



The XXII HPLS&A 2018 Conference focuses on the latest scientific advancements in the fields of high-power laser systems and their applications. It will be held in Frascati, Italy, 9th to 12th October, 2018, in the amazing venue of Villa Mondragone, a wonderful 17th century Villa not far from Rome.

HPLS&A, formerly Gas Flow and Chemical Lasers, is one of the oldest conferences on laser systems, and we aim to continue the successful tradition of previous symposia held over the past forty-two years.

Nowadays, HPLS&A is one of the most representative international symposia in the field, which invites the leading scientists and specialists from all over the world. It is known for being a collaborative forum to exchange ideas and network through panel discussions, poster sessions, and the exhibition.

Being held in Italy, HPLS&A 2018 will pay particular attention to new applications of laser technologies especially in the fields of environmental diagnostics, cultural heritage, industry and security.

CONFERENCE KEY DATES











CALL FOR PAPERS deadline June 30th, 2018 The Organizing Committee invites the submission of contributed papers covering original works on laser systems and their applications. Authors are requested to complete a maximum 2-page summary of the research. Rules and template can be downloaded at the webpage for abstract submission: hplsa2018.com/index.php/abstracts-submissions

All abstracts and summaries will be peer reviewed. The Program Committee reserves the final decision for acceptance of submitted abstracts. The notification of acceptance will occur before August 9th, 2018.

PARTICIPATIONS

Early bird participation fee (VAT included) is set at 500 Euro (students 200, accompanying person 200, sponsor 300) if the amount is transferred before June 30th. Late and onsite fees can be found at the webpage for registration: hplsa2018.com/index.php/how-to-register The registration fee includes:

- Participation to the conference
- Conference material
- Bus transfer Frascati Villa Mondragone (within the Symposium schedule)
- Coffee breaks and refreshments
- Lunches
- Gala Dinner
- Proceedings published by SPIE

To encourage more young scientists and students to contribute to HPLS&A with presentations of high-level research results, two young scientists will be awarded of the best oral and poster presentation. The prizes are two books on Laser Systems published by SPIE.

Any young scientist or university student, who is the presenting author of a paper submitted for oral and poster presentation at HPLS&A 2018 Frascati, can apply for the Best Presentation Award. The applicants must be under 35 years of age on October 9, 2018.

Two Prize Winners will be selected for oral and poster presentation by the HPLS&A 2018 Frascati Program Committee.

PRELIMINARY LIST OF INVITED SPEAKERS

CAPASSO Federico (USA): High performance Quantum Cascade lasers: from high power to frequency combs

CLEGG Samuel (USA): Planetary Surface Investigations with Remote Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy and

Raman Spectroscopy

FENG Yan (China): High-power widely-wavelength-tunable Raman fiber lasers GIZZI Leonida (Italy): Lasers needs for future plasma based accelerators HEAVEN Michael (USA): Development and scaling of diode-pumped rare gas lasers

LUCIANETTI Antonio (Czech Republic): HiLASE Laser Centre: status and prospects
MIQUEL Jean Luc (France): Laser mega-joule program, and PETAL facility
PENNINCKX Daniel (France): Evolution of high-power >kJ-class lasers

PERRAM Glenn (USA): Multi-level kinetics and beam quality for Diode Pumped Alkali Lasers VON BERGMANN Hubertus South Africa): High Pressure CO₂ amplifiers for picosecond pulse amplification WANI Fumio (Japan): High Power Laser activities at Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.

ABOUT FRASCATI

Frascati is one of the most important "city of Science" in Italy, as within few miles there are the Research Centre of ENEA, the National Laboratories of INFN, the Earth observation missions and Spaceguard of ESA/ESRIN, the INAF observatory and the University of Tor Vergata. It is located 20 kilometers (12 mi) south-east of Rome, on the Alban Hills close to the ancient city of Tusculum. Frascati is famous for its notable villas, which were built from the 16th century onwards by Popes, cardinals and Roman nobles as "status symbols" of Roman aristocracy. These country houses were designed for social activities rather than farming. One of the most famous and well preserved villas is Villa Mondragone, XVII century, the venue of HPLS&A 2018.

Frascati is few miles away the Summer house of the Pope, on the wonderful volcanic lake Albano.