personnel**

The EMCSC relies on local staff, reduced in number but extremely efficient, ready to solve all special problems that may arise (travel ticket & reservation changes, visa, medical care, police, etc.). The reference persons are the School Director (Prof. Fabio Marchesoni) and Mr. Pino Aceto (local staff). For all technicalities concerning the workshop please contact the Course Secretariat office (San Rocco, next to the Marsala Room).