



Dear Colleague,

Thank you for taking part to the Euromech Colloquium [562]- Stability and Control of Nonlinear Vibrating Systems in Sperlonga, Italy, 24-28 2015.

Here you find some practical, last-minute, information.

## 1. Venue

The Euromech Colloquium [562] will be held in Sperlonga (LT), a picturesque coastal village located between Naples and Rome. The colloquium will take place inside the church of Santa Maria, in the historical centre of Sperlonga. It is located at Via Porta Piccola della Chiesa, and it can be reached only by foot through a scenic route (walking time, uphill: 10 min). Please, follow the indications that we will put along the way.

The ancient town of Sperlonga is a fine touristic destination due to its sandy beaches and clear sea, as well as its cultural interest. The beauty of the place and the mild weather attracted the ancient Romans, who created here some magnificent residences. Among these, the villa of emperor Tiberius was built above a wide natural cave, which was intended to host a precious collection of marble works celebrating the deeds of the Greek epic hero Odysseus (renamed Ulysses by Livius Andronicus, who translated in Latin the Homer's masterpiece). The presence in the area of many marine caves ("speluncae", in Latin) like the one used by Tiberius determined the current name of the village.

The current settlement on the hill of San Magno was founded after the fall of the Roman Empire, when the local population sought protection from both the diseases of the marshes and the attacks of the pirates from the Tyrrhenian sea. For the latter reason, several lookout towers were built along the shore. Nevertheless, the small town was destroyed in August 1534 by the hordes of Kaireddin Barbarossa. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Sperlonga assumed the current layout shaped as a tortoise and was enriched with churches and palaces. Only recently, in the 1960's, it became a popular touristic site due to the completion of the road works that connected it to the other cities along the littoral.

## 2. Transportation

You can reach the town of Sperlonga in different ways:

### - By train

The nearest railway station, along the Rome-Naples FS, is Fondi-Sperlonga. It can be reached from Rome (about 1 hr and 10 min) and Naples (1 hr and 20 min). The train runs every hour. You can check the time table if you click on the following link:

<http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en>

The town of Sperlonga is about 12 km away from the Fondi-Sperlonga railway station, and can be reached either by bus or taxi.

The bus schedule (Piazzoli Bus) is the following:

Time table from Sperlonga-Fondi train station to Sperlonga city							
From Monday to Friday	6.40 a.m.	8.20 a.m.	10.10 a.m.	12.40 a.m.	1.50 p.m.	4.20 p.m.	7.20 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	6.40 a.m.	8.20 a.m.	10.10 a.m.	12.40 a.m.		4.20 p.m.	7.20 p.m.

Time table from Sperlonga city to Sperlonga-Fondi train station							
From Monday to Friday	7.20 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	1.05 p.m.	3.15 p.m.	5.15 p.m.	7.40 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	7.20 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	3.15 p.m.		5.15 p.m.	7.40 p.m.

The cost of the bus ticket is about 1,5€.

We added some free extra routes by mini-bus with 6/8 places for SUNDAY 24 of May; the schedule is as follows:

EXTRA routes: Time table from Sperlonga-Fondi train station to Sperlonga city					
Sunday 24/05	1.45 p.m.	2.47 p.m.	5.07 p.m.	5.51 p.m.	7.48 p.m.

-By car

From Rome, you can choose two alternative routes: either the via Appia (SS 70) or the Via Pontina (SS 148); then you drive toward Terracina, and after you take the Via Flacca (SS 213).

Alternatively, from Naples, you drive toward Formia and Gaeta, and then you take the Via Flacca (SS 213) to Sperlonga.

From both Rome and Naples, the trip is about 2 hours long.

If you need, there is a **Taxi service**: Sinopoli Taxi +393397545297, +393398083976.

The web site is: <http://www.sinopolitaxiservice.it/servizio-clienti.html>

The email address: [sinopolistefano@virgilio.it](mailto:sinopolistefano@virgilio.it)

The cost is 20€ for route up to 8 people.

