Third Announcement

INTERNATIONAL MARS CONFERENCE

September 19-23, 2004

ISCHIA Island

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OBJECTIVES

The very end of 2003 and the beginning of this year may be considered the most important ever in the history of the exploration of our neighbour planet Mars. The results of the instruments on board Mars Express and on the rovers “Spirit” and “Opportunity” will provide a new insight on the evolution of the planet, as well as on the present conditions. The international flavor of the study of the Red Planet had already an Italian showcase in the “Workshop on Exploring Mars Surface and its Earth Analogues” held in Catania, Sicily in September 2002.

The ASI participation to the International Mars Exploration Program marks the main launch opportunities towards Mars starting from 2003, and it encourages ASI to promote this 2004 International Conference to become a milestone event.

This International Mars Conference will be held in the Island of Ischia. Ischia is a beautiful island, located in the Gulf of Napoli, with important natural hot springs that are testimony of the secondary volcanic activity of the near Vesuvio volcano. The conference will last all the third week of September and will be focused on the results of 2004 Mars Exploration campaign and implication for future planning.

ASI intends to offer to the international community, involved in the on going Martian missions, the occasion for an extensive presentation of the first results, but also the possibility of a round table confrontation of ideas and perspective for the next future of the scientific exploration of Mars.
DEADLINES

Registration Deadline September 10th, 2004

Hotels Reservation Deadline August 9th, 2004

For all the Hotels the deadline of cancellation without penalty will be until September 11th, 2004. From September 12th, 2004, penalty of 100%.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Sunday 19th
14.00 – 18.00 Registration
19.00 – 20.00 Welcome Cocktail and Introductory Invited talk: G. Lee “The Exploration of Mars: Past, Present, and Future”

Monday 20th

Session 1
Chairman: S. Di Pippo
9.00 – 9.20 ASI Welcome
9.20 – 10.15 Agencies Perspectives (15mn/agency)
   1) ASI S. Di Pippo
   2) ESA M. Coradini
   3) NASA O. Figueroa
   4) Discussion (10mn)
10:15-11:15 MER Project (30mn/talk)
   • R.A. Cook: Mars Exploration Rover Project
   • R. M. Manning: Entry descent and Landing Lessons
11:15-12:15 MEX Project (30mn/talk)
   • M. Coradini: 1st mission: a success
   • C. McCarthy: Mars Express mission Objectives
   • R. Pischel: Targeting images on Mars: Mars Express science planning and operations and their accuracy
12.15- 13.00 Movies Projection

Lunch Break (2 hours)

Session 2
Chairman: M. Coradini

15.00-18.00 Results from Remote Sensing Observations (30mn/talk)
- **J.L. Bertaux**: SPICAM on Mars Express: an overview of UV and near IR results
- **V. Formisano**: PFS Observation of methane Formaldehyde and HS: Extant Life on Mars?
- **R. Politi**: Altered Olivine as Water Marker: Application to Omega Spectra
- **S. Barabash**: Observations of the solar wind-Mars interaction from ASPERA-3
- **W. Boynton**: Spatial and Depth Distribution of Hydrogen in Mars Polar Regions

18.00 – 19.00 Poster Session

19.00 – 20.00 Light Buffet and

**Speech**: G. Bignami (ESA SSAC Chair): “Life and planets, myths and science”

**Tuesday 21st**

**Session 2**
9.00 9.30 Results from Remote Sensing Observations (30mn/talk)
- **J.P. Bibring**: OMEGA/Mars Express: a summary of results to date

**Session 3**
Chairman: G. Ori
9.30 – 12.00 Results from In Situ Analysis (30mn/talk)
- **J.A. Grant**: Geology of the Columbia Memorial Station and nearby Columbia Hills, Gusev Crater, Mars
- **L. Ritcher**: Rock and Soil Physical Properties at MER Gusev Crater and Meridiani Planum Landing Site
- **C.M. Weitz**: Results from the Opportunity Rover at Meridiani Planum, Mars
- **S.F. Hviid**: Results of the Magnetic Properties Experiment on the Mars Exploration Rovers
- **T.L. Roush**: Automated Recognition of Geology Significant Shapes in MER PANCAM and MI Images

