

EDITORRE INDIPENDENTE



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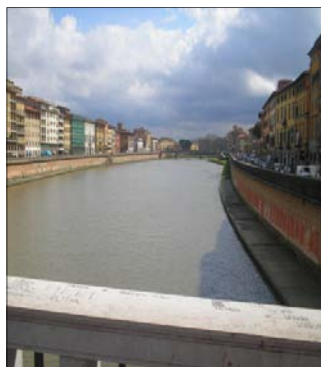
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Pisa, Italy.



BENVENUTI!

"All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them."

GALILEO GALILEI,

Most famous inhabitant of Pisa.

A very warm welcome to you all as we touch down in Pisa! It is the aim of this newsletter to inform, illuminate and entertain throughout our Tenth General Assembly and Conference of the European Association of Science Editors.

This first day of the Conference will see the New Council take over, so watch the 'Who's Who' section on page four in this and future issues for interviews and facts about current and new council members, along with all the latest overheard gossip.

In this issue we have included some very useful phrases for non-Italian speakers, and several guides as to what's on here in Pisa along with top tips for things to see and do.

We hope you enjoy this first issue of *Editorre Indipendente* and your stay here in Pisa!

"I pray you tell Signor Lucentio that his father is come from Pisa and is here at the door to speak with him."

from William Shakespeare's
'The Taming of the Shrew'



PROGRAMME FOR 16 SEPTEMBER

15.00–15.45

Annual

General

Meeting and

General

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16.00–17.00

Welcome Address & Opening

Ceremony by Maria Luisa Chiofalo

(Assessore of Pisa)

History of Pisa and its University. By
Professor Lucia Tomasi Tongiorgi and
Professor Romano Coppini.

17.30–18.30

Keynote Lecture by Professor
Ele Ferrannini,

19.00–20.30

Welcome reception at the Hotel
Santa Croce in Fossabanda, Pi-
azza Santa Croce 5, Pisa. It is a
five minutes walk from the
Conference Centre.



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PISA FACT FILE

Population:
87,506 residents

Postal code:
56100



Patron Saint:
San Ranieri

Situated on the
River Arno



An 'old city,' even in
Roman times, as
described by Virgil in
his *Aeneid*

4m above sea level

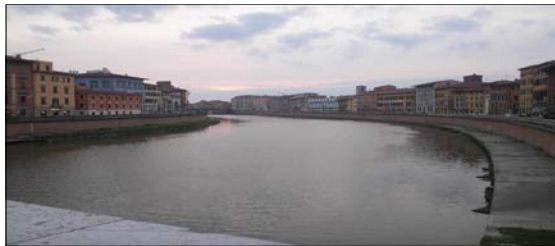
Area: 185km²

Mayor:
Marco Filippeschi
Democratic Party

PISAN HISTORY

The city of Pisa began around 1000 B.C. as a seaside settlement. The Romans developed it into a sea trading port during the Second Century B.C., and by the eleventh century, Pisa, along with Venice and Genoa, was one of the most powerful maritime republics. It had very strong trade links with the Middle East and was one of the first cities to import both decorative and scientific Arabic ideas. The enormous wealth that came as a result of

trading meant that Pisa became a city of monumental buildings during the late



Middle Ages. In 1284, the Genoese

destroyed the Pisan battle fleet which led to control of the Tyrrhenian Sea to pass to Genoa.

Florence took control of the city in 1406 and despite some small rebellions over the centuries, Florence maintained control of the city until Italian unification in the 1860s.

USEFUL PHRASES

For all our budding Italian speakers, some unique phrases for you to learn and then use during our stay here in Pisa. All stories regarding the successful use of the sentences below to be delivered a.s.a.p. to the Editorial Office.

Tre persone su due non capiscono le proporzioni in matematica.

Three in two people do not understand proportions in mathematics.

Non far cantare un'altra volta tua sorella. Non vorrei che rompesse le finestre come l'ultima volta.

Don't let your sister sing again. We don't want her to break the windows like last time.

È quello lo chiami un panino al prosciutto? Mettilo via, subito!

You call that a ham sandwich? Take it away at once!

Il mio bicchiere si sente solo. Vorresti tenergli compagnia con il tuo?

My drink is getting lonely. Would you like to join me with yours?

Se credi che stia pagando per quello, devi avere qualche altra cosa in serbo!

If you think I'm paying for that then you've got another think coming!

È la terza volta in una settimana che un paziente ha avuto una combustione spontanea.

That is the third time this week that one of the patients has spontaneously combusted.



Non puoi rimanere ubriaco più a lungo di quanto tu non possa restare a terra senza reggerti.

You are not drunk so long as you can lie on the ground without holding on.

