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COSPAR **CALL FOR** **ABSTRACTS**

46TH SCIENTIFIC ASSEMBLY
AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS
AUGUST 1-9, 2026
FLORENCE, TUSCANY, ITALY

INVITATION

It is our great pleasure and honor to invite you all to the 46th COSPAR Scientific Assembly to be hosted in Florence, Italy, 1-9 August 2026.

Your ideas, expertise, and experiences, shared among us, will contribute to reshaping the future of space science beyond imagination and stimulate the development of the next generation of space professionals and students across all regions in this rapidly rising new space age. Italy's talented and passionate space scientists and engineers, with their rapidly elevated profile and the world's leading advanced industries at their disposal, will also share our proven capabilities and versatile approaches in channeling academia and industry, within developed and underdeveloped nations.

The COSPAR 2026 LOC and SPC, with the support of the Ministry of Science and ICT, the Italian National Committee for COSPAR, the Italian Astrophysics and Space Science institutes, the Italian Space Science societies and many private companies, are committed to offering the best and most effective platform where all participants can be inspired and enlightened in every way. In addition, Florence is a superlative destination, boasting state-of-the-art conference facilities, the finest accommodations, and world-class city infrastructure. All participants will have a series of superb and pleasant experiences and opportunities to appreciate Florence's rich architectural, cultural, and urban legacies in and around the Assembly.



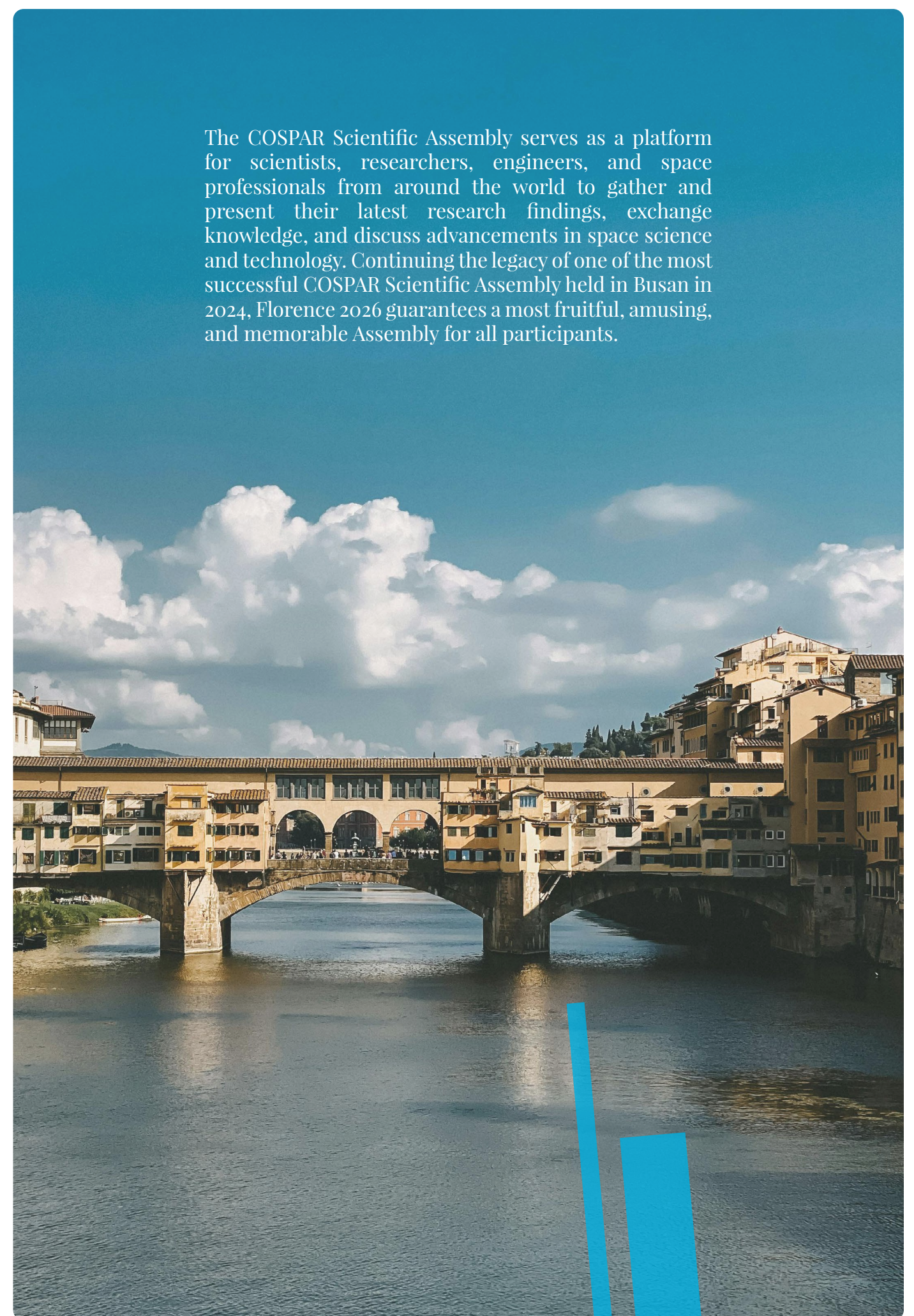
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We eagerly await the pleasure of welcoming all of you to Florence.

The COSPAR Scientific Assembly serves as a platform for scientists, researchers, engineers, and space professionals from around the world to gather and present their latest research findings, exchange knowledge, and discuss advancements in space science and technology. Continuing the legacy of one of the most successful COSPAR Scientific Assembly held in Busan in 2024, Florence 2026 guarantees a most fruitful, amusing, and memorable Assembly for all participants.



