

W\E\S\08

WONDERS EUSCEA SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2008

"DIVERSITY"

The **W\E\S\08** takes place from 24 October to 26 October 2008.

The **W\E\S\08** is part of the "Festival della Scienza" in Genoa, with a large programme from 23 October to 4 November 2008.

The **W\E\S\08** consists for two parts :

- A. About 20 science stands interacting with the public, which votes for its favourites in the Palazzo Ducale
- B. An "Evaluation Meeting" of participating EUSCEA Partners and interested persons

>> The stands of **W\E\S\08** operate on Friday and Saturday (Assembly on Thursday, disassembly on Saturday/Sunday)

>> The "Evaluation Meeting" of EUSCEA takes place on Sunday.

A. Science Stands interacting with the public

Two days in Genoa in the "Le Cisterne di Palazzo Ducale", which is a wonderful palace, partly outside in the courtyard of the palace for about 20 science stands – as part of the Genoa "Festival della Scienza" – www.festivalscienza.it.

Target audience will be rather schools and students on Friday and families on Saturday.

The entrance will be controlled and the visitors will have tickets.

The 20 stands are in a hall exclusively for EUSCEA members.

In the middle of all the stands, there is also an auditorium, where science shows can take place.

The main emphasis lies on interactive, hands-on, two-way-communication presentations and shows (between the visitors, presenters and scientists).

The key word, the topic of the Festival della Scienza and all participants in **W\E\S\08** is **DIVERSITY**.

>> The **public will vote for its favourite science stand** – and a special public award will be granted for this presentation.

B. The "Evaluation Meeting" of EUSCEA participants

The participants of the stands come together to discuss the evaluation of the impact of their festivals and their experiences and new ideas for the next **W\E\S\09**. Interested persons from the public, from other presentations and journalists are invited to join the discussion.

SCHEDULE

- Setup: Thursday, 2008-10-23
- **W\E\S\F\08**: October 24 to 26, 2008
- **Stands**: 2008-10-24 to 25 (09:30 to 18:00)
- Dismantling: 2008-10-25 (after 19:00), and also 2008-10-26 (between 8:30 and 10:00)
- **Evaluation Meeting**: 2008-10-26 10:00 – 13:00

Remark:

EUSCEA members can apply for a supplementary scholarships from the Genoa organisation and from EUSCEA, paying for their accommodation and travelling (~2 persons). Please explain good reasons!

In the case of such a scholarship, all the travels and accommodation will be organised and paid directly by the Genoa organisers. The decisions will be made by EUSCEA and by the organisers of the Festival della Scienza.

Genoa Science Festival 2008

Diversity is the key word for the sixth edition of the Genoa Science Festival, which will be held from October 23rd till November 4th, 2008.

Activities: conferences for meeting scientists, writers and artists, readings and scientific cafés, round tables, panels and forum; didactic, scientific and artistic exhibition/exhibits; workshops: visitors make experiments under the supervision of Scientific Explainers; shows: drama, concerts, dance, clips, movies and film cycles; special events: open days, performances, etc.

In its 5th year Festival della Scienza did consolidate its success hitting the record number of **250,000 visits**. Some 100 venues hosted over **500 events**: 288 meetings and conferences, 81 special events, shows and films, 111 workshops, 46 exhibits.

Staff and Scientific Explainers in 2007

650 young people were part of the 2007 Festival Staff, with a Team of **424 Scientific Explainers** (265 girls and 159 boys), i.e. 100 more than in 2006.

The Scientific Explainers' Team included young people of any age, coming from many different cities (99 out of Liguria), such as Turin, Rome, Naples, Bari, Bergamo, Alessandria. The youngest scientific explainer was born in 1988.

Since 2006, (93 young people) the Crew remarkably increased and this year included 163 students (111 girls and 52 boys, 17 coming from other cities), the youngest of whom is 18.

More on: <http://festivalscienza.it/en/home.php>