RESTAURANT GUIDE

La Taverna degli Amici

Via del Borghetto

Tel. (+39 050 571 467)

Antica Trattoria da Bruno

12, Via Luigi Bianchi

Tel. (+39) 050 560818

www.anticatrattoriadabruno.com

Numero Undici

47, Via San Martino

Tel. (+39) 050 27282

http://www.numeroundici.it

Osteria dei cavalieri

16, via San Frediano

Tel. (+39) 050 580858

www.osteriacavalieri.pisa.it



Artifafo

33, Via San Martino

Tel. (+39) 050-27010

http://www.lartifafo.it

Re Artù

129, Via Santa Maria

Tel. (+39) 050 8312130

Il Pomo D'oro

Pizzeria e Focacceria

13 Via la Nunziatina

Tel. (+39) 050 500015

If you are in search of superb Italian ice cream, visit **La Bottega del Gelato** on the Piazza Garibaldi.

WHAT'S ON IN PISA?

THE LEANING TOWER

A trip to Pisa would not be complete without climbing to the top of the Leaning Tower! Please note that on busy days there may be a short wait so it is usually best to reserve your visit in advance at the Ticket Office.

Cost: €15

THE DUOMO &

BAPTISTERY

Cost: €2 for the Duomo, €5 for the baptistery. Located next to the Leaning Tower, they offer excellent examples of pre-Renaissance architecture, art and precious relics.



TOP TIPS

LOCAL TOURS AROUND PISA

The University of Pisa is offering 2 free guided tours for 25 people to visit the Museum of the Opera of the Duomo and the Monumental Graveyard (where there are important paintings by Benozzo Gozzoli). These tours will last 1½ –2 hours. For more information, please visit the Registration desk.



If time permits visit the small Gothic chapel of "Santa Maria della Spina" and the National Museum of San Matteo, housing an excellent collection of 12th-15th-century art, located on the Via Santa Maria.

Visit the Church of "San Michele degli Scalzi" to see the other leaning tower of Pisa. It was completed in the 13th century and although this seldom-visited tower is not as impressive as the famous one, it is definitely worth a look.

it is also fun to just explore Pisa. The city is very compact with many narrow streets and small markets that offer a great atmosphere and plenty to discover!

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Where in Pisa can you find the remains of a Roman Bathhouse, and which Roman emperor is it named after?



DID YOU KNOW?

The average Italian consumes 25 kg of pasta every year.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Tourist Office

16, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II
T: 050-42291

Airport Information

Aeroporto Internazionale Galilei
T: 050-502518



Train Station

(Stazione Ferroviaria Pisa Centrale)
Piazza della Stazione
T: 050 917591

Police

27 Via Canavari
T: 050 313921

Duomo Tourist Office

8, Piazza Arcivescovo



Una sola lingua non è mai abbastanza
One language is never enough.

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Although no one is prepared to take full responsibility for everything that is published in the Editorre

Indipendente, please note that the editorial team would be delighted with any overheard gossip, rumours, interesting facts, photographs of Pisa, useful restaurants and/or bars to visit... please find and liaise with Samantha Jeffery, newsletter editor.



The Great Debate

How many steps is it from the ground to the top of the Leaning Tower of Pisa?

What's your favourite website?

The Publications Committee are looking for tips on helpful, interesting or generally entertaining websites to feature in ESE—our proper Journal, this newsletter's big sister.

Any ideas to be written on a piece of paper and given to someone with a red lanyard.

Thought for the day

"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect intended us to forgo their use".

More words of wisdom from Galileo Galilei



WHO'S WHO OUR DAILY FEATURE OF THE EASE COMMITEE



ARJAN POLDERMAN
EASE PRESIDENT

Arjan has just this week completed an extensive tour of Italy which has included visits to Venice, Arreto and Bologna. Three years ago Arjan took on the EASE Presidency and welcomed us all to Krakow, glass in hand. All the EASE Council would like to thank Arjan for his excellent leadership and guidance—wish I'd followed him last night, not Rod [JM].



JOAN MARSH
NEW EASE PRESIDENT

Joan spends much of her time watching men run around after an oval ball, some of it actively chasing after them with a whistle. During the summer off season, Joan referees Touch rugby, just for a change. Joan has confided to the Editorre Indipendente that when she is too old to run, "I'm going to retire to the country and support my sister in her dream of owning an international three-day event horse". Did Joan know what weather to expect?



ROD HUNT
EASE TREASURER

Rod is well known at EASE for his love of singing opera and is a bit of a wizard behind the camera. He recently revealed that two of his favourite films include *L.A. Confidential* and *Green Mile*.

Which other EASE members are keen singers?

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Arjan Polderman (Chairman), Eva Baranyiová, Paola De Castro, Alison Clayson, Jenny Gretton, Roderick Hunt, Joan Marsh, Remedios Melero, Linus Svensson with support from Sheila Evered.

Join us tomorrow for more Who's Who of the EASE Team.