Please don't take not authorized taxi.

### 3. Accomodation

Special rates are available to the colloquium participants at the following hotels. When you will book the room, you have to identify yourself as a member of Euromech Colloquium [562].

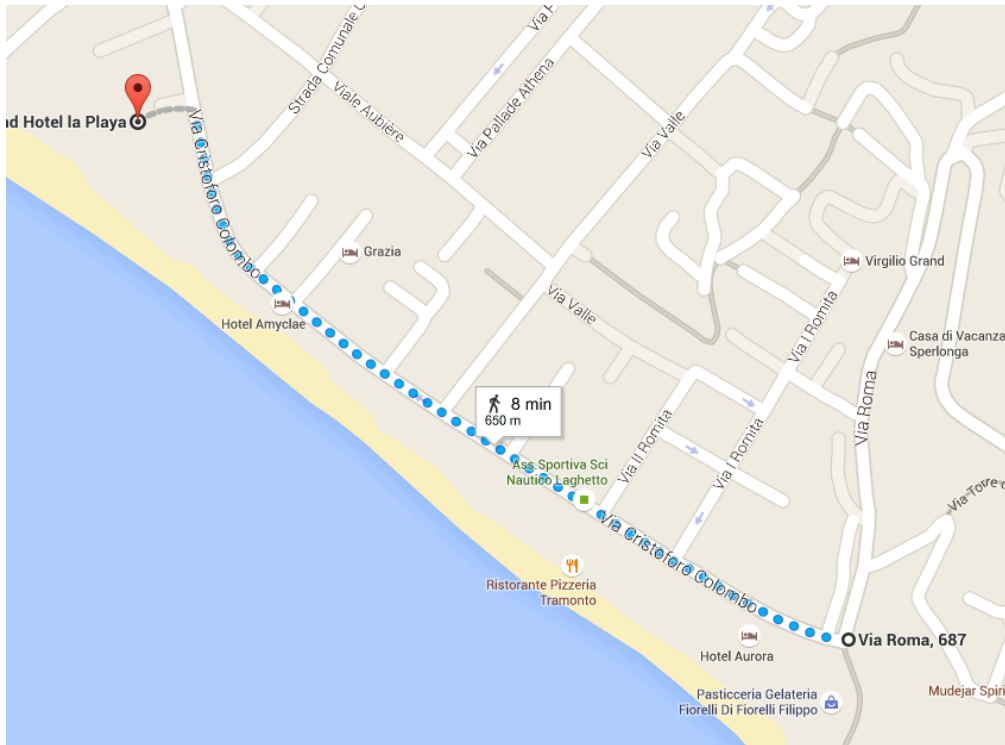
Breakfast is included in the room rate. An extra fee of 2 euros per day will be charged as city tax.

Hotel	Category	Double/twin room for single use	Double/twin room	Double/twin room with sea view balcony	Triple room	Website
Aurora	***	90 €	90 €	–	–	<a href="http://www.aurorahotel.it">www.aurorahotel.it</a>
Amyclae	***	60 €	80 €	90 €	120 €	<a href="http://www.amyclae.it">www.amyclae.it</a>
Belvedere	***	65 €	85 €	–	–	<a href="http://www.belvederesperlonga.it">www.belvederesperlonga.it</a>
La Sirenella	***	60 €	80 €	85 €	–	<a href="http://www.lasirenella.com">www.lasirenella.com</a>
Grazia	***	55 €	75 €	–	90 €	<a href="http://www.hotelgrazia.com">www.hotelgrazia.com</a>
Mayor	***	55 €	75 €	–	–	<a href="http://www.hotelmayor.it">www.hotelmayor.it</a>
Elaia Garden	***	55 €	75 €	–	90 €	<a href="http://www.elaiagardenhotel.it">http://www.elaiagardenhotel.it</a>
Grand Hotel la Playa	****	70 €	90 €	–	–	<a href="http://www.laplayahotel.it/">http://www.laplayahotel.it/</a>

