

Technart 2015

Catania, April, 27-30, 2015

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

■ WELCOME

After four successful conferences held at **Lisbon, Portugal** (2007), **Athens, Greece** (2009), **Berlin, Germany** (2011) and **Amsterdam, Netherlands** (2013) we are delighted to announce that the TECHNART conference on “Non-Destructive and microanalytical techniques in Art and Cultural Heritage” continues.

It will take place in Catania (Italy) on 27-30 April 2015 at the “Laboratori Nazionali del Sud” of the Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN).

The Conference is organised by the TECHNART in cooperation with the Laboratori Nazionali del Sud (LNS-INFN), the Institute of Archeological and Monumental Heritage (IBAM-CNR), the Department of Chemistry of the University of Catania and jointly with the Scientific Research Working Group of ICOM-CC and the Italian Association of Archaeometry (AIAr).

The aim of TECHNART 2015 is to provide a scientific forum to present and promote the use of analytical spectroscopy techniques in the field of cultural heritage and archaeological material. The conference offers an outstanding and unique opportunity for exchanging knowledge on leading edge developments.

We hope that you will join us in Catania on 27- 30 April 2015.

■ INVITED SPEAKERS (to be finalized...)

- Francesca Casadio (Art Institute of Chicago, USA)
- John Delaney (National Gallery of Art, Washington, USA)
- Ioanna Kakoulli (UCLA/Getty Conservation Program, USA)
- Maria Joao Melo (New University of Lisbon, Portugal)
- Martin Radtke (BAM, Germany)
- Francesco Taccetti (INFN, Italy)
- Paul Tafforeau (ESRF, France)
- Piotr Targosky (Institute of Physics, Poland)
- Geert Van der Snickt (University of Antwerp, Belgium)
- Arie Wallert (Rijksmuseum, The Netherland)

■ SPONSOR AND EXHIBITION

We encourage companies and manufacturers to sponsor the conference or events related to the conference and to take advantage to advertise new technologies and state-of-the-art instrumentation to

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researchers and professionals working in the field of cultural heritage. Different options are possible. Please visit the conference website for detailed information (link to the [Exhibition](#) page).

■ CALL FOR PAPERS

Oral and poster contributions are welcome on subjects within the scope of the conference. The call for abstracts will be issued the 30 September 2014. Authors are requested to submit abstracts no later than 16 January 2015 by using the on-line submission procedure through the Easy Chair conference system serving the TECHNART 2015 conference. A detailed description on the submission procedure is included in the TECHNART 2015 website at this [page](#).

■ BOOK OF ABSTRACTS AND SPECIAL ISSUE

The abstracts of contributed talks and posters of the registered participants will be published on the Book of Abstracts. The Book of Abstracts will be distributed to all the participants during the conference and it will be available on-line in the TECHNART 2015 conference [website](#).

Participants are invited to submit manuscripts based on TECHNART 2015 presentations for possible publication in [Microchemical Journal](#) (by Elsevier, Impact Factor 3.6), with the intention of including them in a Virtual Special Issue devoted to TECHNART 2015. All manuscripts must meet the standards of the journal. They will need to show clear analytical advances and they must match the scope of the journal. The deadline for submissions is 15 July 2015.

The TECHNART 2015 Virtual Special Issue implies that all papers are considered as regular submissions to the journal. Accepted papers are published individually in the regular issues of MCJ. A footnote will indicate that they were presented at the TECHNART 2015, and this will be used for selection and linking to the Virtual Special Issue.

This concept will rule-out the possible delays in the publication of contribution to the special issue. A larger number of papers (only based on their quality) can be included to the Virtual Special Issue with respect to a traditional publication. Finally, it will make the Conference Special Issue more complete and accessible.

■ IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- 30 September 2014 - Call for Abstracts
- 16 January 2015 - Abstract deadline
- 13 February 2015 - Notification to authors
- 27 February 2015 - Early registration deadline
- 13 March 2015 - Preliminary program
- 3 April 2015 - Registration deadline
- 13 April 2015 - Final program

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- 15 July 2015 Paper submission deadline

■ REGISTRATION AND SOCIAL EVENTS111

Participants can register for the conference via the “Shougun Agency” secure site. Registration and payments are handled in that system. Participants are invited to visit the [Registration](#) page for detailed instructions. The conference fee will be:

	By February 28, 2015	February 28 - April 3, 2015	On-site
Regular Participant	€ 350	€ 450	€ 550
Student	€ 250	€ 300	€ 450
ICOM-CC and AIAr members	€ 300	€ 400	€ 550
Accompanying Person	€150	€ 180	€ 180
Single Day	-	-	€ 250

The Conference fee for regular participants and students includes:

- the conference kit,
- welcome reception and conference concert (to be defined),
- all coffee breaks,
- all lunches (from Monday 27th and Thursday 30th),
- the conference dinner (to be defined),
- a conference session to the auditorium of the “Paolo Orsi” Archeological Museum in Syracuse,
- the conference tour in Syracuse.

The Conference fee for accompanying person includes:

- welcome reception and the conference concert (to be defined),
- all coffee breaks,
- all lunches (from Monday 27th and Thursday 30th),
- the conference dinner (to be defined),
- the visit of the “Paolo Orsi” Archeological Museum in Syracuse,
- the conference tour in Syracuse.

An optional one-day excursion to the Etna Mountain and Taormina (including lunch) will be offered to the participants May 1, 2015 for a separate fee. Updated information will be given later on.

■ VENUE, TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION

Please visit the [TECHNART 2015](#) website for detailed and updated information.

About Catania

Catania is the second most populated city of Sicily. It is located at the foot of Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe, and on the Ionian Sea coast. The rich history and culture of the town is due to different

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occupations that have occurred in the past. Monuments and churches present in the city are the result of these different cultures. The city center is included in the World Heritage list of UNESCO.

Etna Mountain and beautiful nearby towns (Acitrezza, Aci Castello, Taormina) are easily reachable by several buses departing from the squares near the railway station.

Airport transportation

Participants are recommended to reach the international airport in Catania (CTA), which is well connected with the main European airports as well from the airports of Rome and Milan by several daily flights and from other many Italian airports. The city center can be reached from the international airport in about 20 minutes by Taxi or public transport.

Venue

The TECHNART 2105 venue will be the "main conference room" of the Laboratori Nazionali del Sud (INFN-LNS) of Catania. The INFN-LNS are located near the University Campus and it is well served by the public transportation. The BRT1-bus is a convenient public transport for reaching the TECHNART 2015 venue from the city center in about 20-25 minutes.

Accommodation

Participants are free to make their own accommodation booking at any location in Catania. It is suggested to reserve the accommodation in downtown; this is a convenient position to use the public transports to the TECHNART 2015 venue (see the information given at this [link](#)). Most of the hotels in downtown are also within easy reach to the major tourist venues of Catania. A list of suggested hotels is reported in this [link](#).

As an option, a number of rooms has already been reserved for the participants and guests of TECHNART 2015, in special prices. Participants are free to reserve these hotels during the Registration procedure at the TECHNART 2015. A list

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