12.00-13.00 **Keynote Speech (1 hour)**: S. Hubbard

**Lunch Break (2 hours)**

**Session 4**
Chairman: R. Pellinen
15.00-18.00 Results from Interdisciplinary Sciences (30mn/talk)
• **T.E. Zegers**: Regional Geological Context of the Gusev Crater: 3.9 Ga of Martian History
• **K.L. Tanaka**: Are the Martian Polar Layered Deposits Ice Poor?
• **J. Nussbaumer**: Sedimentation in Meridiani Terrae, Mars, owing to Magma-Ice interaction when Tharsis Arose?
• **G.G. Ori**: Fluvio-Lacustrine Environments on Mars: New Evidence from HRSC Images
• **N.T. Bridges**: Aeolian Abrasion, a dominant Weathering Agent in Martian Environment
• **T. G. Farr**: An Atlas of Mars Analogs

**Wednesday 22nd**  
**Session 5**  
Chairman: E. Flamini  
9.00-10.15 Results from In Situ Analysis (25mn/talk)  
- **G.E. Reeves**: The Spirit anomaly  
- **J. Bell**: Pancam Multispectral Imaging Results at the Mars Exploration Rover Landing Site  
- **D. Smyth**: Data Management For Mars Exploration Rovers

**Session 6**  
Chairman: D. Southwood  
10.15-12.30 Results from Remote Sensing Observations  
- **D.A. Williams**: Erosion by flowing Lava: New Insight from Computer Modeling Constrained by Mars Express and MER Data (15mn)

**HRSC (45mn)**  
- **J. Lanz**: Investigation of the Morphologic and Topography of Outflow Channel Source Regions Using HRSC (Stereo) Data From The European Mars Express  
- **N.M. Hoekzema**: On Optical Depth and Surface Topography  
- **P.C. Pinet**: Orbital Imaging Photometry and Surface Geologic Processes at Mars

**PFS (30 mn)**  
- **F. De Carlo**: An approach to the interpretation of LW PFS data  
- **G.A. Marzo**: Statistical interpretation of PFS spectral data

**ASPERA (45 mn)**  
- **A. Fedorov**: Ion Outgoing Flow Observed by IMA (ASPERA-3) Mass-Spectrometer  
- **A.J. Coates**: Electron Observations from Mars Express ASPERA-ELS  
- **Y. Soobiah**: Observations of Magnetic Anomaly Signatures in Mars Express ASPERA-ELS Data

12.00-13.00 **Invited Talk (1 hour)**: S. Di Pippo/W. Huntress  
“Mars: The Next Giant Leap for Mankind”
Lunch Break (1 hour)

14.00-14.30  Keynote Speech (1/2 hour): S. Atreya: Methane on Mars – Sources, Sinks, and Implications for Life

Session 7
Chairman: tbd

14.30-17.00  Expectation from Remote Sensing Planned Activities (25mn/talk)
- G. Picardi: Mars Advanced Radar for Subsurface Ionosphere Sounding: MARSIS
- J.E. Graf: The Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter Mission
- R. Zurek: Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) Scientific Objectives
- R. Seu: Sharad Radar Sounder for the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter Mission
- A McEwen: MRO’s High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HIRISE)
- J.M Dohm: Significant Geologic, Hydrologic, and Possible astrobiologic information awaits discovery at prime localities in and surrounding Tharsis through upcoming science –driven missions

17.00    Visit to VILLA ARBUSTI

Thursday 23rd  Round Table on the future of the Mars Exploration
9.30 – 13.00  Chairman: R. Bonnet
- J. Garvin-D. McCleese: What Path now for Mars Exploration? (20mn)
  Round table (5mn/talk):
- V. Mordovskaya: Magnetic Puzzle of Martian System
- J. Blamont: Increasing mobility in the exploration of Mars
- A. Berinseain: A Status Report on the Canadian Space Agency’s Planetary Exploration Program
- H. Hayakawa: Japanese Mars Exploration
- B.H. Foing: Synergies and Roadmap for Moon-Mars Exploration
- M.A. Perino: Future European Mars Exploration Missions

13.00    Closure of the Conference

Field Trip

The Field Trip programme is planned from Thursday 23rd, late afternoon, to Saturday 25th.
OBJECTIVES OF THE FIELD TRIP


SCHEDULE

- **Thursday 23rd**: late afternoon: pick up of the participants to Stazione Marittima, (Naples) and transfer to the hotel in Castellammare di Stabia;
- **Friday 24th**: Excursion on the Vesuvio Volcano and neighbouring areas; visit to Pompei, return by bus to the hotel;
- **Saturday 25th**: Excursion to Campi Flegrei and return by bus to the hotel;
- **Sunday 26th**: early morning: bus transfer to the Airport of Naples and Rome-Fiumicino.