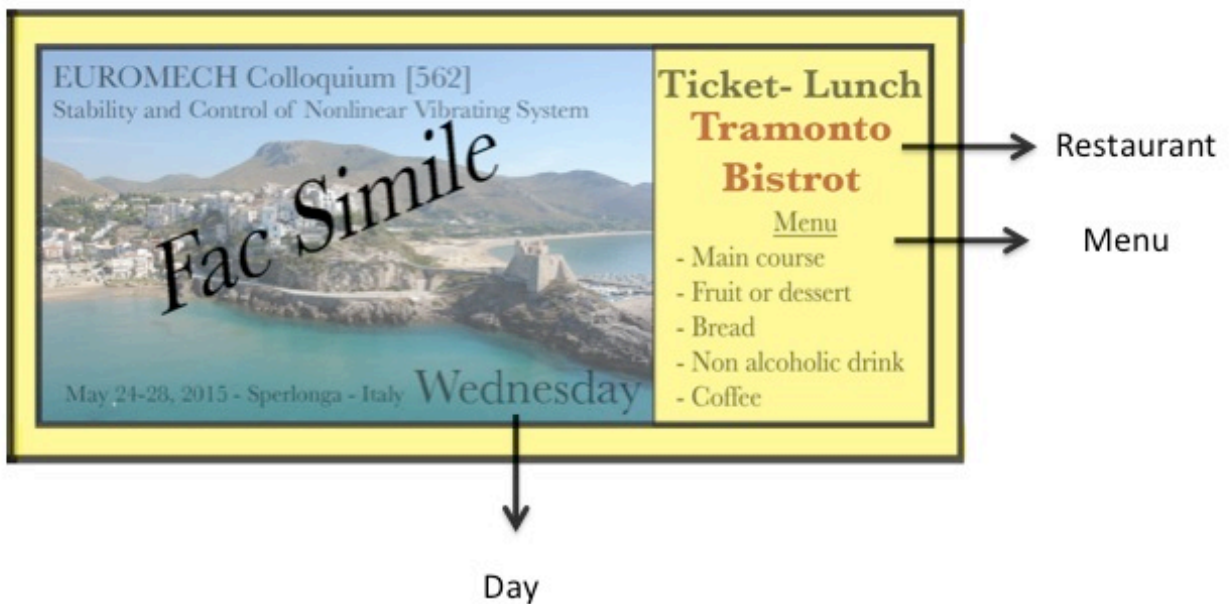
#### 4. Social Program

We planned a rich social program:

- Opening: Grand Hotel La Playa, Sunday 7.30 p.m.  
As you can see in the figure, when you arrive in the “centre” of Sperlonga (the intersection of via Roma and via Cristoforo Colombo), you have to walk on the seafront for 8 minutes. The opening consists of a Welcome drink in a charming hotel with sea view. During the opening we’ll give bags which contain a USB pen, a block notes, the programme of the colloquium, and a map of Sperlonga. Also, you will find in the bag a pack with lunch passes, a badge, a certificate of attendance, and the receipt of payment.



As you can see in the figure below, the lunch Ticket is coloured, different colour each day, and explain where you can eat and which is the menu (right side)  
 You can use the Ticket lunch only in the Restaurant specified on it. There are different restaurants for different days. If you want, you can exchange the ticket lunch with other people, not at the registration desk (since we have to guarantee an equal distribution in the restaurants).



- Monday afternoon: Walking Tour To Roman Archeological Museum and Tiberio cave on the sea (roman ruins). It starts at 4.30 p.m. and it is a pleasure trip in a suggestive and historical place (about 20-25 minutes walking). After that we will have a light dinner in a chalet on the beach “Lido Rocco”. There will be few cars available for people having problems with a long stroll. You should wear sneakers.

