

First (and Last) Bulletin of NOW 2012

1 – Workshop Website and Email

The website of the Neutrino Oscillation Workshop 2012 (NOW 2012) is <http://www.ba.infn.it/now>. For email communication, please contact us (the Local Organizing Committee) at the address now2012@ba.infn.it.

2 – Completing your arrival information

If you have not already done so, **please send us your complete arrival information (date, place, accompanying person(s), exact time, and flight or train number) as soon as possible**. We need such information not only to ensure lodging, but also (for those not arriving by their own car) to organize our shuttle service from the Brindisi airport and from the Lecce train station, which are both very far from the Workshop site in Conca Specchiulla (up to 1.5h and 1h driving, respectively.) Private taxi services would be very expensive, and is strongly discouraged.

We shall e-mail the shuttle pick-up schedule to each interested participant, a few days before the Workshop. Notify us immediately in case of last-minute changes (see the last page for emergency numbers).

3 – Lodging and meals

All the participants will be lodged in the Grand Hotel Daniela, which is also the site of the Workshop. Room rates, as reported on our Accommodation webpage, are “**full board**” and include meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and related beverages at meals (e.g., water and white or red wine). Extra drinks at the bar, pool etc. are at your own expenses. Typical meal times might be approximately: breakfast ~7:15-10:00; lunch ~12:30-14:00; dinner ~19:45-21:15 (to be more precisely communicated on site). Note that after the excursions on Sept. 11 and 13 (see below) dinner will start much later, around 22:30.

If you have special dietary or accommodation needs, please inform us at now2012@ba.infn.it. Do not contact the Hotel by yourself: we take care of all the reservations and accommodation details.

Please note the following points about arrival, departure and payment. The workshop sessions will start on Monday 10 and will end on Saturday 15 September. **The arrival is expected on Sunday 9**; rooms will generally be available after 16:00 of Sept. 9. **The departure is expected on Sunday 16**, before noon. We recommend to stay for the whole week 9-16 September. The Hotel is seasonal and will close after Sept. 16: If

you wish to extend your stay beyond these dates, you should make your personal arrangements (our Secretariat will help you on site, if needed).

Hotel payment. You will pay for your stay at the Hotel Reception, usually a couple of days before leaving (to avoid long queues on the last day). Any major credit card will be accepted. You can ask for specific forms of receipt, but then you have to inform the Hotel staff well in advance.

4 – Arrival

There are four ways to reach Conca Specchiulla:

i) By boat. We have not yet considered this possibility ... However, it would be by far the easiest way, if you could only find a boat taking you to the shore of Conca Specchiulla. At that point, after a few-minutes walk, you would have arrived!

ii) By plane. The nearest airport is **Brindisi** (we do exclude the Bari airport because it is too far). Since there are not many daily flights to/from Brindisi, it is advisable to book your flights at your earliest convenience. We shall organize a shuttle service from the Brindisi airport to Conca Specchiulla, by grouping participants with similar arrival times. In order to do so, **we need to know precisely -and well in advance- your arrival day, time, and flight code**, otherwise we cannot ensure your transfer by bus (which may take up to 1.5h, depending on traffic conditions). The bus schedule will be communicated by email.

When you arrive, please wait around the “Arrival” exit of the airport: at the scheduled pick-up time, the driver or a Workshop staff person will show up with a “NOW 2012” sign, and bring you to the shuttle. In case of flight delays or other unexpected events at your arrival, please refer to the NOW 2012 emergency numbers at the end of this Bulletin.

iii) By train. The only practical railway station is Lecce (in principle you might reach Otranto, but it is not a convenient choice). Also in this case **we need to know precisely -and well in advance- your arrival day, time, and train number**, otherwise we cannot ensure your transfer by bus to Conca Specchiulla (which may take up to 1h, depending on traffic conditions). The bus schedule will be communicated by email.

When you arrive, please wait around the main exit of the Lecce Railway Station: at the scheduled pick-up time, the driver or a Workshop staff person will show up with a “NOW 2012” sign, and bring you to the shuttle. In case of train delays or other unexpected events at arrival, please refer the NOW emergency numbers at the end of this Bulletin.

iv) By car. You can find a road map and other useful information on the workshop home page. In any case, a few indications for drivers follow. Coming from North along the "Autostrada A14" (a very good highway), when you get at Bari take the exit in the direction "Brindisi - Lecce" (Strada Statale 16, SS16). After ~150 km you will get to Lecce. Before entering in Lecce take the "Tangenziale Est". Take the exit 9B "Merine-Vernole-Melendugno". At Melendugno, you will find a cross-road stop with traffic lights: continue towards "San Foca-Otranto-Torre dell'Orso" and then towards San Foca. At San Foca, continue towards the sea; at the roundabout with a tower turn right; continue towards "Roca-Torre dell'Orso-Otranto." After about 2 km from Torre dell'Orso, you will find the "Villaggio Conca Specchiulla" and the "Hotel Daniela" on your left. *Note: There may be a guard at the Hotel entrance; if needed, tell the guard that you are a participant to the NOW 2012 Workshop. You will then get a parking permit at the Hotel Reception. Parking in the Hotel area is free of charge for the customers.*

5 – Departure

Please inform us well in advance about your return travel plans, so that we can organize your transfer by shuttle from Conca Specchiulla to Brindisi airport or to Lecce railway station. If you want to extend your stay after Sept. 16, you must arrange lodging and transfer by yourself.