POSTERS

Please remember that the dimensions of the Posters should be 100 centimeters length and 70 centimeters width.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The International Mars Conference will be held in Ischia Island at the Hotel Regina Isabella Conference Center ([http://www.reginaisabella.it](http://www.reginaisabella.it)). The Conference Center is located just on the other side of the small square that is in front of Regina Isabella Hotel.

The web site of Ischia Island is [www.ischiaonline.it](http://www.ischiaonline.it)

A block of rooms has been reserved at Regina Isabella Hotel with special rates for the participants and in other hotels nearby (see the Accommodation section). The Organization will provide, every day, starting from Sunday 19th, 2004, a shuttle service from the Hotels to the site of the conference and vice-versa. All the participants who are staying in the suggested hotels should ask at the reception about the timetable of the shuttle service provided by the Organization of the Conference.

Registration
In order to be registered you have to complete the registration form and make the payment of the fee according to the proper deadlines. The late registration on-site will be possible with an extra charge of 30 Euros.

For Registration, please fill the form, here attached, and sent it, by mail or fax to:

**MACATUR EVENTI**
Mrs. Carughi Anna or Mrs. Cantone Francesca
e-mail: meeting@macatur.it - Fax 0039 081 983212 (tel.:+39. 081 993793)

**PAYMENT OF THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE**

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The first ten students registered will not pay the registration fee.

The registration fee can be paid as follows:

- Bank wire transfer: Make it payable to:
  - Agenzia Spaziale Italiana
  - Bank: BANCA NAZIONALE DEL LAVORO
  - Bank coordinates: IBAN IT 18 F010 0503 3820 0000 0218 130
  - c/o 6382 ROMA CENTRO TESORERIA
  - SWIFT BIC: B N L I I T R R

Please state payment reason and your name when you request the bank transfer at your bank.

If sending funds by bank transfer, you are required to fax a copy of the transaction to Italian Space Agency – Att. Paola Gentilini – fax n. +39.06.8416265

For payment of the registration fee by Credit card (only VISA and MASTERCARD) please fill the form in the last page and send it to Agenzia Spaziale Italiana as indicated in the form.

In case of cancellation there will be limited refund (70% of the registration fee) if you notify us before September 10th.

Please remember that on site it will be possible to pay the fee only cash.

**Hotel Accommodation**
For hotel reservation fill the proper form and send it, by mail or fax to:
List of selected Hotels

Hotel Regina Isabella – site of the conference - *****L (allotment of 95 rooms)
Hotel Jolly delle Terme - **** (allotment of 50 rooms) (5 km from the site of the conference)
Hotel San Montano - ***** (allotment of 15 rooms) (walking distance from the site of the conference)
Hotel Miramare e Castello - ***** (allotment of 15 rooms) (5 km from the site of the conference)
Hotel Carlo Magno - **** (allotment of 20 rooms) (about 5 km from the site of the conference)
Hotel Italia - **** (allotment of 20 rooms) (3 km from the site of the conference)
Hotel Hermitage e/o Hotel Regina Palace - **** (allotment of 30 rooms) (5 km from the site of the Conference).

A shuttle service will be provided to and from the Regina Isabella Conference Center twice a day.

For all the Hotels in the list, the deadline without penalty will be September 11th, 2004.
From September 12th, 2004, penalty of 100%.

List of selected Hotels with special rates

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LOGISTIC INFORMATION
How to reach Ischia Island

Connections

By Air

Ischia is connected with the City of Naples by hydrofoil or ferry. Therefore, the best way to get to Ischia is to fly to Naples. Naples airport is reached directly by national and international airlines. From Naples airport you can easily reach Molo Beverello (one of the ports in Naples connected to Ischia) by bus (frequency: every 30 minutes; price: about 3 US $) or taxi (price is about 20 US $).

By Train

Alternatively, if your flight has Rome as final destination, you can take a train to Naples. Trains between Naples and Rome are very frequent (two or three trains, including one intercity per hour). Naples main railway stations, Napoli Centrale, Napoli P.za Garibaldi station (note these two are very close: a couple of minutes walking) and Napoli Mergellina Station, can be easily reached in two hours (by intercity train) from Roma Termini station. Note that Mergellina railway station is very close (150 mt) to Mergellina port which is connected to Ischia by hydrofoil (see below).

