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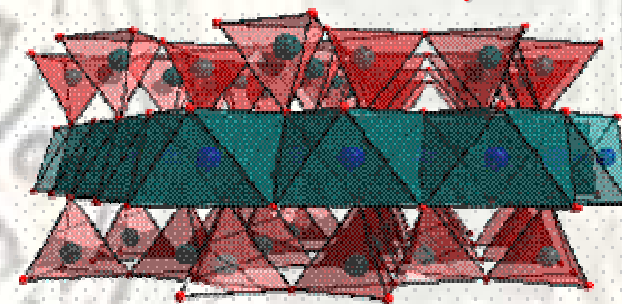
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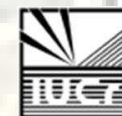
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II International Workshop On Layered Materials: Structure and Properties



The conference is the second international Workshop on Layered materials organized by the Universities of Piemonte Orientale and Torino and under the auspices of the International Zeolite Association, the Italian Zeolite Association (AIZ) and the Italian Crystallography Association (AIC). The present Workshop is supported by the Commission on Inorganic and Mineral Structures (CIMS) of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr).

The first conference held in Alessandria (Italy) in August 2006, was mainly devoted to outline structure and properties of synthetic clays and clay minerals and their applications in Catalysis, Polymer Science and Nanotechnology.

Plenary Lectures

The scientific programme of the Workshop will be divided into four topical sessions, and eminent scientists have agreed to present plenary lectures on the state-of-the-art of these topics:

- 1) **Hybrid materials**, D.B. Mitzi, "Structure-property relationships in layered organic-inorganic perovskites"
- 2) **From mineral layers to materials**, S. Krivovichev, "Layered oxysalt minerals and their modified analogs: structure and applications"
- 3) **Structural and computational methods**, P. Ugliengo, "Periodic ab initio DFT calculations on siliceous layered materials"
- 4) **Properties and applications**, J. Rocha, "Engineering photoluminescence centers in layered lanthanide materials"

Oral Presentations

The time available for each oral presentation is **20 minutes** included discussion. Multimedia facilities and overhead projectors will be available for presentations (Windows XP preferred).

Poster Presentations

Poster presentations will be organized and displayed during the congress days. The recommended dimensions for poster presentations are 85 cm (width) x 120 cm (height). The presence at the poster session of at least one author of each poster contribution is kindly recommended.

Language

English is the official language of the Workshop

Conference Fees

Participants

Before February 25, 2008	250 €
After February 25, 2008	300 €

Students

Before February 25, 2008	150 €
After February 25, 2008	200 €

Accompanying Persons

50 €

Conference Venue

The II International Workshop on Layered Materials will be held in the conference room "**Cripta di S. Andrea**" of the **Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, Università del Piemonte Orientale "A. Avogadro"**, Via Galileo Ferraris 116, Vercelli (in front of the railway station).

More information are available on the web site.

How to reach Vercelli

Vercelli is situated at around 80 Km from Torino and Milano and 135 Km from Genova. The most convenient way to reach Vercelli is from Milano Malpensa Airport.

Special buses will be organized from Malpensa airport to Vercelli on Thursday **27th March**. Please contact the organization secretary before 15th March if the service is needed. Vercelli is easily reachable by train (www.trenitalia.it) and by car. See the web site * for further information.

Accommodation

Accommodation of the participants could be arranged in hotels in Vercelli. Information on the available hotels and other facilities are provided on the web site.

Social Events

A welcome party will be organized in the evening of **March, 27th, 2008**.

During the social dinner, that will take place on **March 28th, 2008**, participants will profit of the fascinating surroundings of medieval "Castello di Cozzo", near Vercelli.

A social trip to discover the beautiful city of Varallo will be organized on Sunday, **March 30th, 2008**.

More information on the Workshop web site

www.layeredmaterials.mfn.unipmn.it