KEY FEATURES

The key features of COSPAR 2026 will include:

1. Assembly program: the 46th COSPAR Scientific Assembly will convene with new features, including shorter daily schedules and an increased number of rooms compared to the past meetings. These changes will allow attendees to avoid very early-morning and/or late-evening presentations and reduce the number of events scheduled at the very beginning or end of each day. In addition, to reinforce the commitment to our motto “Sustainable Space Research for the Planet”, all cross-sectoral events — including interdisciplinary lectures, panel discussions, and poster sessions — are scheduled to foster dialogue on the responsible use of space for the benefit of Earth and humanity.

2. Social events & networking: COSPAR 2026 will provide numerous networking opportunities for attendees to interact with fellow researchers, scientists, industry professionals, and representatives from space organizations. The social and special events, such as welcome reception, young researchers’ networking evening, Lockheed Martin Reception and discussion, closing reception will elevate networking as well as accelerate building professional relationships.

Italy’s space sector continues to play a vital role on the global stage, driven by a commitment to innovation, international cooperation, and sustainable development. With its strong scientific institutions and a forward-looking space agenda, Italy provides a fitting backdrop for an Assembly focused on securing an exciting future through space research.

We also welcome new startups, the space industry, space stakeholders and academic organizations to join us as sponsors or exhibitors. COSPAR 2026 offers a unique opportunity to showcase your commitment to innovative space technology, science and exploration endeavors, connect with a global audience, and support meaningful international collaboration in this vital field.

On behalf of the Organizing Committees, we encourage all potential attendees, presenters, sponsors, and exhibitors to become involved in COSPAR 2026, which is sure to be a week of exciting exchanges about groundbreaking research, meaningful dialogue, memorable experiences, and much scientific networking.

We look forward to receiving your abstract for the 46th Scientific Assembly as we chart together a sustainable path for the future of space research and our planet.



PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

TIME	1 AUG	SATURDAY	2 AUG	SUNDAY	3 AUG	MONDAY	4 AUG	TUESDAY	5 AUG	WEDNESDAY	6 AUG	THURSDAY	7 AUG	FRIDAY	8 AUG	SATURDAY	TIME
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FEES

	EARLY BIRD	REGULAR	LATE & ON SITE
DELEGATE	€ 780	€ 890	€ 990
EARLY CAREER	€480	€ 540	€ 600
RETIREE	€ 370	€ 440	€ 510
STUDENT	€ 240	€ 290	€ 340
	UNTIL MAY 17, 2026	MAY 18 - JULY 15, 2026	FROM JULY 16, 2026

2025 November 8
Abstract submission opens

2025 November 17
Early bird registration opens

2026 February 13
Abstract submission closes

2026 April 13
Notification of acceptance

2026 May 17
Early bird registration closes

2026 July 15
Regular registration and payment
by bank transfer closes

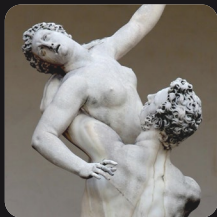
2026 July 28
Online registration closes

2026 August 1-9
On site registration

CALENDAR

FLORENCE

Florence, the capital of Tuscany, is a vibrant city renowned for its rich blend of culture, art, science, and industry. Strategically located, it offers both historical charm and modern accessibility. With its historical sites and monuments, along with several unique museums like the Uffizi, Florence is one of the most visited cities in the world. The city has a profound scientific legacy, notably linked to Galileo Galilei; Florence is a hub for advanced research through – to mention a few – the Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory of the National Institute for Astrophysics (INAF), the University of Florence, the local section and the Galileo Galilei Institute of the National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN), the National Research Council (CNR) that maintains multiple institutes here. This research environment is further bolstered by high-tech firms like Leonardo S.p.A., fostering innovation through academia-industry collaboration.





CONGRESS VENUE

The 46th COSPAR Scientific Assembly will be held in the Fortezza da Basso venue. A unique location in the world – a 16th century Medicean fortress in the heart of Florence, combining Renaissance architecture masterpieces and state-of-the-art technologies. A complex of century-old and contemporary buildings, featuring different sizes and characteristics, where you can organise events and exhibitions without leaving anything to chance.

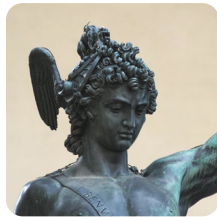


ACCOMODATION

75% of Hotels within walking distance from the Congress Citadel within 1 kilometer

Great offer of 3-4* hotels

+200 properties located in the Historical City Centre



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PROPERTIES	20	113	145	68	39
BEDROOMS	1.216	8.034	4.059	1.062	400

FLORENCE, EASILY REACHABLE FROM ALL AROUND EU!



Florence Airport has **direct flight connections** with all the major European hubs.

Moreover, Florence is strategically located at only 30 mins by train from Bologna and 50 mins from Pisa. This district of 3 international Airports guarantees a good level of international accessibility.

Rome

Direct Flights from/to all over the world
90 mins journey from/to Florence by direct train
Every 30 mins a high-speed train to/from Florence

Milan

Direct Flights from/to all over the world
105 mins journey from/to Florence
40 mins from Milan to Malpensa Airport
Every 30 mins a high-speed train to/from Florence



VISA

Depending on their citizenship, delegates may need to obtain a visa before coming to Italy. It is the delegate's responsibility to investigate the visa requirements for Italy and to apply for a visa, if necessary.

For detailed information and to check your status, visit the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

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