

ISVHECRI 2026



First Circular and Call for Abstracts

February 23, 2026

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), I am pleased to inform you that the 23rd International Symposium on Very High Energy Cosmic Ray Interactions (ISVHECRI 2026) will be hosted by a cooperation between Università del Salento and Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN) in Lecce, Italy. This event will take place from July 6 to 10, 2026 and the venue location is the ancient city fortress named “Castello di Carlo V”, located in the historical center of the city.

The ISVHECRI is a biennial symposium series sponsored by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), and organized via the commission on Astroparticle physics (C4). The main objective of this symposium series is to provide a suitable forum to discuss very high energy interactions for the interpretation of cosmic ray data based on the information available from both accelerator and cosmic ray experiments. We invite you to attend the symposium and contribute to its program. The details are provided below.

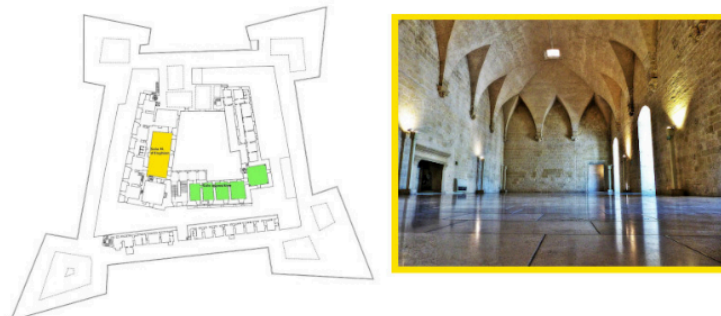
Dates: July 6-10, 2026

Venue: Castello di Carlo V, via XXV Luglio, Lecce, Italy

Website: <https://agenda.infn.it/e/ISVHECRI2026Lecce>

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Mode: in person



1. Preliminary Symposium Topics

- High energy astroparticle physics results relevant to particle physics
- Accelerator experiments relevant to cosmic ray physics
- Space experiment results relevant to high energy interactions
- Exotic phenomena and searches for new physics beyond SM
- LHC pp & heavy ion physics at LHC
- Cross-sections and interaction models
- High energy neutrinos and muons, including muon puzzle
- Gamma Ray Astrophysics and Astroparticles
- Multi-messenger cosmic ray observations and interpretations
- Simulation tools for cosmic ray and neutrino physics
- Future accelerators and cosmic ray experiments

2. Important dates

- 23 Feb 2026 : Opening of registration and abstract submission
- 31 Mar 2026 : Deadline for abstract submission
- 01 May 2026 : Announcement of decision on abstracts
- 15 May 2026 : Deadline for early registration
- 06 Jul 2026 : Start of the Symposium
- 10 Jul 2026 : Conclusion of Symposium

3. Scientific program and abstract submission

The Symposium will consist of invited and contributed talks as well as posters. See Indico

4. Registration and payment of fees

The registration process involves creation of an 'Indico' account on the server.

Early Fee Senior: 300 EUR (May, 15, 2026)

Late Fee Senior: 350 EUR (After May, 15, 2026)

Early Fee Junior (up to PhD student): 200 EUR (May, 15, 2026)

Late Fee Junior (up to PhD Student): 250 EUR (After May 15, 2026)

This fee includes the following: inscription and proceedings, access to the conference, coffee breaks, a visit to the castle, a social dinner, excursion (transportation and guided tour), and a welcome cocktail.

Payment will be possible through standard online methods. Details will be available soon.

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