

Welcome to WISE 2016

from Luigi Cavaleri and Luciana Bertotti

Dear WISE member,

As announced last March in Goa, the WISE 2016 meeting will be held in Venice, Italy, at the premises of our ISMAR “Institute of Marine Sciences” from May 22 till 26, Sunday to Thursday, with the usual time table: we start with an ice-breaker on Sunday afternoon, followed by lectures during the four subsequent days. In addition, there is a field trip on Tuesday afternoon and the official dinner will be held on Wednesday night. We plan to have both oral and poster sessions. The details are not yet defined (we are working on them), and they will be communicated before the meeting.

ISMAR is one of the two large marine institutes of CNR (Italian National Research Council), with 280 persons, distributed on seven different towns, with Venice the headquarter. The research activity in Venice covers physical, biological and geological oceanography, with focus both on local and wide application projects. Unavoidably the problems of Venice, its sinking (halted a few decades ago, but sea level keeps rising), the circulation of the lagoon where we are located, the frequent flooding and the related engineering works have attracted part of the institute activity. However, this has been done with always, wherever possible, a strong attention to the related general problems, hence its application in other areas of the world. Wave modelling and wave physics have always been at the forefront of ISMAR activity, taking also advantage of the oceanographic tower Aqua Alta, located 15 km offshore, for both devoted campaigns and long term measurements. We are considering, as done also 20 years ago, the possibility of having the field trip on board. We will do our best in this respect.

A Wise 2016 website will soon be available with all the necessary information. In the meantime you can have an idea of the institute and of where in Venice we are located at <http://www.ismar.cnr.it/organization/venezia-sede-n..> Some long term participants certainly remember the historical palace on Canal Grande where we were located for many years. Following an intermediate solution we are now in the Arsenale, the shipyard of the Venice Republic, on the North-East side of Venice (2 Km, as the crow flies, from the other end of the town).

Of course you know that Venice is a very touristy place (the average daily number of tourists is larger than the one of the inhabitants). Months ago we provided information for a convenient lodging whose availability, as number of rooms, we understand is now exhausted. However, plenty of solutions are available. Please note we are not acting in this respect.

If you wish to participate, please submit a half page abstract to luigi.cavaleri@ismar.cnr.it. The deadline for submission is February 01, 2016, Monday for those who will run out of time during the week. You will be notified of the related decision (oral or poster) by March 04.

All the best,

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