

First (and Last) Bulletin of NOW 2022

1 – Workshop Website and Email

The website of the Neutrino Oscillation Workshop 2022 (NOW 2022) is <https://www.ba.infn.it/now> where you also find the links to previous NOW editions. You may contact us (the Local Organizing Committee) at the address now2022@ba.infn.it For any issue related to accommodation and logistics, please contact the dedicated Agency at: agencynow2022@iviaggidisalomone.it

2 – Completing your travel information

If you are travelling by plane or train and have not already done so, **please send your complete arrival information (date, place, accompanying person(s), exact time, and flight or train number) very urgently to the Agency at: agencynow2022@iviaggidisalomone.it**

They need such information to organize our shuttle service from the Brindisi airport and from the Brindisi train station, which are both far from the Workshop site. Shuttles will also be provided for departures. Private taxi service would be very expensive and is strongly discouraged.

The Agency shall e-mail the shuttle pick-up schedule to each interested participant, a few days before the Workshop. They will also communicate a mobile phone number (with Italian country code +39) for emergency calls. Notify them immediately by email and/or phone, in case of last-minute changes of your flights or trains.

3 – Lodging and meals

All the participants will be lodged at the **Ostuni Rosa Marina Resort**, which is also the venue of the Workshop, in rooms of the “Comfort” category. The room rates, as reported on our Accommodation webpage, are “**full board**” and include meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and beverages at meals (e.g., water and wine). Extra drinks at the bar are at your own expenses.

Please note that the scientific sessions will start on Monday 5th and will end on Saturday 10th. **Most arrivals are expected on Sunday 4;** rooms will generally be available after 17:00 on the arrival day. **Most departures are expected on Sunday 11th,** with rooms to be left before 10:00 on the departure days.

You will pay your Hotel room upon arrival at check-in. Note that our dedicated room rates do not include the Ostuni city tax (2 Euro/day/person), which must be paid in addition. You can ask for **specific forms of accommodation receipts** (e.g., separate amounts for you and accompanying

persons), but please inform the Hotel well in advance (e.g., at check-in or in the next two days); do not make late requests at check-out.

Please also notice that, at check-in, the receptionist will apply a **colored waterproof wristband** to any participant (and accompanying persons). This will help the personnel to identify you as a Resort customer during the whole stay and all over the premises, especially towards the seaside where you might get otherwise confused with non-customers.

Meals: Typical meal times will be: breakfast ~7:15-10:00; lunch ~12:30-14:00; dinner ~19:30-21:00. Possible variations of dinner time (if any) due to social activities will be communicated on site.

In case of special dietary or accommodation needs, please inform the Agency agencynow2022@iviaggidisalomone.it (if you have not already done so) and they shall transfer the info to the Hotel staff.

4 – Arrival

We expect NOW participants to arrive in Brindisi (airport or train station), or directly at the Resort with their own car.

i) If you arrive by plane or train in Brindisi, you should have communicated your arrival day, time, and flight or train code to the Agency. You will then be picked up with dedicated shuttles (buses, vans, or cars, depending on the number of people in each arrival group) at a scheduled time to be communicated by the Agency via email (about one week before the Workshop).

*When you arrive, please wait around the “Arrival” exit of the airport, or around the main exit of the train station: at the scheduled pick-up time, the driver or a Workshop staff person will show up with a “NOW 2022” sign, and bring you to the shuttle. In case of flight/train delays or other unexpected events at your arrival, please refer to the **Agency mobile emergency number** that you will receive in the pick-up information email. Only if this number is unreachable, you may contact directly the Resort at the telephone number 0831 350411; the reception will then transfer your message to the Agency.*

Notice that the transfer time from Brindisi (airport or train station) to the Resort may take up to 45’, depending on traffic conditions.

ii) If you arrive by car: You can find a map with the Ostuni Rosa Marina Resort location and with entrance gate information on the NOW workshop home page ("Venue" link). In any case, if you drive towards South along the Bari-Brindisi expressway: take the **exit "Rosamarina - Monticelli"**, then follow the signs (written in black over white) to the Ostuni Rosa Marina Resort. Upon arrival: proceed towards the sliding gate on the left, buzz the intercom on the

column without leaving your car, then continue to the Reception. (Do not take the gate on the right, with a bar and guard box, that leads to a private village instead).

Note: Parking in the Hotel area (for customers) is free of charge in a dedicated area at ~150 m from the Reception. The guarded parking lot facing the Reception is not free, and is charged with 7 Euro/day.

5 – Departure

Please inform the Agency well in advance about your return travel plans (if you have not already done so), so that they can organize your transfer by shuttle from Rosa Marina to the Brindisi airport or to Brindisi railway station. Shuttle pick up-times for departures will be communicated on site.

6 – Conference Fee

The conference fee is 450 euros, to be paid to the Agency in advance by credit card, Paypal or bank transfer (see info on our website). It is not possible to pay the fee on site after arrival.

7 – Internet Connection

The Hotel provides their own internet connection to all customers. In addition, we shall provide all NOW participants with a dedicated internet connection. In particular, **wireless connection for the Workshop will be available (via Eduroam) in the Resort Hall and in the Conference areas.** Please check your eduroam credentials in your home institution, if available. Participants without eduroam credentials can obtain local credentials at the Secretariat desk. Accompanying persons should kindly use only the Hotel internet connection.

