

First (and Last) Bulletin of the Neutrino Oscillation Workshop, NOW 2024

1 – Workshop Website, Email and Emergency Number

The main website and the indico site of NOW 2024 are:

<https://www.ba.infn.it/now>

<https://agenda.infn.it/event/39753/>

For scientific communications, send email to the NOW LOC:

now2024@ba.infn.it

For logistic information, send email to the Agency Intermeeting Sud:

AgencyNOW2024@intermeetingsud.com

For emergency communications (during 1-8 Sept.), call the Agency cell. phone:

+39 3913146737

2 – Completing your arrival and departure information

If you have not already done so, **please send to the Agency your complete arrival and departure information (date, place, accompanying person(s), exact time, and flight or train number) as soon as possible**, through the transportation form that you received by email on July 31.

Such information is needed (for participants not traveling with their own car) to organize the **shuttle service** from/to the Brindisi airport and the Lecce train station, which are both very far from the Workshop site in Otranto (up to 1h+15' and 45' driving, respectively.) Private taxi services would be very expensive, and is strongly discouraged.

The Agency shall e-mail the shuttle pick-up schedule to each interested participant, a few days before the Workshop. Notify the Agency immediately in case of last-minute changes (by email or by emergency call, see above).

3 – Lodging and meals

All the participants will be lodged at the **Basiliani SPA Hotel**, which is also the site of the Workshop sessions. Accommodation is **“full board”** and includes meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and beverages at meals (water and wine). Extra drinks at meals or at the bar are at your own expenses. **Typical meal times** are expected to be: breakfast 7:30-9:30; lunch 12:30-14:00; dinner 19:30-21:00.

If you have not already done so, **please send to the Agency your detailed Hotel check-in and invoice data as soon as possible**, through the Hotel form that you received by email on July 31. Such information is needed to speed up the check-in and check-out (invoice) formalities and to reduce queues at your arrival and departure. In the same form you can specify special dietary or accommodation needs, or requests about the final Hotel invoice (if any).

Please note the following points about arrival, departure and payment. The scientific sessions will start on Tuesday 3 and will end on Saturday 7. Arrivals and departures are generally expected on 2 and 8 September. Your room will generally be available after 16:00 of your arrival day and should be vacated within 11:00 of your departure day.

Concerning Hotel payments: You have already paid an accommodation deposit by wire transfer. You will pay onsite the remaining cost for your accommodation (plus accompanying persons, if any) at the Hotel Reception, by credit card or cash. Please notice that the Otranto city tax will be added to all room rates (2 euro/day/person, except kids <12 yr).

4 – Arrival

There are three ways to reach the Basiliani SPA Hotel in Otranto:

i) By plane. The nearest airport is **Brindisi** (we do exclude the Bari airport because it is too far). The Agency shall organize a shuttle service from the Brindisi airport to the Basiliani Hotel, by grouping participants with similar arrival times. The transfer may take up to 1h+15', depending on traffic conditions). The bus schedule will be communicated by email, a few days before the Workshop starts.

When you arrive, please wait around the “Arrival” exit of the airport: at the scheduled pick-up time, the driver or a Workshop staff person will show up with a “NOW 2024” sign, and bring you to the shuttle. In case of flight delays or other unexpected events at your arrival, please refer to the Agency emergency number at the beginning of this Bulletin.

iii) By train. The only practical railway station is Lecce (in principle you might reach Otranto, but it is not a convenient choice). The transfer, organized by the Agency, may take up to 45', depending on traffic conditions. The bus schedule will be communicated by email, a few days before the Workshop starts.

When you arrive, please wait around the main exit of the Lecce Railway Station: at the scheduled pick-up time, the driver or a Workshop staff person will show up with a “NOW 2024” sign, and bring you to the shuttle. In case of train delays or other unexpected events at arrival, please refer the Agency emergency number at the beginning of this Bulletin.

iv) By car. You can easily find the Basiliani Hotel location on navigation maps. Beware of speed limits, since several roads to Otranto are equipped with fixed or mobile radar speedometers. Parking within the Hotel area is free of charge for the customers.

5 – Scientific Registration

After your arrival and Hotel check-in formalities, please register at the Agency Secretariat desk located in the Hotel main hall. You will receive the Workshop bag and related stationery, as well as the badge. Accompanying persons will also receive the badge. Please ask the Secretariat for any inquiry about the Workshop organization and logistic.

6 – Departure

Please inform the Agency well in advance about your return travel plans, so that they can organize your transfer by shuttle from Otranto to Brindisi airport or to Lecce railway station. The return shuttle schedule will be communicated by email and also advertised on a board at the Agency secretariat desk.

7 – Internet Connection

The Basiliani SPA Hotel provides their own WiFi service in the common areas and in the rooms. Please ask the Hotel Reception about their wireless service at your arrival. In the farthest Hotel rooms, wired connection might be needed.

In addition, we shall provide WiFi access via eduroam in the conference rooms and in common areas, **so please check your eduroam credential in your home institution, if available.** Participants without eduroam credentials can obtain local credentials at the Secretariat desk.