The "Grotta di Tiberio", a wide and deep natural opening at the base of Mount Ciannito, is located along the Riviera di Levante of Sperlonga. It was part of the emperor Tiberius's imperial villa that stretched three hundred meters on each side along the beach, and consisted of barracks for the troops, the imperial residence itself, the thermal baths, and the pools for fish breeding.

The museum, adjacent to the area of the Villa, was specifically designed to accommodate the amazing sculptural artifacts in addition to the furniture and other valuable objects belonging to the ornamental apparatus of the villa, which document the life of the complex at the beginning of the first century.

A systematic patient reconstruction after a series of accidents led to identify the marble groups related to the return of Ulysses to Ithaca.

- Social Dinner Wednesday 8.30 p.m at Laoconte Restaurant in Via Cristoforo Colombo 18.
- Tour to Gaeta: discovering Montagna Spaccata, Gaeta medieval and Base Nautica



**Gaeta** is a picturesque coastal town in the province of Latina, in Lazio, central Italy. In the classical age it was known as Caieta, and was famous for its lovely and temperate climate. Like the neighbouring Formia and Sperlonga, it was a touristic site and hosted the seaside “villas” of many important and rich characters from Rome.

Nowadays, Gaeta is an extremely popular summertime destination because of its seven fabulous beaches. Locals and tourists from all over Italy flock to these beaches to soak up the sun and watch surfing events. Visiting Gaeta is a great way to get a feeling for the best of southern Italy - great food, friendly locals, tons of ambiance and a sense of history that ties everything together.

Moreover the town has played a conspicuous part in military history. Gaeta's fortifications were extended and strengthened in the 15th century, especially throughout the history of the Kingdom of Naples (which later became the Two Sicilies). At present, Gaeta is a fishing and oil seaport, and a renowned touristic resort. NATO maintains a Naval base of operations at Gaeta.

The most popular attractions and activities in Gaeta include the massive Aragonese-Angevine Castle, the Mausoleum of Lucius Munatius Plancus, the Sanctuary of SS. Trinità, the Church of Annunziata, The Cathedral of Assunta e Sant'Erasmus, the Church of San Giovanni a Mare, the Chapel of the Crucifix, the Medieval Quarter of Gaeta...

A tentative description of the guided tour that will take place on Wednesday afternoon is given in the following.

To get to Montagna Spaccata, or Split Mountain, on Monte Orlando, you will enter the Sanctuary of SS. Trinità (Sanctuary of the Holy Trinity), a monastery complex run by the missionary Fathers. The cliffs overlooking the sea are split from top to bottom. Locals say that the mountain was cleaved in two at the moment Christ died on the Calvary.

You can take the path down to the Grotta del Turco to visit this cave carved out of the mountain by the sea itself. The grotta ends directly in the sea where the waves create atmospheric effects of light.

Gaeta's tiny old city offers something for everyone. Stroll along the Lungomare boardwalk and watch fishermen ply their trade. Look up and see the walls of the Angevin-Aragonese castle standing, thick and strong, high above the city (Unfortunately, you can't visit the castle because the Italian military uses it). The Romanesque bell tower, tucked away between buildings in the old city, was built in 915. Walk right up to it and look closely at the building materials. Also see the Capella d'Oro (Golden Chapel), a chapel in the Annunziata church, that was made famous by Pope Pius IX. Be sure to stop for gelato at Il Molo or El Tiburon, at the far end of the old city in Piazza del Pesce.

In 1967, a NATO base was established in Gaeta; its support facilities are located on Monte Orland. It is currently used as the home port for the flagship of the United States' Sixth Fleet.

The town hosts the families of the crews who work on the ship. There was a DOD school for American children and the US Naval Support Activity, which provided health care and other services until it was closed down in 2005.

In the heart of the Borgo Elena, you will walk through the typical "budello" of Via Indipendenza. Lanes and alleyways, windows and balconies, arches and doors, shops and stalls of products directly grown or packaged by the local farmers ... step by step in a continuous enhancing of all the senses. ..

