

**Opening address**

# On account of the Organizing Committee

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## Welcome to

the XII edition of the Workshop "Diffraction"  
and  
the XXX (!) edition of the "Low-x Meeting"

or to

the III edition of the Workshop  
"Diffraction and Low-x"

**A successful match ...**

**... 103 registrants**

**and more than 100 presentations!**

# Conveners / Discussion leaders

Low  $x$ , PDFs, and saturation:

Francesco Giuli, Tuomas Lappi, Roman Lavicka

Diffraction in ep and eA collisions:

Rachel Montgomery, Marta Ruspa, Zhoudunming Tu

Diffraction in pp and AA:

Lucian Harland Lang, Ken Osterberg, Murilo Rangel, Rafal Staszewski

Ultraperipheral collisions and gamma-gamma physics:

Lydia Beresford, Victor Goncalves, Georgios Krintiras, Riccardo Longo

Spin Physics:

Barbara Badelek, Umberto D'Alesio

Results on QCD and Hadronic Final States:

Marco Bonvini, Cristian Baldenegro,  
Josu Cantero Garcia, Francesco G. Celiberto

# Sponsors



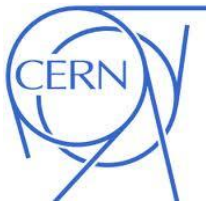
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# Outreach

Delegates from two high-schools in Sicily participate in the activities of the workshop:



# "Diffraction and Low-x Award"

Two young speakers will be awarded of the prize for the 'Best talk' and two young presenters for the 'Best poster'.

The award consists of a certificate and small gadget.

It is assigned according to the following high-quality criteria:  
**clearness** in the presentation,  
**relevance** of the results,  
**promptness** in answering questions.

The **Jury** is composed by  
Barbara Badelek, Lydia Beresford, Marcella Capua, Georgios Krintiras,  
Alessandro Papa, Christophe Royon, Ada Solano, Antoni Szczurek

The selection procedure will be based on the principle of **equal opportunity** with respect to gender, ethnicity, religion or beliefs, sexual orientation, disability, etc.

# Some practical information

- Coffee breaks near the beach (if weather allows), otherwise in the restaurant inside
  - Same for lunches
  - Social events:  
please sign at the reception desk
- WiFi: Hotel Tonnara (pwd: tonnara1)
  - Breakfast starts at 7.30,  
except on Wednesday (start at 7.00)



**Some concluding  
remarks**

Sicily, at the heart of the Mediterranean, has always been a **crossroads of civilizations** with a history that spans millennia.

From the ancient **Greeks** and **Phoenicians** to the **Romans**, **Arabs**, **Normans**, and **Spanish**, the island has absorbed and blended a wealth of cultures, languages, and traditions.



This diverse heritage has shaped Sicily into a land of remarkable richness and depth, where different ideas and peoples have long converged.

Today, Sicily's unique legacy makes it an ideal setting for encounters, dialogue, and constructive exchange.

Its history of coexistence offers a powerful symbol of how **diversity** can drive collaboration and innovation.

Enjoy the workshop!