

Local Information for the GREAT-ESF workshop

Gaia and the Unseen The Brown Dwarf Question

at Torino University on March 24-25-26 2014

Webpage: <http://GaiaBDs.oato.inaf.it/>

Following the successful launch and progress of Gaia we anticipate a lively and fruitful meeting. As a registered attendee this email is to provide some information to aid you in your stay at Torino.

Meeting Program

On the web-page you will see we have updated the meeting program. You will see the Tuesday and Wednesday mornings both have two parallel sessions. To optimize organisation, once the registration is closed on February 20th, we will be sending you a link to an online form where we request you to indicate which of the parallel sessions you expect to attend. In addition we will provide information on the conference social dinner planned for the Tuesday night.

Poster Prizes

All poster presentations were accepted and for those of you presenting a poster there will be a prize that best combine aesthetic, educational, didactic and scientific content. When preparing the poster keep in mind that the judges may not be Brown Dwarf and/or Gaia experts. For those who have not registered a poster there is still time to submit an abstract.

Transportation airport to downtown

There is a frequent bus service for 5-8Euro from Torino airport to downtown near to where the meeting is being held by Terravision (www.terravision.eu) and SADEM (www.sadem.it). They take slightly different routes so check on their web-site before travel to see which is best for your hotel.

If you prefer to take a taxi we have arranged a convention with the CTA company (www.cta-to.com) where they will charge 35 Euros per taxi from the airport to the Hotel. You only need to send your details (Name, number of travellers, number of bags, arrival time and flight) to the email cta@cta-to.com, they will have a car waiting. The desk is the first kiosk on the right after customs. Price wise this is the same as a standard taxi fare, however if more than one person is arriving at the same time they will organize

to put you in the same taxi and you can split the cost. You should request the GaiaBDs convention. Those arriving at Milan Malpensa there is a direct bus to Porta Susa, Torino (<http://www.sadem.it/media/5191/000020.pdf>).

Hotel Accommodation

We have arranged slightly discounted rates at the below 3 star hotels which are all within walking distance to the meeting location. Please email them and request the GaiaBDs convention to obtain a quote.

Hotel Amadeus: info@hotelamadeustorino.com 65-84/night

Hotels des Artistes: info@desartisteshotel.it 67-80/night

Hotel Alpi Resort: reservation@hotelalpiresort.it 75,00/night

IPERCOOL Meeting

Correlated with the meeting, on Thursday 27th March, there is being organised a one day meeting on the EU FP7 program IPERCOOL (Interpretation and Parameterization of Extremely Red COOL dwarfs, <http://ipercool.oato.inaf.it/>). This is a 4 year staff exchange program between 4 institutes (INAF - Italy, University of Hertfordshire - England, Observatório Nacional - Brazil and Shanghai Astronomical Observatory - China) that is in the last year. The day will consist mainly of more general brown dwarf science presentations (e.g. not directly related to the Gaia + BDs issue) with results from IPERCOOL and will be open to all interested parties. A link to a schedule will be circulated soon.

The LOC.