



## COSPAR 2026 – Destination Florence: Your Logistics and Venue Guide

Dear Colleague,

As preparations for the **46th COSPAR Scientific Assembly (1–9 August 2026)** accelerate, it is time to start planning your journey to the heart of Tuscany. Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance, is ready to welcome the international space community.

In this edition of our newsletter, we provide all the essential information to help you organize your arrival and to make your way to the congress venue.

### **! IMPORTANT: Early Bird Deadline**

Don't forget to register early to take advantage of the reduced rates! The deadline for **Early Bird Registration is 18 May 2026**. Make sure to secure your spot.

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## The Venue: Fortezza da Basso

COSPAR 2026 will be hosted at the **Fortezza da Basso**, a 16th-century masterpiece of military architecture transformed into a world-class convention center. Located in the city center, the Fortezza offers spacious pavilions and state-of-the-art exhibition areas.

- **Strategic Location:** The venue is just a short walk (5 minutes) from the main railway station (Santa Maria Novella) and Florence's most iconic landmarks.

- **Networking and Atmosphere:** Grand outdoor spaces and historic halls will provide a unique backdrop for networking and collaboration, not to mention the presentation of your scientific results.

👉 Explore the venue details: <https://cospar2026.org/congress-venue/>



## Getting to Florence

Florence is a central hub in the Italian transport network and is easily accessible:

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2. **By Train:** Firenze Santa Maria Novella (SMN) station is served by high-speed trains connecting Florence to Rome (1h 30m), Milan (1h 50m), and Venice (2h). The Fortezza da Basso is only a 5-minute walk from the station exit.

👉 Detailed travel information: <https://cospar2026.org/howtoget/>

For more information, visit our [Instagram account](#) to find out more about how to get to Florence!



## Why Participate?

Beyond scientific excellence, COSPAR 2026 in Florence offers a unique cultural experience. The streamlined logistics and the venue's proximity to the historic center will allow you to explore the city's treasures effortlessly.

Researchers at all career stages, including **early-career scientists and students**, are strongly encouraged to enjoy all that the Scientific Assembly and to actively participate in the sessions.

**Stay Connected:** Follow the official COSPAR 2026 social media channels on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for real-time updates on transport, accommodation deals, and travel tips.

We look forward to seeing you in Florence!

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