

# INSTM YOUNG RESEARCHERS' FORUM

## *Research in the "spot"light*

October 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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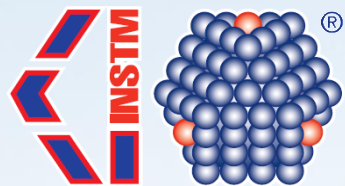


From October 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the "INSTM Young Researchers' Forum" will be held in Naples, in collaboration with the Italian Chemical Society (SCI) Young Group.

This event serves as a platform for networking and collaboration between the youngest members of both the INSTM consortium and SCI, who specialize in **Materials Science, Technology, and Chemistry** in its various branches. Together, they form a critical mass of expertise that, if engaged, could greatly support the Italian entrepreneurial sector and facilitate the transfer of technology from research to industry.

The **National Interuniversity Consortium for Materials Science and Technology (INSTM)**, based in Florence, is the largest consortium in Italy. It coordinates 53 Italian universities engaged in research within the fields of Materials Science, Technology, and related disciplines. The consortium has around 3,000 members, including professors, university researchers, research grant and scholarship holders, and PhD students. The main goal of the Consortium is to provide organizational, technical, and financial support to promote both fundamental and applied research in the Materials Science and Technology field within its partner universities.

The **SCI Young Group**, with over 1,500 members under the age of 35, is spread across 14 Divisions and represents more than a third of the Italian Chemical Society.



## Scientific Program

The Forum sessions will be organized into the following 5 thematic areas, which define the activities of the participants and represent the key topics on which the INSTM's mission is based:

1. **Materials and technologies for Life Sciences and Food Sciences**
2. **Materials and technologies for Made in Italy, Advanced Manufacturing, and Aerospace**
3. **Materials and technologies for the ecological transition: Energy and Sustainable Mobility**
4. **Materials and technologies for the Green Economy and Circular Economy**
5. **Materials and technologies for Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage**

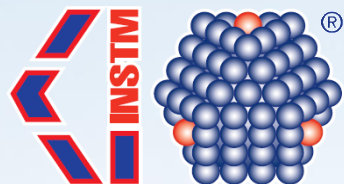
Participants will have the opportunity to present their activities through **5-minute flash presentations** ("spots"). In each session, the **best scientific "spot" contribution** will be rewarded with a **€150** prize and a certificate. SCl will assign **special prize of €150** to the best talk.

	Thursday October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday October 10 <sup>o</sup>
9:00		
11:00	Registration	Scientific Program
14:00		
16:00	Scientific Program	Meet-to-Match
18:00		Awards and greetings
	Social Dinner	

**Participation is open to all PhD students, postdocs, research fellows, and researchers affiliated with the consortium, with no age limits**

Each topical session will be opened by keynote talks given by **young professors or researchers**, not affiliated with the consortium, who have made significant contributions to the relevant areas of interest. Their presence will be valuable for introducing INSTM to external organizations and fostering scientific partnerships that encompass a broader range of expertise and skills.

The afternoon of the final day of the forum (October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025) will be dedicated to a **networking event "Meet-to-Match"** for researchers, aimed at fostering deeper connections and establishing collaborations.



## Conference venue

The "INSTM Young Researchers' Forum" will be held in Naples, at the Faculty of Engineering (University of Naples "Federico II"), located in the Fuorigrotta district, close to the Maradona Stadium and the Mostra d'Oltremare. The conference venue is easily reachable by public transports: three different railways (metro Linea 2, metro Linea 6, and Cumana) and several bus lines connects Piazzale Tecchio with all the Naples' districts. It is also near to the "Fuorigrotta" bypass exit.

## Registration

Participants must register by **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, by filling out the **online form** available on the Forum's webpage ([www.instm.it](http://www.instm.it)). The **registration fee of €100** must be paid by **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. The payment receipt must be sent to [forum2025@instm.it](mailto:forum2025@instm.it).

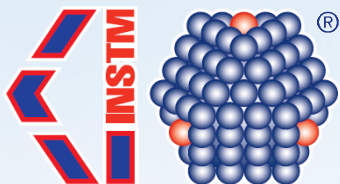
The registration fee includes conference services, coffee breaks, lunch and social dinner.

The city offers a wide range of accommodations, from large hotels to small family-run establishments and B&Bs. A list of recommended accommodations with special rates for Forum participants will be provided on the Forum's webpage [www.instm.it](http://www.instm.it).

**Hotel bookings must be made directly by the participants by contacting the chosen accommodation.**

## Abstract submission

Registered participants can submit abstract until **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, by filling out the **online form** available on the Forum's webpage ([www.instm.it](http://www.instm.it)). Each participant may **present only one scientific contribution**, but they may be co-author of multiple contributions. The submitted works will be subject to approval by the Scientific Committee, which will select **60 contributions** and allocate them to specific topical sessions. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their contributions by **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. The Forum program will then be announced by **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. The Forum proceedings will be available for download from the INSTM website afterward.



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**Naples, October 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



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## **Deadlines**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Registration and abstract submission

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Notification of abstract acceptance

**July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Payment of the registration fee

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