**Announcement of Training School**

"Wood Cultural Heritage conservation: advanced X-Ray and optical techniques"

**Provisional programme**

**Monday, May 16th - Day 1 (Florence) - (DEISTAF) -** Introduction to wood properties and structure, with particular regards to methods and techniques applied to characterization of wood and of wood ageing.

**Tuesday, May 17th - Day 2 (Florence) - (Opificio delle Pietre Dure) -** Painted wooden objects: introduction to materials used for painted layers, construction typologies and problems in conservations of this object’s category. Ongoing researches, methods applied and potential needs.

**Wednesday, May 18th - Day 3 (Florence) - (Galleria dell'Accademia: Museum of Music instruments):** Music instruments: methods and techniques applied to structural studies. Problems in conservation, ongoing researches and methods applied to characterization. Visit to the Museum collection.

(transfer to Pisa by bus on the morning of Day 4)

**Thursday, May 19th - Day 4 (Pisa) - (CNR-INO Research Campus [San Cataldo])**

**Friday, May 20th - Day 5 (Pisa) - (Centre for Waterlogged Wood):** Waterlogged archaeological wood: visit to the old Roman harbour and to shipwrecks. Introduction to studies on biological degradation, and relevant characterization methods.

**Saturday, May 21st - Day 6 (Pisa) -** Round table discussion.
This Training School aims to introduce wood materials, wood conservation problems and related short wavelength techniques to both early stage and experienced researchers from various related fields. It will introduce Trainees to the problems, approaches and techniques relevant to each Action, and will provide a platform to consider strategies for future collaborative work.

**Practical details**

The Training School is planned for calendar week 20/2011 (*16th to 21st of May, Monday to Saturday* inclusive) for 6 days.

It will be conducted in Italy, partially in the town of Florence (at DEISTAF, University of Florence, and at Museums and Laboratories), and partially in the nearby town of Pisa (at the CNR, Pisa Area and at Archaeological area).

The Training School is intended for both *early stage researchers (ESR) and experienced researchers* of related research fields (Wood Science, Wood conservation, X-Ray equipment and physics, …).

COST will provide up to 20 *grants of 1.100 Euro*, intended to cover all expenses met by the Trainees in order to attend the School (transportation to Florence and from Pisa to their homes, lodging, meals, enrolment fee).

Up to 10 further Trainees, not receiving a grant, can be accepted; however they will have to pay on their own the enrolment fee and all other costs as mentioned above (transportation to Florence and from Pisa to their homes, lodging, meals).

The *enrolment fee amount to 100 Euro*, and covers transportation from Florence to Pisa, transportation within Florence and Pisa, coffee-breaks.

Please note that several low-cost flights are available to/from Pisa airport.

**Deadlines**

Applications (see box on the right) should reach the Organizers by Saturday, April 9, 2011.

Organizers will inform about acceptance, by Friday 15 April.

**Organizers**

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