Welcome to Trieste



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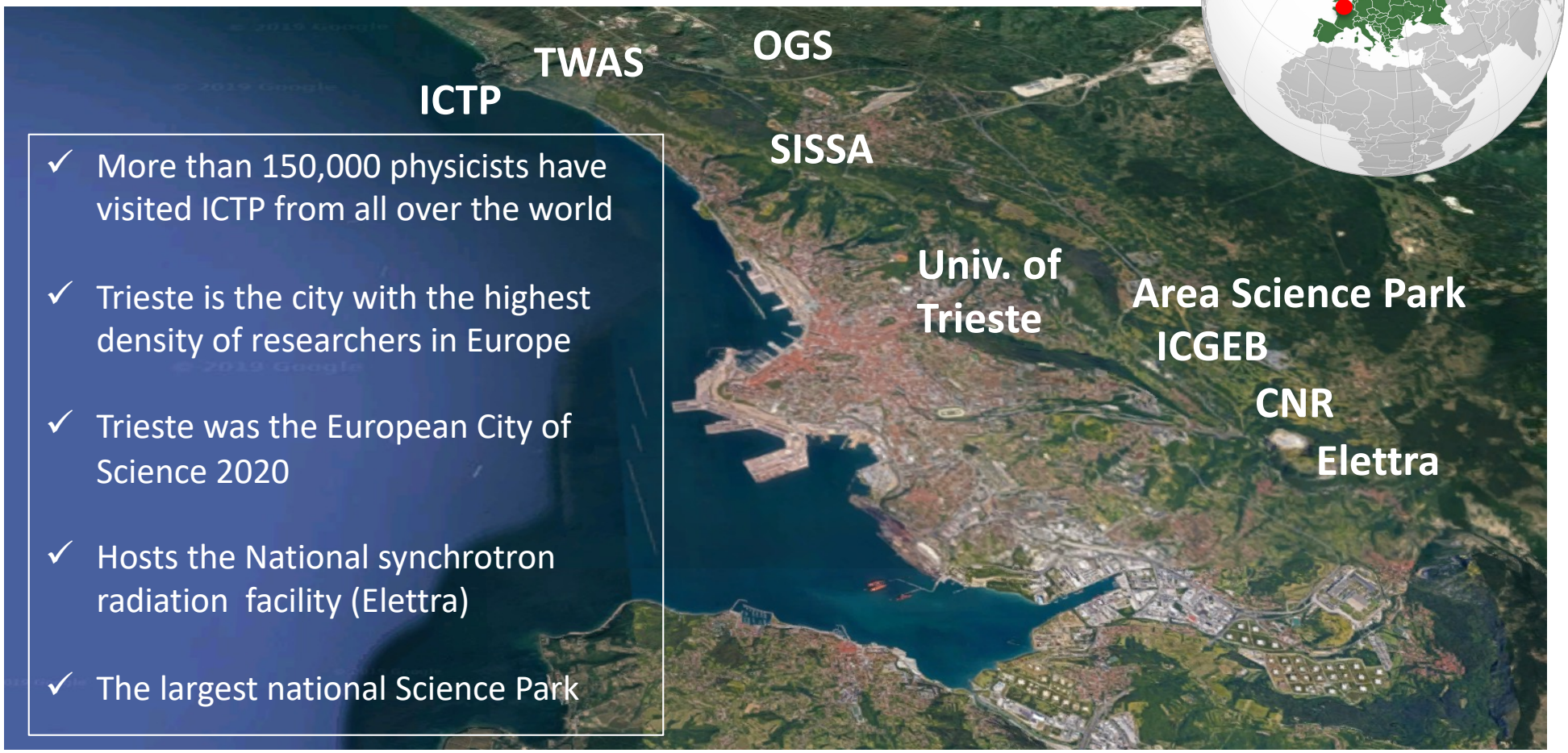
(IUPAP Secretary General for Administrative Affairs, FIT President until the end of 2025)

FONDAZIONE INTERNAZIONALE TRIESTE

per il Progresso e la Libertà delle Scienze

The “Trieste Science System”





- ✓ More than 150,000 physicists have visited ICTP from all over the world
- ✓ Trieste is the city with the highest density of researchers in Europe
- ✓ Trieste was the European City of Science 2020
- ✓ Hosts the National synchrotron radiation facility (Elettra)
- ✓ The largest national Science Park