From Napoli P.za Garibaldi railway station you can reach Mergellina railway station (and then Mergellina port) by metropolitain train (price: about 1 US $) or Molo Beverello by bus (price: about 1 US $) or taxi (price: about 10 US $).

By Cars

Transportations of cars to Ischia can be made by ferry from Molo Beverello or from Pozzuoli port (see below). Coming from Rome (A2), from Bari (A16), from Salerno (A30).

First Way

Follow the indications for “Tangenziale”, direction Pozzuoli and take the exit via Campana (exit n.12). Continue following the indications for the Port of Pozzuoli. It’s important to remember that the reservation is necessary for the car embarkment. Please remember to call MEDMAR or TRAGHETTI POZZUOLI (see the telephone numbers below) for reservation, giving the type of the car. Go to the ticket office not later than 45’ before the departure. After this term the reservation expires and, if there is not availability on the boat, your car cannot be embarked and you will lose the reservation without reimbursement. For a new embark you must buy a new ticket.
Second Way

Follow the directions for Port Molo Beverello: The Molo Beverello is situated close to Maschio Angioino Castle.
It’s important to remember that the reservation is necessary for the car embarkment. Please remember to call one of the companies for reservation, giving the type of the car. Go to the ticket office not later than 45’ before the departure. After this term the reservation expires and, if there is not availability on the boat, your car cannot be embarked and you will lose the reservation without reimbursement. For a new embark you must buy a new ticket.

For leaving the car in Naples near the Port Molo Beverello, refer to Maritime station (pear 8), for parking by payment (tel.: 081.5519588) or near the Port Mergellina - Garage S.NAZZARO by payment (tel. 081.681437)

Ports in Ischia
The connections by hydrofoil or ferry between Ischia and the main land are regular, fast and frequent, thanks to an efficient service of sea transportations ensured by different navigation companies (Caremar, SNAV, Alilauro, Medmar).

Two ports in Ischia are served: Ischia porto and Casamicciola. The port closest to the Conference site is Casamicciola Terme.

Prices and Durations of the courses

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Timetables
Timetables differ depending on the season. Very frequent connections are scheduled in summer.

Here below you can find the web site of the companies that you can consult for an adjourned timetable (please consider that “Orari” in Italian means “Timetable”.

www.caremar.it - Call Center: 199123199
www.alilauro.it - Booking Center: +39.081.7611004
www.snav.it - Call Center: +39.081.4285555
www.medmargroup.it - Booking Center: +39.081.5513353
Traghetti Pozzuoli - Call Center: +39.081.5513352
**Naples and Pozzuoli ports**

Naples (**Mergellina port** and **Molo Beverello**) and **Pozzuoli** are the two main land centres closest to the islands of the gulf.

**Molo Beverello** is the biggest port of Naples; ferries and hydrofoils of **Caremar** and **Lauro** ensures connections to Ischia main port. Connections with Naples airport and central railway station are ensured by bus and taxi.

**Mergellina port** is the second port of Naples; connections to Ischia islands are by hydrofoil only (passengers only on board). Frequent connections to Ischia main port (**Lauro**) and to Casamicciola port (**SNAV**). Connections with Naples airport and central railway station are ensured by bus and taxi. Mergellina railway station is also very close (150mt): a frequent railway metropolitan service connects central and Mergellina railway stations.

**Pozzuoli port** is located on the north of Naples and is well connected to Naples by highway (the railway metropolitan service also connects Pozzuoli railway station with Naples central station). Pozzuoli port ensures transportations by ferries to Ischia main port and Casamicciola port. Its geographic position (closest to Ischia) makes the transportation to the island more convenient (for the costs and the duration) for all people who want to bring a car to the island.

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For Registration please see next page

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ISCHIA - ITALY

For payment of the registration fee please see next page
REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD
(ONLY VISA AND MASTERCARD ARE ACCEPTED)

Please remember that on site it will be possible to pay only cash

**Registration fee payment**

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

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Full Name on your card: ________________________________________________________________

Credit card number: ___________________________ Expiration date: ________________

Date of birth of the holder of the card ____________________________

Passport n. ___________________________ Expiration date: __________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date __________________________

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