



**UNICT STAFF WEEK PROGRAMME**  
**CATANIA, March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**



**MARCH 31, MONDAY**

**Venue: Rectorate - Aula Magna**

**INTERNATIONALIZATION STRATEGIES – CHAIR Prof. Andrea Rapisarda - Erasmus Institutional Coordinator**

9:00 Registration

9:30 **Official Welcome Session**

**Prof. Giacomo Pignataro, Rector of the University of Catania:** *Welcome speech*

**Prof. Andrea Rapisarda, Erasmus Institutional Coordinator:** *Trends and strategy of Internationalization*

**Dr. Cinzia Tutino, IRO Coordinator:** *The International Relations Office structure and team*

10.15 International coffee-break, with typical traditional “specialties” from the participants’ countries (Venue: IRO Office – Via S. Maria del Rosario 9)

11:00 **Presentations of the Participants’ Universities**

13:30 Networking Lunch (reserved voucher)

15:00 – 17,00 **Visit and presentation of *Scuola Superiore***

Prof. Francesco Priolo, President

Dr. Armando Conti, Director

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**APRIL 1, TUESDAY**

**Venue: Meeting room 2nd floor Palazzo Sangiuliano**

**INCOMING SERVICES (with the collaboration of AEGEE and ESN Catania) – CHAIR Dr. Cinzia Tutino, IRO Coordinator**

09:00 **Crash course of Italian** – Prof. Rosaria Sardo, Dept. of Humanities

10.30 Coffee break – offered by IRO

11:00 **Round table on welcoming activities**

Dr. Barbara Belfiore, IRO Officer: *Incoming Mobility and the role of students’ associations*



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12:45 **Presentation: “Catania virtual tour”**  
Prof. Teresa Di Blasi, Cultural Heritage Regional Officer

13:30 Work Lunch – offered by ERSU

15:00 **Welcome of ERSU and visit to “Toscano Scuderi” University Residence**  
Prof. Alessandro Cappellani, ERSU President

15.45 – 16.30 **Sicilian Culture at a glance**  
Prof. Sarah Zappulla Muscarà: *The Pirandello’s*

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**APRIL 2, WEDNESDAY**

**Venue: Dept. of Humanities – Monastero dei Benedettini**

**COOPERATION ACTIVITIES - CHAIR Prof. Beate Baumann, Dept. of Humanities Erasmus Coordinator**

9:00 **Prof. Giancarlo Magnano di San Lio, Director Dept. of Humanities - Welcome Speech**

9.10 **Erasmus Plus perspectives**

Dr. Doriana Manuele, IRO Officer: *Erasmus Agreements*

Dr. Teodora Nicoleta Pascu, IRO Officer: *Erasmus IP projects*

9.30 **Cooperation agreements: Best practices at UNICT**

Prof. Manuela D'Amore, Dept. of Humanities Erasmus Coordinator: *Auburn University Cooperation*

10.00 Coffee break – offered by the Dept. of Humanities

10.30 **Participants contributions**

12.00- 13.30 **Practicing Italian at Monastero dei Benedettini: an interactive visit** – offered by the Dept. of Humanities (Officine Culturali)

14.00 Networking lunch (reserved voucher)

20.00 **Pizza Party** (reserved voucher)

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**APRIL 3, THURSDAY**

**Venue: Dept. of Physics**

**INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH – CHAIR Prof. Andrea Rapisarda, UNICT Erasmus Institutional Coordinator**

**9.00 Cooperation programmes - Best practices at UNICT**

Dr. Sandra Mangano, IRO Officer: *Beyond Frontiers*

Dr. Ruby Paci, IRO Officer: *Placement Abroad*

**9.20 Participants contributions**

**10.30 Panel on International Research**

Dr. Teresa Caltabiano – Research Office Coordinator

11.00 Coffee break – offered by the Dept. of Physics

**11.30 Welcome speech and Presentation of the Dept. of Physics**

Prof. Antonio Insolia - Director Dept. of Physics

**12.00 Visit of the Astrophysics Observatory**

13.30 Work Lunch – offered by the Dept. of Physics

**17.00- 18.30 Opera Concert – Offered by Istituto Superiore di Studi Musicali “V. Bellini”**

(Venue: I.M. “V. Bellini”, Via Etna 517)

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**APRIL 4, FRIDAY**

**Venue: International Relations Office**

**NETWORKING – CHAIR Dr. Cinzia Tutino, IRO Coordinator**

**09:30 Group sessions and discussion about relevant topics to be proposed by participants**

12:30 Lunch (reserved voucher)

**14:30 Individual meetings on request with representatives of the UNICT Departments**

**16:30 Optional Catania Bus Tour**