

Preface: Nuclear Structure and Dynamics IV - NSD2019

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The fourth International Conference on Nuclear Structure and Dynamics NSD2019 was held on May 13-17, 2019 at "Centro Culturale Don Orione Artigianelli" in Venice within the exciting context of the 58th International Art Exhibition. The Center is a large complex, built as a monastery and later used as an orphanage and vocational school. The entire building develops around three cloisters of the 18th century and one cloister of the 15th century near the Church of Santa Maria della Visitazione. It provided a beautiful and peaceful atmosphere for stimulating discussions. The conference, organized by the INFN Laboratori Nazionali di Legnaro and the Physics and Astronomy Department of the Padova University, was a follow-up of the three previous conferences held first in 2009 in Dubrovnik (Croatia), continued in 2012 in Opatija (Croatia) and last in 2015 in Portoroz (Slovenia), and belongs to a series of conferences devoted to the most recent experimental and theoretical advances in the field of nuclear structure and reactions. NSD2019 maintained this tradition, promoting exchange of ideas and collaboration among researchers, post-docs and graduate students with experimental, theoretical and phenomenological background. According to the tradition of this series of conferences, the focus was on topics covering most of the research areas in low energy nuclear physics:

- Nuclear structure and reactions far from stability
- Collective phenomena and symmetries
- Dynamics and thermodynamics of light and heavy nuclei
- Sub and near barrier reactions
- Fusion and Fission dynamics
- Ab initio calculations, cluster models and shell model
- Nuclear energy density functionals
- Nuclear astrophysics
- Fundamental interactions.

About 150 physicists from all over the world attended the conference. The opening ceremony took place in the morning of May 13th. After a short introduction of the conference chairs (Giacomo de Angelis and Lorenzo Corradi), the participants were welcomed by the director of the Legnaro National

Laboratory (Diego Bettoni). 30 invited speakers and 60 regular talks, some of which scheduled in parallel sessions, covered a wide range of topics. More than 30 posters were presented at the poster session. The three best voted ones were discussed as short oral presentations. We paid tribute to our colleague Graziano Fortuna, former director of the Legnaro National Laboratory, who very recently passed away.

Important new results were outlined in the various subfields, spanning the whole range from neutron-deficient to neutron-rich nuclei and from light to heavy ions. The talks, covering state-of-art experimental methods and theoretical developments, had as main reference the tight interconnection between structure and dynamics, enhancing attendees to an active participation and prompting lively discussions.

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We are finally very thankful to Dario Vretenar for having accepted the challenging task to held the Summary talk. His presentation underlined some of the major achievements of modern nuclear physics research presented during the conference.

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