The Trieste International Foundation for the Progress and Freedom of Science (FIT)

- Created in 1980 by Abdus Salam and Paolo Budinich to promote and support the development, freedom and dissemination of science, and its peaceful applications.
- FIT is a private-law entity regulated by statute and bylaws. Its legal status is recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education (with *no restriction on any country*).
- FIT members: most Trieste-based scientific institutions, including ICTP, SISSA, TWAS, University of Trieste, University of Udine, OGS, the "Elettra" synchrotron radiation facility.
- FIT has organized ESOF2020, Trieste European City of Science, and is actually in charge of a Laboratory on quantitative sustainability (TLQS).
- **FIT has signed on 2021 a MoU with IUPAP, extended up to 2026 for its administrative secretariat.**

The location



In 2024 the IUPAP headquarters **moved its administrative offices** at the original location: *the first floor of SottoStazione Elettrica (SSE) building of Trieste* ***Porto Vecchio.***

IUPAP events held in Trieste:
2021: General Assembly
2022: IUPAP Centenary (with EC&CC and GA)



IUPAP team in Trieste

Stefano Fantoni *Secretary General for Admin Affairs*

Sandro Scandolo *Deputy Secretary General*

Gabriella Marra *IUPAP Secretary*



Ariella Kranjec *FIT Secretary*



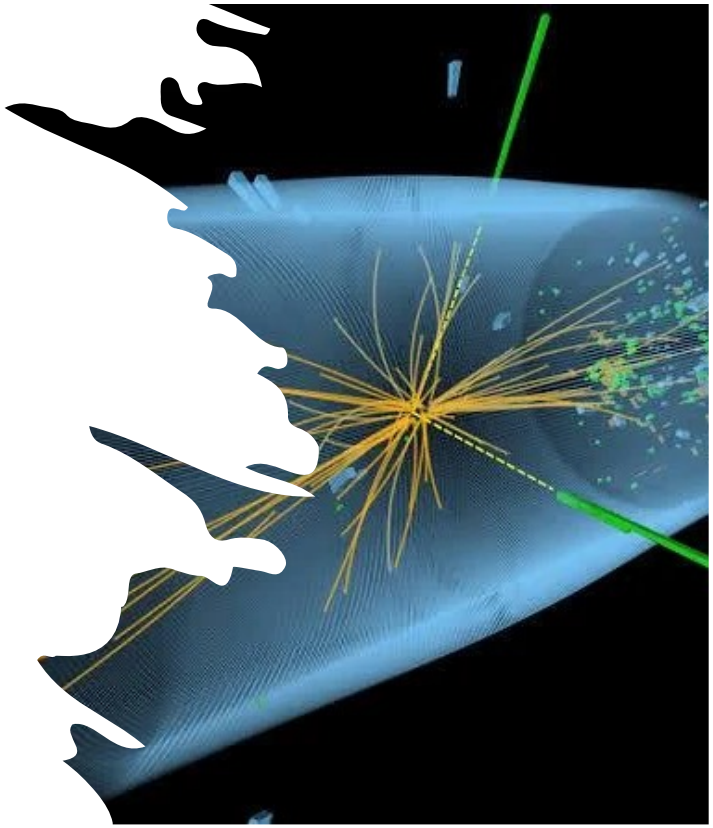
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FIT new President

- Professor Marina Cobal, an eminent high-energy experimental physicist and a leader in the discovery of the Higgs boson and the top quark is the new President of FIT









Main activities

- Operational coordination: drafting minutes and supporting the preparation of general assemblies and periodic meetings of the governing bodies (approximately 15);
- Administrative and financial collaboration with the Geneva headquarters: supporting accounting procedures and financial interactions between the Secretariat, member countries, and external institutions, ensuring a smooth flow of information and paperwork (55 members, 250 people including commission members, working groups, and the Executive Committee, external bodies where IUPAP is represented, and other bodies);
- International communication: updating the IUPAP website and information channels, disseminating news, promoting events and conferences, and supporting the visibility of scientific activities (Sandro Scandolo with the help of Francesca Zavino);
- Conference support: assisting in the selection, financing, and management of the international conferences sponsored by the Union (about 40);
- Membership and awards management; updating member records, managing applications, and supporting the assignment of scientific awards – (20 awards).