6 – Fee

The conference fee is 400 euros, to be paid to "Comitato NOW 2012". No conference fee is requested for accompanying persons. **You can pay the fee in two ways: (1) by Bank Transfer (only before August 5)**, following the instructions and IBAN coordinates given on our web page; **(2) by Cash in Euros (at the arrival)**; in the latter case, you are advised to prepare well in advance your 400 Euro cash, since it is not easy to change money at Conca Specchiulla, and we expect the exchange rate of the Hotel to be not so convenient. Of course, in both cases, you will receive a receipt of your payment at arrival. Please **read carefully the "Conference Fee" link** on our webpage for details.

Notes to participants supported by I.N.F.N: (1) Italian participants coming with INFN funds must also individually pay the fee (and should not ask to transfer the fee via INFN Sections), since the Workshop is not managed directly by INFN, but is organized by "Comitato NOW 2012". (2) INFN participants should also inform the Workshop secretariat, before or upon arrival, if they need a receipt fully reporting the fiscal data of their INFN section.

7 – Computer Facilities

Some desktop PC's, printers, and wired connections will be provided to participants. **Wireless connection will also be available in area of the Hotel hall** (but not in the rooms). You will get from the secretariat a login name and a password for the wireless connection in the Hall area.

8 – Talks

Each **plenary talk will be 30' long** (+ 5' for discussion). **Parallel talks will be 15' long** (+ 5' for discussion), unless otherwise noticed. Both overhead projectors (discouraged) and video projectors will be provided for the presentations. We will provide two laptops for presentations, one for Mac users and one for Windows users. Participants may give electronic presentations with their own laptop if they wish. We also expect to broadcast the plenary talks (and possibly part of the parallel talks) in real time, with access through the 'live videostreaming' link on the webpage. *If you do not want to appear in videostream, please report in advance to us by email or to the secretariat at arrival.*

9 – Presentations on the web and Proceedings

Copies of talks for plenary and parallel sessions will be posted daily on the workshop web site. For this reason, speakers who present their talk in electronic form should provide a copy of the talk, e.g., on a memory stick. **Please provide us also with a "safe" pdf version of your talk, to be used in case of software compatibility problems.** Old-fashioned transparencies (discouraged) will be scanned, if needed.

All presentations by plenary and parallel session speakers, together with short session summaries by the conveners, will be published in the NOW 2012 Proceedings volume by Elsevier (Nuclear Physics B – Proc. Suppl.), and will be edited by P. Bernardini, G.L. Fogli, and E. Lisi. The format for published papers and submission details will be forwarded directly to the speakers. After publication, each participant will receive a free hardcopy of the Proceedings directly from the publisher.

We recall that the Proceedings of NOW 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010 have been published on Nucl. Phys. B (Proc. Suppl.), vol. 100, 145, 168, 188 and 217, respectively.

10 – Weather

Beware: Even though you will be in the South of Italy, the month of September is not hot, in general. The wind blows normally from the

North, and storms are not so rare. The temperature, despite being generally pleasant during the day, may decrease remarkably at night. So, clothing must be adequate. You can find local weather information at the weather links collected on the NOW web page.

11 – Free time

As you can see from the Program, there is a 4-hour daily break from 12.00 to 16.00 o'clock, which can be used freely. A small "train" is provided by the Hotel to reach the Hotel beach, where you can have, included in the Hotel facilities, the use of beach umbrellas, deck chairs, etc. Otherwise, you can easily walk to the seaside through the pinewood, which divides the Hotel from the sea. As a third possibility, you can swim in the large swimming pool of the Hotel. In any case, do not forget to bring your swimsuit! With regards to your lunch, you can either have it in the Hotel, or you can ask (in advance, the day before) to have a take-away lunch box (usually with sandwiches, water, fruit) prepared for you.

12 – Excursions

There will be a **brief excursion in Otranto on Tuesday 11, evening.**

For the **full excursion day on Thursday 13**, we will propose you to join one of two alternatives tours, with tentative itinerary as follows:

a) Southern Coast tour. You leave Conca Specchiulla in the south direction. You will see small villages, churches and monuments of the South Salento. A boat tour might be organized, if the weather allows. Lunch will be provided at a Restaurant during the tour.

b) Northern Town tour. You leave Conca Specchiulla in the north direction. You will visit Lecce with its baroque churches, Alberobello with its famous trulli, and Ostuni, the "White Town". Lunch will be provided at a Restaurant during the tour.

Further details will be given on site. You will be asked to choose one of the tours (or none) in advance, in the first couple of days of the Workshop.

13 – Tours for accompanying persons

We have not organized additional tours for the accompanying persons. In general, the stay in Conca Specchiulla is rather pleasant, and the accompanying persons can enjoy the beaches, the sea, or the Hotel pool and facilities. However, you may ask the reception of Grand Hotel Daniela to organize or suggest for you tours of various kinds (visit to Lecce, to Otranto, tours by boat, etc.) at your own expenses.

14 – Emergency contacts

If you have any kind of emergency at arrival, please call:

- either the Grand Hotel Daniela reception, at the number **0836 806648** (the reception will then transfer your message to the NOW organizers);
- or directly Prof. Gianluigi Fogli, at the mobile number **342 5544203** (this dedicated cellular phone number will be active for calls or messages only during the days of the Workshop);
- or (if it's not very urgent) write a message to now2012@ba.infn.it, which will be checked very often during all Workshop days.

We remind you that, from abroad, **the Italy Country Code is +39**.

We wish you a nice and safe trip.

See you in Conca Specchiulla!