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30th March-2nd April 2026



Dipartimento Scienze Chimiche

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Conference Program

Monday 30th: 8:30-9:00 - Registration 
9:00-9:15 - Opening of the Conference

Thursday 2nd: 10:00-10:15
Greetings from **Prof. Ida Nicotra**, President of
the **Scuola Superiore di Catania**

Monday 30 th	Tuesday 31 st	Wednesday 1 st	Thursday 2 nd
Energy and Materials	Health and environment	Syntheses and products	Paper writing, Research proposal, and Ethical issues
9:15-10:15 M. Rohnke 10:15-11:15 A. Ciesielski	9:00- 10:00 M. Rohnke 10:00-11:00 A. KARAKEÇİLİ	9:00-10:00 A. Minassi 10:00- 11:00 P. Vitale	8:30-10:00 A. Jiménez Rivero 10:00-10:15 - I. Nicotra
11:15-11:45 Coffee break	11:00-11:30 Coffee break	11:00-11:30 Coffee break	10:15-10:30 Coffee break
11:45-12:45 G. Bengasi 12:45-13:45 Flash oral	11:30-12:30 A. Speghini 12:30-13:30 E. Paone	11:30-12:30 C. Pezzella 12:30-13:30 Flash oral	10:30-11:30 A. Jiménez Rivero 11:30-12:30 S. Sortino 12:30-13:30 A. Terrasi
13:45-15:00 Lunch	13:30-14:30 Lunch	13:30-14:30 Lunch	13:30-15:00 Lunch
15:00-16:00 W. Knoll 16:00-17:00 V. Spampinato	14:30-15:30 C. Satriano 15:30-16:30 R. Fiorenza	14:30-15:30 C. Talotta 15:30-16:30 C. Fortuna	
17:00-19:00 Poster Session <i>(with reception)</i>	16:30-17:00 Coffee break	16:30-17:00 Coffee break	
	17:00 Visit to the Monastery of Benedettini + Social Dinner	17:00-19:00 A. Jiménez Rivero	

List of Invited Speakers

Dr. Giuseppe Bengasi

3SUN srl (Enel group)

Dr. Artur Ciesielski

Université de Strasbourg, CNRS, ISIS, Strasbourg, France & Centre for Advanced Technologies, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland.

Prof. Roberto Fiorenza

Department of Chemical Sciences, University of Catania

Prof. Cosimo Gianluca Fortuna

Department of Chemical Sciences, University of Catania

Dr. Ana Jiménez-Rivero

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain

Prof. Dr. Ayşe Karakeçili

Ankara University Chemical Engineering Department

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Knoll

Laboratory for Life Sciences and Technology (LiST), Danube Private University, Krems an der Donau, Austria

Prof. Alberto Minassi

Dipartimento di Scienze del Farmaco, Università del Piemonte Orientale

Prof. Emilia Paone

Università degli Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria

Prof. Cinzia Pezzella

Department of Chemical Sciences, University of Napoli, Federico II,

Prof. Dr. Marcus Rohnke

Institute of Physical Chemistry and Center for Materials Research, Justus Liebig University Gießen - Germany

Prof. Cristina Satriano

NanoHybrid BioInterfaces Laboratory (NHBIL), Department of Chemical Sciences, University of Catania, Catania, Italy

Prof. Valentina Spampinato

Department of Chemical Sciences, University of Catania

Prof. Adolfo Speghini

NRG, Department of Biotechnology, University of Verona

Prof. Salvatore Sortino

Department of Drug and Health Sciences, University of Catania

Prof. Carmen Talotta

Department of Chemistry and Biology "A. Zambelli", University of Salerno (UNISA)

Prof. Antonio Terrasi

Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Catania

Prof. Paola Vitale

Department of Pharmacy-Drugs Sciences - University of Bari "Aldo Moro"

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Directors of the School:

Prof. Giovanni Li Destri Nicosia

Prof. Graziella Malandrino

Prof. Vera Muccilli

Local Organizers:

Dr. Francesca Lo Presti

Dr. Claudia Sciacca

The Spring School, addressed to PhD students, post-docs, and master students, will provide a comprehensive overview of the most promising perspective for the Chemists of the future, as well as training in soft skills, paper writing, ethical issues and technology transfer.

Registration must be done through the following link by 20th March 2026:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSm4LYBS6K8triE58vTYruIE7r2rFTKP-qkj0yYi3Xp7gg2w/viewform>

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