



ASPHER 2019 Deans' and Directors Retreat Erice, Sicily, Italy, 26-29 May 2019

The Board of Directors of the Italian Public Health Schools, in collaboration with the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SIItI) will host the 2019 edition of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) Deans' & Directors' Retreat.

Italy has had a long-lasting tradition of active participation in ASPHER activities, since the 90s when Franco Cavallo became President. The Italian public health post-graduate educational system consists of 35 active university-based Schools of Public Health, whose joint Board of Directors became ASPHER member in 2015, under the support and coordination of the Italian Association of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SIItI). SIItI, with more than 3,000 members, is one of the largest scientific PH Associations in Europe.

The location for the 2019 ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat will be the Ettore Majorana Foundation and Centre For Scientific Culture (EMFCSC) in Erice, Sicily which has a proven track record of offering successful training in various disciplines, originally physics, later widened to include also statistics, epidemiology and public health. One of the 128 Schools operated within the Centre is the International School of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine <G D'Alessandro>, opened in 1974, a reliable and long-term partner of SIItI.

Erice is an unforgettable medieval hill-town with ancient origins in Sicily, close to the port city of Trapani on the island's western coast. The sober historic town is surrounded by defensive town walls, crowned by a castle, and dominates the surrounding area from its mountainous height of approximately 800 meters above sea level.

The opportunity to use during the conference the EMFCSC meeting facilities and the dormitories (4 ancient monasteries) for lodging the participants makes this location, from our point of view, the ideal venue. SIItI is ready to contribute to cover partially the costs of the event which will run from Sunday May 26th to Wednesday May 29th, 2019.

Venue: Ettore Majorana Foundation and Centre For Scientific Culture (EMFCSC) in Erice.



EMFCSC website: <http://www.ccsem.infn.it>

N. of delegates: 100 + the Italian Directors (tbd with the program)

A full package fee will be negotiated which will include: transfer from/to the airport, conference venue, accommodation (3 nights), meals and social program (around €450 euros per person), 10 waived (speakers and board).

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 26	MONDAY 27	TUESDAY 28	WEDNESDAY 29
Arrival and registration	9am-6pm	9am-6pm	Departure day
4pm ASPHER Assembly 6pm Opening session 8pm Welcome reception	Retreat Day 1 Scientific program 4pm <i>(Italian Directors meeting, optional)</i>	Retreat Day 2 Scientific program 8pm Retreat's dinner	10am-1pm Touristic guided tour of Palermo (optional)