Pick up: in front of Hotel Aurora at 2.45 p.m.

You should wear sneakers.

Other information:

- If you need to change money, please change it in the Airport or in Rome or Naples. You can't change money in Sperlonga
- If you don't know where is the conference venue, the appointment is on Monday at 8.30 a.m. to go all together at the entrance of Aurora hotel
- Unfortunately all Italy is affected by bad weather condition. It is recommended to wear rain-jacket during the tour.
- If you have any question during the event you can ask to the members of the organizing committee who wear a red badge.



- For the dinner, Special rates are available to the colloquium participants at the following restaurants: Il Tirreno, il Tramonto, La conchiglia, La Siesta, Lacoonte, e La Bisaccia  
You must show the badge of the Euromech Colloquium to take advantage of these special rates. The menus are the following:
  - Restaurant: Il Tirreno  
Menù (25€):

- house starter
- pasta with mussels and eggplants
- swordfish with potatoes
- dessert
- water, wine, coffee

Menù (20€):

- Tirreno bruschetta
- Pasta with anchovies and pecorino
- Fries calamari and shrimps
- Mix of salads
- dessert
- water, wine, coffee

- Restaurante: La Bisaccia

Menù (25€)

- pasta with bacon, mushrooms and walnut or pasta (bucatini) cheese and pepper
- meat with potatoes and salad or breaded cutlet with potatoes and salad

Menù (18€)

- starter
- pizzas (not all the ones on the menu)
- dessert
- beer or glass or wine
- water

- Restaurant: La Conchiglia

Menù (20€)

- 2 main courses (meat or fish)
- Dessert or fruit
- Wine
- Water
- Coffee
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- Restaurant: La Siesta

Menù (20€)

- 2 main courses (meat or fish)
- Dessert or fruit
- Wine
- Water

- Coffee

- Restaurant: Laoconte

- Menù (25€)

- 2 main courses
    - Water
    - Coffee

- Restaurant: Il Tramonto

- Menù (25€)

- 2 main courses
    - Dessert
    - Wine
    - Water
    - Coffee

- The accompanying persons are welcome to take part to our activities, and they can avail themselves of these special rates:



<b>Accompanying person Fee</b>		
<b>A) 1st option: All Inclusive</b>		<b>€ 140</b>
1	Coffe breaks	
2	Lunches	
3	Social dinner	
4	Tour to Gaeta (Wednesday afternoon)	
5	Tour to Roman Archeological Museum and Tiberio Cavern (roman ruins) (Monday afternoon)	
6	Light dinner in a chalet on the beach (Monday)	
7	Welcome drink	
<b>B) 2nd option</b>		<b>€ 120</b>
1	Lunches	
2	Social dinner	
3	Tour to Gaeta (Wednesday afternoon)	
4	Tour to Roman Archeological Museum and Tiberio Cavern (roman ruins) (Monday afternoon)	
5	Light dinner in a chalet on the beach (Monday)	
6	Welcome drink	
<b>C) 3rd option</b>		<b>€ 80</b>
1	Social dinner	
2	Tour to Gaeta (Wednesday afternoon)	
3	Tour to Roman Archeological Museum and Tiberio Cavern (roman ruins) (Monday afternoon)	
4	Light dinner in a chalet on the beach (Monday)	
5	Welcome drink	
<b>D) SINGLE PRICE</b>		
1	Coffe breaks	<b>€ 20</b>
2	Lunches	<b>€ 40</b>
3	Social dinner	<b>€ 40</b>
4	Tour to Gaeta (Wednesday afternoon)	<b>€ 15</b>
5	Tour to Roman Archeological Museum and Tiberio Cavern (roman ruins) (Monday afternoon)	<b>€ 5</b>
6	Light dinner in a chalet on the beach (Monday)	<b>€ 15</b>
7	Welcome drink	<b>€ 10</b>

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