

**Joint 17th Conference of the Italian Society for Archaeoastronomy
and
International Workshop on
Ex Oriente: Mithra and the others. Astronomical contents in the cults of Eastern origin in
ancient Italy and Western Mediterranean**

**Università di Roma “La Sapienza”
6 – 8 september 2017
First announcement**

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Aim:

The Italian Society for Archaeoastronomy will hold its 17th Annual Meeting (**SIA Conference**) in Rome at the Department of Physics of the University of Rome “La Sapienza”. The conference will, like every year, be an occasion for encounter between scholars of astronomy and human sciences on the relations between the historical and prehistoric populations and the celestial phenomena, or on the role they have played in the culture of these civilizations and they are eventually served for practical purposes.

The SIA Conference will be associated with an **International Workshop** on the topic:

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which aims to bring to the attention of the scholars the role of astronomical symbolism in some of the most important cults that have spread from the Near East in the Western Mediterranean.

Contributions:

The deadline for the submission of abstracts for oral presentations (15 minutes) and posters is June 30.

The abstracts in Italian or English (only in English for the **International Workshop**), with at least three bibliographic references and a minimum length of 1000 characters and a maximum of 4000 characters, must be sent by e-mail together with the participation form to the Secretariat of the Italian Society of Archaeoastronomy (patrizia.biffi@brera.inaf.it) and in cc at vitofrancesco.polcaro@iaps.inaf.it, by 30 June 2017.

The presentation of communications and posters (only in English for the **International Workshop**, in Italian or English for the **SIA Conference**) will be conditioned by the positive evaluation by two referees.

The Organizing Committee, while trying to respect as much as possible the Authors' preferences, reserves the right to establish the final form of submission (oral or poster) of the accepted communications.

Proceedings:

The proceedings of the conference will be published in a single volume published by La Città del Sole (Naples). Only the contributions actually presented will be accepted, subject to further evaluation by two different referees. The texts can be in Italian or English for the **SIA Conference**, only in English for the **International Workshop**.

Fees:

SIA members: 30 € until 31 July; 40 € from August 1st

Others: 70 € until 31 July; 80 € from August 1st

Students: 20 € until July 31st; 30 € from August 1st

The fee includes Conference bag, volume of abstracts, badge, six coffee breaks, three standing lunches, proceedings.

The fee can be paid by bank transfer to IBAN

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intended to "Cultural Association CESAR"

Post-Conference tour

On Saturday, September 9, the guided tour of a monument of archaeo-astronomical interest in Rome or in the immediate vicinity will be organized. The program and the cost of the tour will be communicated with the next announcement.

Preliminary program:

SEPTEMBER 6

International Workshop on:

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9:00 Registration

9:30 Elio Antonello (INAF- Osservatorio Astronomico di Brera) Welcoming address.

10:00 Dragana Mladenovich (Southampton University) *Astronomical content of the Mithraicism.*

10:40 Coffee break

11:00 Juan Antonio Belmonte (Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias) *Mithra before Mithras: astronomy and Sun cult in Anatolia before the Roman Empire.*

11:40 Guido Rosada (Università di Padova) *Title to be defined*

12:20 – 13:35 Oral contribution

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 Lorenzo Nigro (Università di Roma "La Sapienza") *Jericho, the city of the Moon.*

15:10 – 17:30 Oral contribution

SEPTEMBER 7-8

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The program will be defined according to the accepted contributions for the presentation.

Posters will be exhibited for the duration of the conference.

Invited speakers

Dr. Dragana Mladenovich (Archaeology Dept. of Southampton University), Prof. Juan Antonio Belmonte (Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias), Prof. Guido Rosada (Dipartimento Beni Culturali, Università di Padova), Prof. Lorenzo Nigro (Istituto Italiano di Studi Orientali, Università di Roma "La Sapienza").

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Scheda di iscrizione / Registration form

*inviare per e-mail entro il 30 giugno 2016 a / send by e-mail before 30 june 2016 to
e-mail address: patrizia.biffi@brera.inaf.it, cc: vitofrancesco.polcaro@iaps.inaf.it*

COGNOME / LAST NAME :

NOME / FIRST NAME:

Ente di appartenenza / Affiliation :

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Paese / Country :

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E-mail :

Propongo (indicare la scelta) / I propose (please check one) :

1 - una comunicazione orale / *an oral presentation*

2 - un poster / *a poster*

Titolo/ Title :

(in italiano o inglese / in English or Italian)

Autore(i) e Ente(i) di appartenenza / Author(s), affiliation:

Riassunto (min. 1000; max. 4000 caratteri) / Abstract (min. 1000; max. 4000 caratteri)*

(in italiano o inglese / in English or Italian)

* Le proposte saranno valutate dal Comitato Scientifico, che si riserva di decidere il modo di presentazione (orale o poster) di quelle accettate / *The Scientific Committee will determine the final mode of presentation (oral or poster) of the contributions that will be accepted.*