



**SIGIR**  
2016  
Pisa, Tuscany, Italy

The 39<sup>th</sup> International ACM SIGIR Conference on  
Research and Development in Information Retrieval  
Pisa, July 17-21, 2016

## **We look forward to welcoming you to Pisa for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual ACM SIGIR Conference**

This document summarizes some useful information to assist you with your arrival to the conference venue and your stay in Pisa.

The airport of Pisa is located just 2 kms from the city center. When you arrive you can take a taxi to reach your hotel; taxis are available just in front of the arrival hall. Alternatively, you can take the bus LAM ROSSA to reach the train station; the ticket can be bought from the vendor machine at the bus stop, just in front of the arrival hall. You can also buy the ticket from the driver (try to have exact cash); the price of a ride is 1.40 euro.

### **CONFERENCE VENUE**

The conference is being held at Palazzo dei Congressi, located in the city center and reachable, at walking distance, from most of the hotels located in the city center. The Palazzo dei Congressi is also reachable by the LAM BLU bus which departs from the main railway station. For other departure points please check the interactive bus map available at <http://goo.gl/xDHioz>

Reaching the conference venue by car is discouraged, since there is no dedicated parking. However, there is a parking lot just in front of the venue, always open (at 1.25 euro per hour) from 8am to 8pm on working days, and free on Sundays. The payment can be done directly at the automatic machine (coins needed).

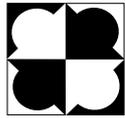
Taxis can be found at the airport, at the train station, and (sometimes) just outside the Palazzo dei Congressi. Alternatively you can call the taxi company at **+39 050 541600**.

### **REGISTRATION DESK**

The Registration Desk is located at the main entrance of the Palazzo dei Congressi, and it will be operating at the following times:

SUNDAY	17 July 2016, 8.00am – 6.00pm
MONDAY	18 July 2016, 8.00am – 6.00pm
TUESDAY	19 July 2016, 8.30am – 6.00pm
WEDNESDAY	20 July 2016, 9.00am – 6.00pm
THURSDAY	21 July 2016, 8.30am – 10:00am

All delegates must visit the Registration Desk to collect their conference materials and badge before gaining access to the conference. The badge will be your official pass and must be **clearly visible** at all times to obtain entry to all sessions, including the social events. The volunteer staff wears a white SIGIR2016 T-shirt, you can refer to them for any question.



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At your arrival, if you have not registered yet, you will be asked to register online by using the RegOnline web site and pay the registration fee with a valid credit card. **No cash payment will be accepted.**

The registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that you take out an insurance policy of your choice before arriving at the Conference.

In Italy smoking is not permitted in all indoor public places, including the conference venue. Delegates are thus requested **not to smoke** inside the Palazzo dei Congressi.

Wi-Fi is available for use by delegates provided by Palazzo dei Congressi. Login and password will be provided on site.

As a courtesy to fellow delegates and speakers, please ensure your mobile phones are switched off or turned to silent during the conference sessions.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

The social events are a fantastic opportunity to taste Italian food, feel the spirit of Pisa and Tuscany, and, of course, to network with other conference attendees, renew old friendships, and make new acquaintances.

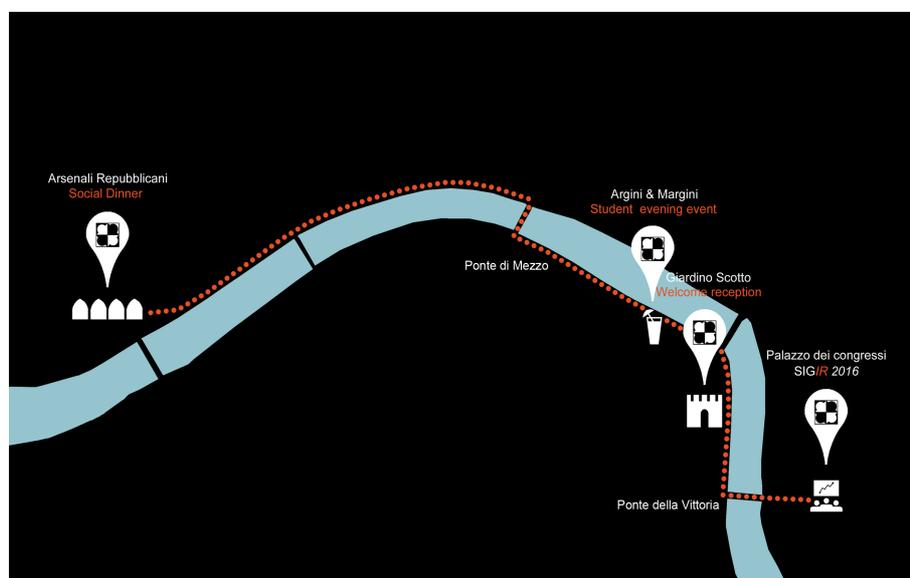
The Welcome Reception will be held on **Sunday July 17 at 8.00pm at GIARDINO SCOTTO**, in the historical center of Pisa, along the river Arno and at a walking distance from Palazzo dei Congressi and most of the hotels.



The **Conference Banquet** will be held on **Tuesday, July 19 at 8.00pm at ARSENALI REPUBBLICANI**, on the opposite side of the city respect to the conference venue and it can be reached by a pleasant walk from Palazzo dei Congressi and from many hotels. When accessing the banquet venue you will be asked for the ticket; remember, no ticket, no entry!

## STUDENT EVENTS

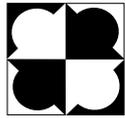
The Student Luncheon will be held on Monday in Room Galilei, from 12.30pm to 2.00pm, and is a student-only event. The Student Get-Together will take place on Monday, starting at 7.00pm at the Argini e Margini open-air bar, located in Lungarno Galileo Galilei on the bank of the river Arno, 10 minutes walk from the conference venue.



**SIGIR main venues**

**SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.** If you have notified the conference organisers of any special dietary requirements (vegetarian or gluten-free) please be advised that this information has been supplied to the catering services operating at the venue and at social events. Please let the waiters know of these requirements when being served. We regret not being able to satisfy dietary requirements other than vegetarian or gluten-free.

**PHOTO.** By registering to attend SIGIR 2016 you grant permission to have photographs of you taken during the conference activities and for these photographs to be published by the Conference Organizers or the ACM. If you do not wish to be filmed or photographed please let the photographer know and move out of camera range.



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*PLUGS and ADAPTORS.* Please be advised that the podium in each session room will have a standard VGA cable. If you intend to use a Mac for your presentation, please ensure that you **bring your own adaptor**. In Italy the electricity voltage is 220V and we use the power sockets type F and L (see images below). Please be sure to carry your own adaptor since the conference organization does not provide them.



## GETTING AROUND PISA

Pisa is a small city where the best way to fully appreciate its scenic views is to have a pleasant walk. From any hotel in the city center you can easily reach the conference venue and all the main points of interest. The venues for the conference social events are at walking distance as well. Another common way to move in Pisa is by bike, and many hotels provide this option to customers.

## METEO

July in Pisa is generally quite hot, with the average daily temperature between 17C° and 29C°. The forecasts for the conference week are quite good; we expect temperatures ranging between 17C° and 32C°. This means it tends to be quite hot during the day but fresher in the evening and early morning.

We look forward to welcoming you to the SIGIR 2016 Conference!