

Stefano: A Great Thinker and a Wonderful Person

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Dear Dr. P.K. Dhani,

in connection with your application for an INFN Post-doc fellowship in
Florence,

I'm glad to officially OFFER you that position.

I hope you can be able to accept the offer.

The deadline to accept the offer is January 14th, 2018.

As soon as you accept the offer, I will inform the INFN Administration, which
will
prepare the official contract.

If you are no longer interested in the INFN fellowship,
I would be pleased to be promptly informed about that.

I take the chance to wish you a very happy new year.

My best regards,
Stefano Catani

I immediately accepted the offer!

**As a result, I spent two years as a
postdoc under him from October
2018 to September 2020.**

Stefano as an Outstanding Physicist

- * His love for physics was boundless

He devoted himself entirely to his research; He meditated on his research!

Sometimes we spent hours discussing physics without a break. Listening him for hours was an amazing experience and I cherish them very much.

- * He was always on time

- * He always maintained a high level of professionalism

For example, he made sure that the ideas we discussed stayed with him and me. He made sure that I always felt comfortable in our conversations so that I could also ask a lot of stupid questions.

- * His intuition for physics problems were remarkable

He always substantiated his intuitions with background calculations.

Stefano as a Wonderful Person

- * He treated his collaborators like his family
- * He was a Great Supervisor
- * He was a Super Host!

He took care of all the formalities during my stay in Florence.

Together we visited some of the ancient sites near Florence.

On many occasions, he would invite me to his home for a meal.

During my time in Florence, I always felt at home.

I have always enjoyed talking to him and have also been inspired by him.



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For me, Stefano was a teacher, a guide, an outstanding scientist and an inspiration and will remain so forever. Above all, Stefano was a great person. I owe him a great debt of gratitude and will miss him in the years to come...