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– Solar Chemistry and Photocatalysis: Environmental Applications –**

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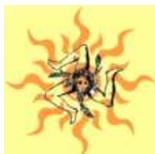
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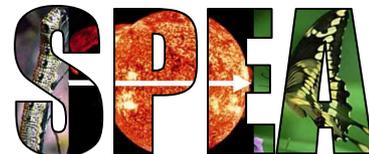
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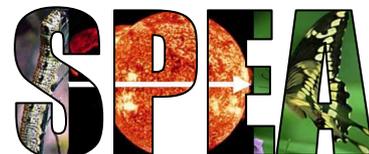
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The “Schiavello – Grillone” Photocatalysis Group is pleased to send you the first circular regarding the 5th edition of SPEA to be held in the city of Palermo (Chairman: Prof. Leonardo Palmisano; co-Chairman: Prof. Vincenzo Augugliaro) from October 4th to October 8th 2008.

The Congress, open to young and well experienced scientists, engineers and the industrial sector will focus on the latest advances and current state-of-the-art in the field of Environmental Applications of Solar Chemistry and Photocatalysis. The following topics will be addressed in the Congress:

1. Water treatment and disinfection
2. Air treatment
3. Soil remediation
4. Green synthesis by solar-chemistry
5. Development of new materials for photochemistry and photocatalysis
6. Developments and perspectives in environmental photochemistry
7. Commercial applications
8. Environmental management
9. Experimental standardization
10. Models for photochemistry and photocatalysis

Finally we hope that it will be a very pleasant time spent with friends and colleagues.

Programme

The conference programme will consist of four plenary lectures and about 40 short communications, complemented by a poster exhibition. Those wishing to contribute are invited to submit abstracts. The Scientific International Committee will select contributions for oral or poster presentation. Although the programme will focus on the main topics listed above, those who wish to present interesting results from other fields of Solar Chemistry and Photocatalysis are encouraged to apply. One page abstracts in MS Word format should be submitted by e-mail to the editorial office: spea5@yahoo.it before May 2nd 2008. Posters or oral communications will be accepted if at least one of the authors is registered at the congress. Authors will be notified about the acceptance and selection for oral/poster presentation by June 2nd 2008. We have scheduled the publication of special issues of two high impact factor International Journals (Catalysis Today and another journal to be selected). All papers submitted will be refereed. Authors interested to the publication in these special issues are invited to submit a full paper before the end of the Conference.

Location

The venue of the meeting is in the Splendid Hotel “La Torre” that is located in Mondello, a part of Palermo still wrapped in the myths of the “belle-epoque” and which is placed between an unexpected traditional fishing village and one of the most beautiful and fascinating beaches of the Mediterranean. However, Mondello is just a few minutes bus ride away from the city centre on the other side of the wide avenues of “Favorita” park. On the opposite side, a short stretch of motorway connects Mondello to the Palermo “Falcone-Borsellino” International airport. The “La Torre” complex is situated after the large semi-circular beach of Mondello, just a few metres on the other side of the fishing village, on a little promontory of which the hotel occupies the smaller part, overlooking the bay with its park stretching out in the opposite direction as far as the “Capo



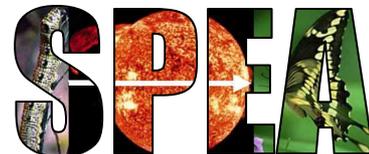
Splendid Hotel “La Torre”



Swimming pool inside “La Torre”



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Gallo” coastal reserve. Over there you will find all aquatic sports (sailing, windsurfing, water-biking, motor-boating, diving, etc).

Further details on the Hotel can be found at www.latorre.com.

Important dates

Friday May 2nd 2008: Deadline for submission of abstracts;

Monday June 2nd 2008: Acceptance of the abstracts and communication to the authors of the modality of presentation (Poster or Oral);

Monday June 16th 2008: Deadline for reduced conference fees payment;

Monday June 30th 2008: Deadline for hotel reservations;

Saturday October 4th 2008: Arrival, accommodation and registration;

Sunday October 5th 2008: Registration, social excursion, welcome cocktail;

Monday October 6th 2008: Plenary lectures, oral communications and poster sessions; meeting of the Scientific International Committee;

Tuesday October 7th 2008: Plenary lectures, oral communications and poster sessions; social dinner;

Wednesday October 8th 2008: Plenary lectures, oral communications, closing session and deadline for submission of full papers.

Conference facilities

The conference hall will be equipped with PC connected to a multimedia projector and overhead projector for powerpoint presentation or slide projection. Authors are recommended to prepare their oral presentation on CD or on USB pendrive. Posters should be exhibited on standard 100x120 cm (LxH) sheets.

Refreshments will be provided in a room behind the Conference Hall. Posters will be displayed in a hall near the Conference Hall, making possible their viewing and discussion throughout the conference. The registration desk will be open for information and assistance throughout the conference.