International Year of Quantum Science and Technology (IYQ2025)

- A public event organized by FIT and ICTP on May 30, 2025, for IYQ2025

Quantum Dreams



Workshop organized by FIT and ICTP on how scientists, interpreneurs, venture capitalists and policy makers see the future of quantum Technologies

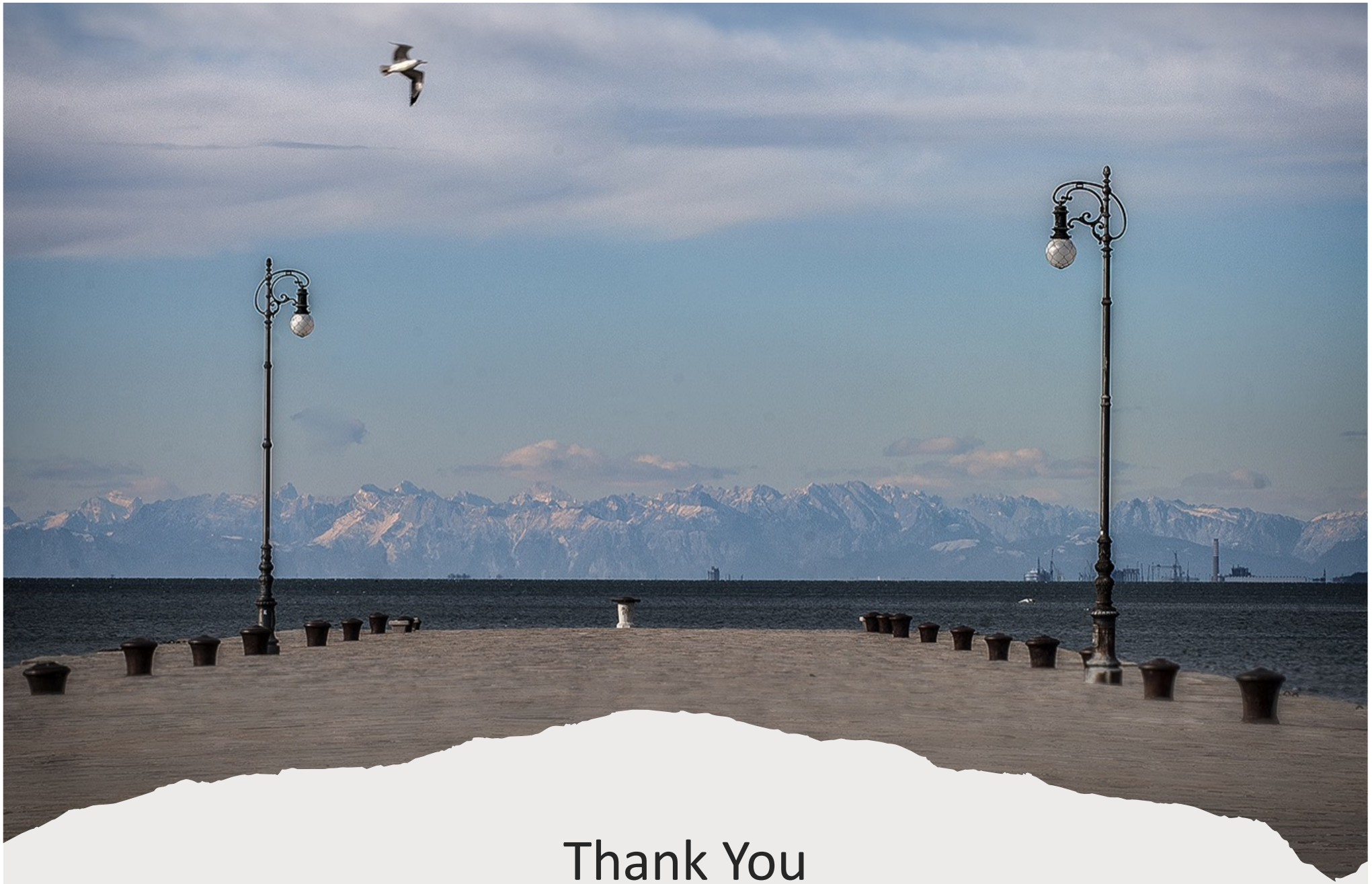
Seasonal School on **Quantum Science and Technology** on May 04-15, 2026 for early career researchers in San Miniato (PI)





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Intelligent Machines and Human Brains Compared



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