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Preface

The International Nuclear Physics Conference 2013 (INPC2013) was held on 2-7 June 2013 in Firenze, Italy, and it was organized by the Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN) and the universities of Firenze, Milano, and Padova. The INPC is the main conference in the field of nuclear physics, endorsed and supported by IUPAP (International Union of Pure and Applied Physics). It is held every three years and the present edition was the 25th of the series.

The Conference was attended by more than 700 participants (including more than 150 graduate students), from 43 countries. INPC2013 addressed the most compelling questions of modern nuclear physics, including nuclear structure and reactions, hot and dense nuclear matter, astrophysics, hadron structure and hadrons in nuclei, fundamental symmetries and interactions, neutrinos and nuclei, nuclear physics based applications as well as new facilities and instrumentation.

All topics were discussed in the morning plenary sessions and in the afternoon parallel sessions, which included about 300 invited and contributed talks. In addition, more than 300 posters were presented, mainly by graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, in a lively poster session.

Special plenary presentations were given by the winners of the IUPAP young scientist prize, which is awarded, for the field of nuclear physics, every three years during the INPC conference. This year's winners were: Rabia Burcu Cakirli (University of Istanbul), Stefano Gandolfi (Los Alamos National Laboratory) and Bjoern Schenke (Brookhaven National Laboratory). The INPC2013 conference also hosted the award ceremony of the IBA-Europhysics prize for applied nuclear science and nuclear methods in medicine to Prof. Marco Durante (GSI).

At the end of the conference, the Nuclear Physics Commission (C12) of IUPAP announced that the next INPC conference will be held in Adelaide, Australia, in 2016.

This issue of *EPJ Web of Conferences* contains most part of the plenary, invited, oral and poster contributions given at INPC2013. All published articles were peer-reviewed by expert referees according to the scientific standards expected for EPJ *Web of Conferences* journal.

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