Accompanying persons:

Visits to the most important landmarks near Palermo (e.g., Segesta, Erice, Agrigento etc) will be scheduled (the excursion will be carried out only if a minimum number of participants is reached). The relative costs will be published on the website prior to the conference.

Transport

Palermo “Falcone-Borsellino” airport is well-served with regular flights from the main Italian cities (Milan, Turin, Rome, Bologna) and from many European cities (e.g. Madrid, London, Paris, Budapest). The connection between the airport and Hotel La Torre Mondello (about 20 km) will be by bus, by metro/bus or by taxi (ca. 50 euros).

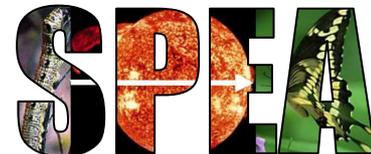
Bus transfers to the Hotel “La Torre” from and to the airport will be scheduled on Saturday October 4th 2008 (about at 8.00 PM) and on Wednesday October 8th 2008 (after the closing session). All the information will be available on the conference website <http://spea5.altervista.org/>.

Weather

Weather in Sicily is usually pleasant, sunny and calm during October, but sometimes little rain occurs. Temperature ranges between 15-25°C.



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Accommodation

Apart Hotel La Torre other accommodations are available in Mondello or in the downtown. All the information about accommodations, in Hotel La Torre or otherwise, and/or flight tickets, transfer from/to the airport and excursion will be provided by the following agency:


SERVIZITALIA 90143 Palermo Via S. Puglisi, 15 Tel. +39 0916250453 Fax +39 091303150 info@servizitalia.it reservation.spea5@servizitalia.it www.servizitalia.it

Visa requirements

A list of countries whose passport holders require visas to enter Italy can be found at:
http://www.esteri.it/visti/home_eng.asp

Medical and travel insurance

It is recommended that all the participants and accompanying persons arrange their own medical and travel insurance for the duration of the conference and field excursion; if requested "SERVIZITALIA" agency can provide the insurance.

Costs (in Euros)

	Before June 16 th , 2008	After June 16 th , 2008
Participants	550 €	650 €
Students (*)	300 €	350 €
Scientific International Committee Members	400 €	400 €
Accompanying persons	200 €	230 €

(*) A declaration of the tutor is requested.

The registration fee will cover the costs of the organization expenses, book proceedings, welcome cocktail, 3 working lunches (October 6th, 7th and 8th), coffee-breaks and taxes (ca. 20%). It will not cover other meals, personal extras and dinners. The fees for the accompanying persons include the social excursion, welcome cocktail, 3 working lunches (October 6th, 7th and 8th), coffee-breaks and taxes (ca. 20%).

Language

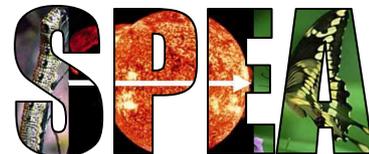
The official language of the congress will be English.

Further Information

Further information will be provided in the 2nd circular and call for papers in December 2007. Information is available also at the following address: <http://spea5.altervista.org>.



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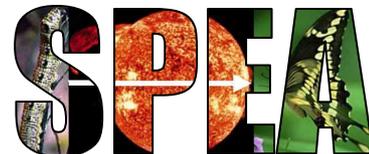


Palermo

Palermo is the regional capital of Sicily, which is the largest and most heavily populated island in the Mediterranean. The area has been under numerous dominators over the centuries, including Roman, Carthaginian, Byzantine, Greek, Arab, Norman, Swabian and Spanish masters. Due to this past, to the cultural exchange that for millennia has taken place in the area, the city is still an exotic mixture of many cultures. Many of the monuments still exist giving the city somewhat unique appearance.

The city of Palermo, including the province of Palermo, has around 1,300,000 inhabitants and has about 200 Km of coastline. The old town of Palermo is one of the largest in Europe, full of references to the past. Palermo reflects the diverse history of the region in that the city contains many masterpieces from different periods, including romanesque, gothic, renaissance and baroque architecture as well as examples of modern art. The city also hosts its rich vegetation of palm trees, prickly pears, bananas, lemon trees and so on. The abundance of exotic species was also noticed by the world-famous German writer Goethe who in April 1787 visited the newly opened botanical gardens, describing them as "the most beautiful place on earth".





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PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION

I plan to attend to SPEA5.

Last Name:

First Name:

Affiliation:

Address:

City:

Country:

Tel.:

Fax:

E-mail:

I am: Participant Student Scientific International Committee Member

I prefer an oral or poster presentation.

Tentative title:

I will attend to the social excursion Yes No

I will attend to social dinner Yes No

Accompanying persons Yes n.

Please send this form to:

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or fax it to: +39 0916567280 (to the Attention of Prof. L. Palmisano)

or send by e-mail to spea5@yahoo.it.