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76th Workshop: **TOPOLOGICAL QUANTUM SCIENCE**

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**PROGRAMME AND LECTURERS**

**Majorana Fermions, Majorana exchange force, Fano Feshbach resonances, Topological Superconductors, Electronic Topological Transitions, Induced Topological Superconductivity, Topological Condensates, BEC-BCS crossover, Cold atoms, Helium**

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**PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP**

The concept of topology continues to drive the expansion of the frontiers in modern condensed matter physics. Topological materials of current interests include various forms of superconductivity, novel semimetals, and correlated magnets. Efforts to firmly establish Majorana particles in condensed matter also extends to many varieties of topological materials. The aim of this workshop is to bring together active scientists in this field to discuss recent advances in topological quantum materials and science, thereby to identify the most important questions and find directions to answer them. The scientific focus of this workshop will be on Majorana Fermions, 2. Topological Superconductors, 3. Induced Topological Superconductivity, 4. Topological Condensates (BEC-BCS crossover, Cold atoms, Helium), and 5. Dirac and Weyl Materials.

**APPLICATIONS**

Persons wishing to attend this Workshop should send an application, preferably by electronic mail, to:

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Specifying:

i) Date and place of birth together with present nationality
ii) Present position and place of work
iii) An abstract, if they wish to give a contribution (oral or poster).

**PLEASE NOTE**

Participants must arrive in Erice on November 1, no later than 7 p.m.

**POETIC TOUCH**

According to legend, Erice, son of Venus and Neptune, founded a small town on top of a mountain (750 metres above sea level) more than three thousand years ago. The founder of modern history — i.e., the recording of events in a methodic and chronological sequence as they really happened without reference to mythical causes — the great Thucydides (~460 B.C.), writing about events connected with the conquest of Troy (1183 B.C.) said: “After the fall of Troy some Trojans on their escape from the Achaean arrived in Sicily by boat and as they settled near the border with the Sicanians all together they were named Elymi: their towns were Segesta and Erice.” This inspired Virgil to describe the arrival of the Trojan royal family in Erice and the burial of Anchise, by his son Enea, on the coast below Erice. Homer (~1200 B.C.), Theocritus (~300 B.C.), Polybius (~200 B.C.), Virgil (~19 B.C.), Horace (~15 B.C.), and others have celebrated this magnificent spot in Sicily in their poems. During seven centuries (XII-XIX) the town of Erice was under the leadership of a local oligarchy, whose wisdom assured a long period of cultural development and economic prosperity which in turn gave rise to the many churches, monasteries and private palaces which you see today. In Erice you can admire the Castle of Venus, the Cyclopean Walls (~800 B.C.) and the Gothic Cathedral (~1300 A.D.). Erice is at present a mixture of ancient and medieval architecture. Other masterpieces of ancient civilization are to be found in the neighbourhood: at Motya (Phoenician), Segesta (Elymian), and Selinunte (Greek). On the Aegean Islands — theatre of the decisive naval battle of the first Punic War (264-241 B.C.) — suggestive neolithic and paleolithic vestiges are still visible; the grottoes of Favignana, the carvings and murals of Levanzo.

Splendid beaches are to be found at San Vito Lo Capo, Scopello, and Cornino, and a wild and rocky coast around Monte Cofano: all at less than one hour’s drive from Erice.

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