

# Maker Faire Trieste

Date: 31 August - 1 September 2024

Venue: piazza dell'Unità d'Italia, Trieste

Language: Italian (with some English)

**Format:** 2 day event: MFTS current format is in downtown Trieste and reaches both the general public and people who already have an interest in science&technology, including school educators/teachers. Previous editions held on the ICTP Campus primarily gathered school educators/teachers.

Press conference with the participation of the ICTP Director and the Mayor of Trieste took place on 26 August. The opening ceremony of the MF was attended by the ICTP Director who gave a short presentation on ICTP's 60<sup>th</sup> year, together with representatives of the FVG and TS municipality (Bandelli).

Special booth for ICTP with promotional material and two treasure hunts organized by PIO: one for children (on science) and one for adults (on ICTP) that helped promote ICTP to a larger audience. Participants were given an ICTP T-shirt.

**Focal points:** Local Organizers: Carlo Fonda and Enrique Canessa (Science, Technology and Innovation Unit (STI)).

**Audience/Invitees:** The workshop was an official smr activity in the ICTP calendar (SMR3938): Links to: [Activity](#);

[Programme](#); [ICTP Flickr Album](#)

**Press coverage** from [TGR Rai FVG](#), [Il Piccolo](#), [Il Gazzettino](#), [Radio Punto Zero](#), [Il Meridiano di Trieste e Gorizia](#), [Trieste Caffè](#)



**COSTS: 22,500 Euros allocated by ICTP, with an additional 40 rooms at the AGH for Makers.**

The event was sponsored by Institutional Sponsors:

- Euro 30,000 from Regione Friuli Venezia-Giulia
- Euro 30,000 from Comune di Trieste (also for support for Fab Lab support staff).
- **Overall expenditure: 73,000 Euros**
- Additional partners and sponsors provided in-kind support (eg. provision of prizes, t-shirts)

Expected outcomes	Achieved outcomes	For future editions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Highlight the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ICTP with special presentation during opening ceremony</li><li>• Promote ICTP to the general public including disadvantaged communities</li><li>• Promote creativity in Science</li><li>• Award Prizes to best innovative ideas</li></ul>	<p>250 Makers invited by ICTP. Overall public participation over the 2 days was in the order of 5000 persons. Makers primarily from TriVeneto area. Some Makers came from neighbouring countries e.g. Slovenia, Croatia, and Germany.</p> <p><b>1° Prize MAKER MFTS</b> sponsored by Alto Adriatico Rotary Club awarded to Luciano Fumagalli for ANGELO - an Open Source hearing aid that promotes access to hearing care for the elderly and LMICs (low and middle income countries).</p> <p><b>Special prize “Innovative ideas for tomorrow’s world”</b> sponsored by ESTECO SpA for a Detector of soil respiration designed by volcanologist and soil scientist Erika Ronchin.</p> <p>Substantial media coverage. See links above.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holding the event in the Spring would engage more schools</li><li>• Consider reproposing a dedicated ICTP stand for more visibility</li><li>• Discussions to be held with ICTP Directorate re: future direction (3-year agreement with Trieste municipality expires at the end of 2024).</li><li>• More involvement from ICTP staff would be welcome</li></ul>