

International Conference: Celebrating 60 Years of the Associates Programme

Date: 1-3 July 2024

Venue: ICTP, Trieste

High level participants: **Colloquium talks by** Roberto Trotta (SISSA) on Machine Learning and by Rosario Fazio (ICTP) on Quantum Technologies.

Language: English

Format: 3 day event: Opening Ceremony with welcome remarks from ICTP Director & R. Kaiser, with an historical overview of the Associates programme by R. Gebauer. Scientific talks by the Associates on their personal experience and current research, with additional talks on grant proposal writing (M. Dalmonte), science communication (D. Ramani), alumni networking (C. Philipps). Special session dedicated to challenges on doing science in developing countries and how ICTP can help (moderated by A. Hassanali), in addition to a panel discussion on managing scientific career and family (moderated by Y. Migoya-Orue). Presentation of 10 years partnership with the Simons Foundation.

Focal points: Ralf Kaiser (Head of Programmes, ICTP), Ralph Gebauer (Head of Associates Associates & Federated Institutes, ICTP), Emanuel Carneiro (Local Organiser, ICTP).

Audience/Invitees: The workshop was an official smr activity in the ICTP calendar (SMR3953). Participation was by invitation only (50 places available for 270 current Associates) with additional Associates connected online.

More information: [Event on ICTP website](#); [Workshop programme](#); and [Link to group photo](#).



COSTS: 5000 Euros allocated. 4500 Euros spent. Mainly used for hospitality (special dinner and coffee breaks), + guided tour Miramare Castle 200 Euros. All other costs (flights and accommodation) covered by the Associates Programme as part of their regular visits to ICTP.

Expected outcomes	Achieved outcomes	Further impact
• Celebrate the 60th anniversary of ICTP and the Associates Programme • Provide a dedicated opportunity for ICTP Associates to meet, interact and build a strong network to strengthen South-South collaborations	• 44 Associates participated in person, all from developing countries, sponsored by ICTP or Simons. • Geographical/regional balance: 11 from Africa, 18 from Asia, 1 from Europe and 14 from Latin America and the Caribbean. • 140 registered and participated online over the 3 days, all from developing countries	• Continue to building and strengthen the Programme and Alumni network • Strengthen the Associates Community and improve links with ICTP Faculty • Potential organization of a similar event during a peak period of ICTP Associates @ ICTP
• Gather 44 Associates (Senior, Junior, Regular, Simons) covering all the different fields of research of ICTP	• Presentation of the Global ICTP Portal, a new tool developed by the PIO Office, and on-boarding of all Associates participating in person, as well as large number of those online, to maintain and strengthen virtual connections and build networking opportunities	