

## Themes of the conference

The general scope of the conference is the discussion of the state-of-the-art in X-ray Absorption Fine Structure (XAFS) and related techniques.

This 14<sup>th</sup> XAFS conference will be articulated in plenary sessions, symposia and parallel sessions on various topics as mentioned in the previous announcement and on the official website. Symposia on ultrafast spectroscopy, next generation x-ray sources, and advances in XAS theory, will be organized thanks to the sponsorship of the European Science Foundation (Dyna network) and of the EU funded Light Source Theory Network (LighTneT). Special sessions will be devoted to catalysis and energy science and to the complementarity of XAS and diffraction.

The preliminary list of speakers already includes distinguished scientists like *S. Billinge, K. Hodgson, L. Young, P. Wernet, E. Shirley, P. Kruger, H. Ebert, R.W. Lee, R. Falcone, D. Bowron, M. Ridgway, Y. Iwasawa, K. Ameniya, U. Bergmann, R. Wogelius, J. P. Itié, M. Chergui, K. Baberschke, A. Manceau, D. D. Sarma* and many others.

## Call for papers

Scientists are invited to submit abstracts for their contributed or invited oral and poster presentations within the deadline (15 March 2009) as indicated on the conference website.

**Registration and abstract submission will be possible on-line only.** Oral communications will be selected by our program committee taking into account the novelty and importance of the contribution.

Manuscripts of the accepted contributions have to be submitted prior to the conference opening (30 June 2009). The proceedings will be published on *Journal of Physics: Conference Series* (Institute of Physics) and they will be freely available on-line.



## Conference location and general information

Camerino is an historical town, known and respected since Roman times, which became important especially during the middle-age. The "Da Varano" Ducal palace was one of the most sumptuous in Italy at the time, and in 1336 the University, one of the oldest in Italy, was founded.

Now Camerino hosts a well-organized University campus, with an established international reputation and good infrastructures, located in a beautiful natural environment.

Camerino is conveniently located in hilly surroundings, near both to spectacular Appennini mountains and to the pleasant Adriatic coast. It can be reached by using regular train/bus connections from Ancona Falconara "Raffaello Sanzio" (80 km) and Roma Fiumicino "Leonardo da Vinci" (200 km) airports.

### Practical suggestions for participants:

Attendees who are not planning to rent a car at the airport are strongly encouraged to book seats on our direct pick-up buses from Roma Fiumicino or Ancona airports (available only on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009). Those airports are connected to most European and international locations by direct flights.

Attendees are also invited to book on-line our comfortable single and double rooms in the University Colleges with convenient access to the Conference. In fact, there are many nice hotels and B&B in a range of 10 km around Camerino, but a rented car is needed if such accommodation outside of the Camerino historical center is booked.

For those traveling on their own we recommend to check carefully the timetables of the trains and buses. A taxi service can be arranged at reduced price from the nearby train stations (Fabriano, Foligno and Castelraimondo), provided that this service is requested and booked in advance.



A list of accommodations at reasonable price will be anyway available on the conference website.

Lunches and dinners for attendees will be served in the University cafeteria. Of course, many good restaurants, pubs and bars are also available in the area and in the countryside which is well-known for its genuine and good food.

## Conference details and registration

You can still subscribe to the XAFS14 newsletter ([www.xafs14.it](http://www.xafs14.it)) and/or apply for membership of the International X-ray Absorption Society ([www.i-x-s.org](http://www.i-x-s.org)) for updated information about the conference, accommodation and more.

**On-line registration will be possible starting on 15 February 2009.** The on-line registration form will allow a step-by-step process through the deadlines for abstract submission, booking of accommodation and transportation and final registration to the conference, for all attendees.

The registration fee, including lunches and dinners at the university cafeteria during the conference, is:

- 400 € per senior participant (500 € after 15 May 2009).
- 250 € per post-doc or student participant (350 € after 15 May 2009).
- 120 € per student participant - *this option only if his/her tutor is also registered as a senior participant and limited to one student per tutor* - (200 € after 15 May 2009)

Payments for the various services including accommodation, bus transportation, social events, and donations to IXAS will be possible at the end of the registration process.

Updated detailed information at [www.xafs14.it](http://www.xafs14.it).



### Important dates and deadlines

Conference will start on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July and will end on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July (2009).

- **December 2008: call for papers.**
- **15 March 2009: abstract submission.**
- **1 May 2009: author notification.**
- **15 May 2009: early registration deadline.**
- **15 June 2009: end of on-line registration.**
- **30 June 2009: accepted manuscripts submission.**

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## XAFS 14 Conference Camerino – ITALY July 26-31, 2009

Official conference web site: [www.xafs14.it](http://www.xafs14.it)

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