ADMISSION AND ACCOMMODATION

Applicants must apply at least one month before the beginning of the course. Application forms should be sent on-line through our web site: http://www.cism.it or by post.

A message of confirmation will be sent to accepted participants. If you need assistance for registration please contact our secretariat.

The 700.00 Euro registration fee includes a complimentary bag, four fixed menu buffet lunches (Friday subject to numbers), hot beverages, downloadable lecture notes and wi-fi internet access.

A limited number of participants from universities and research centres who are not supported by their own institutions can be offered board and/or lodging in a reasonably priced hotel. Requests should be sent to CISM Secretariat by April 30, 2014 along with the applicant's curriculum and a letter of recommendation by the head of the department or a supervisor confirming that the institute cannot provide funding. Preference will be given to applicants from countries that sponsor CISM.

Information about travel and accommodation is available on our web site, or can be mailed upon request.

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FLOWING SOFT MATTER: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN STATISTICAL PHYSICS AND FLUID MECHANICS

Polymer solutions, colloidal suspensions, emulsions, gels, granular matter, biological materials such as the cytoskeleton, bacterial suspensions, and cellular tissues are all complex materials lying at the interface between fluids and soft solids. Their mechanical properties result from the subtle interplay between their microstructure at the mesoscales, and the forces driving the flows either at the macroscale (e.g. sheared, and advected fluids) or at the microscale (e.g. thermal fluctuations, or local self-propulsion). Much research efforts have been devoted to understand the flow properties of these soft materials, in fields as diverse as soft-condensed matter physics, biophysics, materials science, chemical and mechanical engineering. Two main complementary descriptions have emerged in these different communities: on the one hand, these complex fluids can be described as continua using the equations of fluid mechanics with phenomenological constitutive laws; on the other hand, they can also be described using non-equilibrium statistical physics. In this context the constitutive laws and the mesoscale fluctuations are accurately described, but only yield minimalistic mechanical models. Both approaches have their merits, and their combination has proven to yield outstanding advances in the understanding of the large-scale mechanical properties of some complex systems such as polymeric fluids. However, over the last 20 years, interactions between the fluid-mechanics, soft-condensed-matter and statistical-physics communities have been scarce.

The objectives of this Summer School are twofold: first, present the participants with an overview of the exciting field of flowing soft matter, with focus on a few topics of active research interest; second, reconcile the statistical-physics and fluid-mechanics descriptions of these systems, by bringing together lecturers from both communities to discuss similar problems from the perspective of their own discipline. The contents of the School will articulate around three main themes:

1. Fluctuations at all scales in Viscoelastic Fluids,
2. Mechanics and Structure of Active Fluids,

These themes have been selected to reflect current interests in soft-matter research, while being distinct enough from one another to provide a broad and general introduction of the field to the participants. Our purpose is to provide the Summer School participants with two complementary lectures on each theme: two researchers of different backgrounds will give 5 lectures each on a subject related to their research interests. The targeted audience for this Summer School will be advanced PhD students as well as postdoctoral researchers in departments of Physics, Biophysics, Engineering, and Materials Science. The participants are also invited to give a short oral presentation on their research.

PRELIMINARY SUGGESTED READINGS


INVITED LECTURERS

Alexander Morozov - University of Edinburgh, UK
5 lectures on: Non-Newtonian Fluid Mechanics and Elastic Instabilities.
Basics of non-Newtonian fluid mechanics will be reviewed, with emphasis on viscoelastic fluids and the effects of fluid elasticity on the emergence of large hydrodynamic fluctuations (viscoelastic instabilities, and transition to chaos and turbulence).

Todd Squires - University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, USA
5 lectures on: Microrheology of Complex Fluids.
This section will focus on the microscopic basis for non-Newtonian behavior, and more specifically on the theory of microrheology as a tool for the measurement of complex rheological properties and small-scale fluctuations.

Davide Marenduzzo - University of Edinburgh, UK
5 lectures on: Active Liquid Crystals and Active Soft Matter. This section will review recent developments in the field of active liquid crystals and other active materials, from a soft-condensed matter perspective.

David Saintillan - University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, USA
5 lectures on: Fluid Mechanics of Active Suspensions. Recent models for the fluid mechanics of suspensions of self-propelled microorganisms will be presented, from the description of individual swimmers to the modeling of collective dynamics.

Olivier Pouliquen - IUSTI, Polytech Marseille, France
5 lectures on: Fluid Mechanics of Dense Suspensions. Flow properties of dense particulate suspensions and wet granular materials will be discussed, with an emphasis on hydrodynamics and rheological behavior.

Matthieu Wyart - New York University, NY, USA
5 lectures on: Jamming and Unjamming Transitions in Disordered Solids. This section will also consider dense suspensions and granular matter, but will focus on the statistical physics of the (un)jamming transition in these systems.

LECTURES

All lectures will be given in English. Lecture notes can be downloaded from the CISM web site, instructions will be sent to accepted participants.
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Udine, June 30 - July 4, 2014
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