8 – Presentations and talk files

Each **plenary talk will be 30' long** (+ 5' for discussion). **Parallel talks will be 20' long** (+ 5' for discussion). We strongly discourage the use of your own laptop to present the talk. **We expect all participants to upload the talk in pdf format through our Indico platform, <https://agenda.infn.it/event/30418/>**

Please check your scheduled talk date and time on the NOW Program webpage: <https://agenda.infn.it/event/30418/timetable/#all.detailed> and upload your talk pdf file at least 24h before schedule. The talk file will become public soon after your presentation.

If you experience difficulties while uploading the talk on Indico, please send the file to our email address now2022@ba.infn.it and we shall upload it for you.

9 – Covid situation

Official Covid info:

<https://agenda.infn.it/event/30418/page/6467-covid-19>

In practice, the Covid situation is relatively quiet in our region at present. Masks of type FFP2 are required only on public transportation, while they are used on a voluntary basis in other contexts, including public places (e.g., restaurants) or events (e.g., conferences). We shall provide complimentary masks to all participants, whose use is based on a voluntary choice. In any case, plenary and parallel session rooms provide ample space for appropriate distancing and are all air-conditioned and ventilated.

Please notice that if you experience Covid symptoms during your stay, you are required to undergo a Covid test and, if positive, you must be quarantined until you test negative. Quarantine organization and expenses, including extra accommodation and new travel tickets, are on your own. You may want to get a travel + medical insurance covering this possible occurrence.

Japanese participants are required to undergo a specific PCR test <72h before their return flight to Japan. Together with the Agency we are organizing dedicated transfers to a Medical Lab in Brindisi city for these participants, with details to be communicated on site.

10 - Code of Conduct and Data Privacy

We expect all participants to comply with the INFN Code of Conduct:

<https://agenda.infn.it/event/30418/page/6466-code-of-conduct>

For official INFN privacy info, see:

<https://agenda.infn.it/event/20170/attachments/67421/121891/privacy.pdf>

Note that NOW 2022 will be fully in presence: We shall not broadcast the talks nor have remote talks. We might occasionally take pictures during the Sessions. If you do not want to appear in pictures, please let us know. We shall also make all presentation files public, unless you specifically ask a restriction for your own file.

11 – Proceedings

All NOW 2022 presentations by plenary and parallel session speakers, together with short session summaries by the conveners, will be published electronically in Proceedings of Science (PoS - SISSA) and endowed with d.o.i. numbers. Further instructions will be given to the speakers and the conveners in due time.

12 – Weather

Beware: Even though you will be in the South of Italy, the month of September is not necessarily hot. 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. Before your trip to Rosa Marina di Ostuni, please check the local weather information at the weather links collected on the NOW web page.

13 – 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. Note that the Ostuni Rosa Marina Resort is located very close to the seaside, at walking distance (~300 m) from the Resort private beach, which can also be reached by means of a small "train" commuting frequently between the Resort premises and the beach area. The seaside alternates sand and rocks and is thus suitable for everybody, from kids to expert swimmers. You can freely access the beach umbrellas/chairs/beds (*except for the first 4 rows, that are reserved to other Resort guests*). The Resort area also offers a large pool + solarium and various sport facilities free of charge, plus other charged services. See also the Resort webpage for further info: <https://www.ostunirosamarinaresort.com/home/?lang=en>

Do not forget to bring your own swimsuit and beach/pool shoes!

Of course, the Workshop participants and/or the accompanying persons may also spend their free time outside the Resort property, e.g., towards farther public beaches or towards the inland towns, which are favorite destinations for tourists. Driving to such places by yourself will, however, require a car at your own cost.

Finally, you may want to contact the NOW Agency or the Hotel Reception for other kinds of private excursions or activities at your own expenses.

14 – NOW Excursions (and other social activities)

Although the current Covid situation is relatively quiet, we understand that some people do not feel like staying in crowded contexts for a long time. For this reason, we have planned two kinds of excursions on Thursday 8th. Both are open to participants and their accompanying persons.

i) Full-day excursion to Matera and its world-famous “Sassi”. About 54 people allowed (one touristic bus). Departure at ~8:30, plus 1h 40’ transfer to Matera. Guided visit to Sassi di Matera and other places outdoors and indoors before and after lunch. Lunch at a local Restaurant. Back to the Resort in time for dinner. Recommended for people who do not mind staying close to others in

a fully occupied bus for a long transfer time. Not recommended for infants or very young kids, since significant walking is expected, including paths with steps.

ii) Half-day excursion to Ostuni, the “White City”. About 54 people allowed (one touristic bus). Departure at ~9:30, plus short transfer to Ostuni. Guided visit to the beautiful town of Ostuni, then free time (about 1h 30’) for individual tourism or shopping. Short transfer by bus to a local Masseria for lunch. Back to the Resort after lunch. Easy walking, no particular restriction, fine also for families with kids and baby-strollers.

Of course, on Thursday 8th you may choose not to join any excursion, and stay at the Resort the whole day, or organize your own visit or activities elsewhere.

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

In addition (always in the Resort area): On Sept. 6th, the dinner will be based on a variety of typical Apulian products. On Sept. 7th, there will be a social event after dinner. On Sept. 9th, there will be the Social Dinner of NOW 2022. The last two events will take place outdoors, if the weather allows.

15 – Emergency contacts

As already mentioned, if you have any kind of emergency at arrival, please call the **emergency phone number that will be provided to you by the Agency**, together with shuttle pick-up information. Only if this phone communication fails, please contact the reception of the Ostuni Rosa Marina Resort at the telephone number 0831 350411; the reception will then transfer your message to the Agency. Finally (if it’s not extremely urgent) you may write a message to now2022@ba.infn.it that will be checked 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 Rosa Marina di Ostuni!