

Session Program

15-18 Sept 2026

**XLVI National Congress of the Italian Society
for the History of Physics and Astronomy**

History of Astronomy and Physics

Naples

Tuesday 15 September

14:30

History of Astronomy and Physics

Session | **Location:** Astronomical Observatory of Capodimonte, Piazzì Hall | **Convener:** Rossi, Elisabetta

14:30–14:55

Copernicus in Padua: Portrait of Astronomer with Figures

Speaker

Gandolfi, Giangiacomo

14:55–15:20

The Debate on Cometary (Non-)Prognostication between Paolo Bravi and Livio Ignazio Conti (1664–1666)

Speaker

Cosci, Matteo

15:20–15:45

Luca Pellicciari: from Natural Philosophy to Experimental Physics, the Experimental Physics Theatre at the University of Perugia

Speaker

Sanchini, Giampaolo

15:45

16:15

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16:15–16:40

Geodesy and Earth sciences over a long 19th century

Speaker

Schiavon, Martina

16:40–17:05

Scientific Heritage and Digital Humanities: the Polo Documentario Storico Italiano della Sismologia e Meteorologia Project

Speaker

Ferrari, Graziano

17:05–17:30

An Astronomer in the Himalayas: Maps, Charts, and Scientific Instruments on the Roof of the World: a Project to Preserve and Promote Archival Collections

Speaker

Brunetti, Francesca

17:30

Wednesday 16 September

11:15

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11:15–11:40

The Former S-RPIF Archive at INAF/IAPS: Preserving the Historical and Cartographic Legacy of Early Planetary Exploration

Speaker

Frigeri, Alessandro

11:40–12:05

A carefully considered choice

Speaker

Malagoli, Luca

12:05–12:30

The Twentieth-Century Modernisation of the Bologna Observatory

Speaker

Rossi, Elisabetta

12:30–12:55

free time

12:55

Thursday 17 September

14:40

History of Astronomy and Physics

Session | **Location:** Museum of Physics of Naples, New Hall | **Convener:** Di Giacomo, Federico

14:40–15:05 **Vincenzo Galilei and the empirical law on vibrating strings**

Speaker

Capecchi, Danilo

15:05–15:30 **On Hamilton's View and Use of Finite Differentials**

Speaker

Amabile, Alessandro

15:30–15:55

Productive Errors and Serendipitous Events: How Anomalies, Dead Ends, and 'Failed' Experiments Drive Scientific Discovery in Physics and Astronomy

Speaker

Costa, Matteo

15:55

16:25

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16:25–16:50

History of the Mathematical Techniques of Conservation Laws in Classical Theoretical Mechanics

Speaker

Drago, Antonino

16:50–17:15

Conceptual Pathways to Entropic Gravity: A Computational Semantic Approach

Speaker

Gasco, Enrico

17:15–17:40

SETIAI (SETI + AI) - Civiltà tecnologiche distribuite e l'equazione di Drake

Speaker

Adamo, Angelo

17:40