8 – Talks and Proceedings

Each plenary talk will be 25' long (+ 5' for discussion). Parallel talks will be 15' long (+ 5' for discussion). All talks must be uploaded on our indico website the day before the presentation, preferably in pdf format. If you prefer to use another format (e.g., ppt) please also provide a safe pdf copy in case of technical issues.

All speakers are invited to show up well before their session starts, in order to check possible upload or technical issues. Notice that we shall provide our fixed laptops to manage the uploaded files. **Presentations using personal laptops or tablets will not be allowed.**

Talks will be protected until the speaker's presentation and then **made public** daily on the NOW webpages (**unless requested otherwise by the speaker**).

The NOW 2024 presentations by plenary and parallel session speakers, together with short session summaries by the conveners, will be published electronically in **Proceedings of Science** (PoS - SISSA): <https://pos.sissa.it/473/> Further instructions will be given to the speakers and conveners in due time.

9 – Weather

Beware: Even though you will be in the South of Italy, the month of September is not necessarily (too) hot. The wind blows normally from the North, and storms are not so rare. The temperature, despite being generally pleasant during the day, may decrease remarkably at night. So, clothing must be adequate. Before leaving to Otranto, please check the local weather information at the weather links collected on the NOW web page.

10 – Free time

As you can see from the Program, there is a 4-hour daily break from 12.00 to 16.00 o'clock, which can be used freely. You may want to spend this time either inside the Hotel (which offers a large pool and a solarium free of charge, plus charged SPA services) or outside it, towards the old town and the seaside of Otranto which are favorite destinations for tourists. **Do not forget to bring your own swimsuit and beach/pool shoes!** The Hotel pool is available every day from 10:00 to 19:00. Being quite deep, **the pool is not suitable for kids.**

With regards to your lunch, you can either have it in the Hotel, or you can ask in advance to have a take-away lunch box (usually packed with sandwiches, water, fruit) prepared for you, and to be picked up at noon (more info on site).

Outside the Hotel area, points of interests include: the **Old Town** (with many places to stop for a visit, for a drink, or for shopping), the **Cathedral** (with its famous floor mosaic) whose front entrance is depicted in the NOW 2024 poster, the **sand beach and the rocky seaside**, and the **Otranto Castle** (often hosting art exhibitions).

We have reserved ten beach umbrellas (corresponding to twenty beach beds/seats) at **Lido Camillo**, available to **NOW 2024 participants and accompanying persons** during the days 3-7 September from 9:00 to 19:00, up to saturation (max 20 persons daily). Free access to the sand beach of **Lido Camillo** and its facilities will be possible by **exhibiting the NOW 2024 badge** at the personnel of the Lido. They will then bring you to the reserved umbrellas/seats. **Do not confuse “Lido Camillo” with other Lidos nearby!**

On the opposite side along the coast, just after the stone arcs in front of the "Guardia Costiera" (Coastal Guard) building, there is a rocky seaside with deep waters, suitable only for experienced swimmers. The closest part features big artificial rocks, followed by natural rocks towards East (with access along the

coastal road). *[Warning: if you are not an expert swimmer in sea water, you should safely remain close to the shore, but not reach deep water, where there may be strong currents. No lifeguard service is provided in this area.]*

A map with directions to these points of interest (**all within about 20' walking distance**) is given below, as well as on the Workshop website:



Alternatively, there is a farther sand beach with bathing facilities towards Laghi Alimini (Lido Balnearea, 10 km away), connected to the Hotel by a shuttle service on demand, where you can go after reservation and paying a daily fee; in this case, you should make your own arrangements with the Hotel reception at your expenses.

11 – Social events

The well-known communal format of the NOW Workshop will be further enhanced by the following social events.

In the afternoon of Thursday 5th there will be two excursions, with English-speaking guides. One group will visit the old town and main monuments of **Otranto** (just by walking from the Hotel), while another group will visit the historical city center and main monuments of **Lecce** (by bus to Lecce + walking). In the days 2-3 September you will be asked to choose one of the two options (or none if you like) up to saturation of the available places. In any case, everybody will be back to the Hotel before dinner time.

Further details will be given on site. You will be asked to choose one of the tours (or none) in advance, in the first couple of days of the Workshop.

You will experience the local cuisine every day but especially during the Apulian Dinner (Sept. 3rd) and the Social Dinner (Sept. 6th), that will be served at the tables.

Last but not least, there will be a special musical event near the Hotel Pool in the evening of Sept. 4th – do not miss it!

14 – Emergency contacts

If you have any kind of **emergency** at arrival, please call (in this order):

- The **NOW 2024 Agency** at the mobile number: **+39 3913146737**
(this dedicated mobile phone number will be active for calls or text messages during the days 1-8 September);

- Alternatively, the Hotel Basiliani reception at the number: **+39 0832351321**
They will transfer your info to the Agency (but there may be some delay)

- Finally (if it's not extremely urgent) write a message to: now2024@ba.infn.it
which will be checked very often during all Workshop days.

Note that, from abroad, **the Italy Country Code is +39.**

We wish you a nice and safe trip. See you in Otranto!