INTRODUCTION

The amount of scientific information available to the general public is apparently increasing, but so are the energy and the competence needed to select, frame, interpret and understand scientific advances and their important implications for society. The School is aimed in general to all those interested in communicating science to the public, and in particular to those willing to start or improve a career in science journalism. The School is based on lectures and working sessions – held by international experts in the fields of science, journalism and communication – dealing with general topics related to science journalism and communication, and revolving each year around a specific theme. The theme of the 2019 edition of the school is "Big Projects for Science and Knowledge". The course will focus on some outstanding international efforts – such as the Cherenkov Telescope Array, the Einstein Telescope, the Quantum Computing Flagship Initiative and the Future Circular Collider (FCC) – that will be at the heart of the scientific move forward, setting increasingly ambitious and complex goals, the development of big science projects – involving hundreds or thousands of scientists from different countries and institutions and the construction of huge facilities – is becoming more and more essential for the achievement of those goals.

However, none of this will succeed if the scientists’ efforts will not be understood and supported by the general public and the policymakers. It will be the task of science journalists and communicators, along with the scientists themselves, to ensure that this happens. Therefore, the course will provide, through scientific lectures, discussions and interactive sessions, the appropriate tools for journalists and communicators to cover in the most fitting and engaging way the progress of physics research in the coming years.

APPLICATIONS

Persons wishing to attend the Course should apply via e-mail to: 

Please include the following information in your application:

i) Full name(s), age, gender, citizenship;
ii) Present academic position and scientific interests;
iii) Fellowship contributions

Please NOTE

Participants must arrive in Erice no later than 7 p.m. on 6th April 2019.