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PRESS RELEASE

## “Scienza e virgola 2018”: it’s all about the science book



Waiting for Trieste European City of Science 2020, from April 11 to 19 the city will host a full calendar of public appointments that will range from the presentation of books to theatre plays, up to the meeting with the great American writer James Gleick who will discuss time travel

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Great authors, special events and, above all, “books that bring the world to life”. “**Scienza e virgola**”, the scientific book fair organised by the Master in Science Communication “Franco Pratico” of the Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati and the City of Trieste, returns to the bookshops of Trieste from 11 to 19 April 2018. This third edition will include the presentation of the newest and



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most interesting publications by means of a number of interviews between their authors and leading journalists. The fair will be enhanced by special events, including a play entitled "Umano ma non troppo" dedicated to robotics, the award ceremony for the photography competition "De Rerum Natura" and the meeting organised in association with the University of Trieste and the Trieste BookFestival entitled "Tradurre la scienze nelle lingue dei Paesi slavi, nostri vicini". On April 19<sup>th</sup>, an aperitif with James Gleick, one of the world's leading science writers, will close the week of events which will also involve the city's schools. Gleick will discuss time travel, the theme at the centre of his book which has just been translated into Italian and presented in Trieste for the first time in Italy. All events are free and open to the public.

### **"Scienza e virgola 2018" here we go!**

The third edition of "Scienza e virgola 2018" is ready to start, a series of book presentations which, in this edition, will investigate the relationship between maths and art, biology, the environment, psychology and the stories of the great scientists through recently published informative books. The backdrop for these presentations will be three Trieste bookshops: Antico Caffè and San Marco bookshop, Lovat and Ubik. The titles chosen for this edition are "**La matematica è un'opera d'arte**" by Giovanni Filocamo, which deals with numbers and formulae that inspire beauty, held at 6pm on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lovat bookshop; "**Un meraviglioso incidente**" published by Mondadori and written by Vincenzo Manca and Marco Santagata, which will be interviewed at 5.30pm on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Ubik bookshop by the journalist Alessandro Mezzana Lona.

On Saturday morning, at the Lovat bookshop, it will be the turn of "**Ragazze con i numeri**" (Editoriale Scienza), 15 biographies of female scientists from all over the world to talk about women in science. One of the authors, Roberta Fulci, will be interviewed by Sarah Pozzoli, director of Focus Junior and Nostrofiglio.it. In the afternoon, the book "**Trash. Tutto quello che**



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**dovresti sapere sui rifiuti**" will be presented at caffè San Marco. The authors, Piero Martin and Alessandra Viola will be interviewed by Luca Fraioli of La Repubblica.

At 11.30am, on Sunday morning at the Ubik bookshop, room will be given to the marketing lies on typical Italian products with the book entitled "**Denominazione di origine inventata**". Its author, Alberto Grandi will be interviewed by the blogger Chiara Marchi ("Miss Claire"); in the afternoon, at 5.30pm at San Marco, it will be the turn of "**Empatie**", a journey to discover the many forms of empathy, the feeling which brings us face to face with the existence of the other as other, in their uniqueness and difference. The author, Laura Boella, will be interviewed by the journalist Viola Rita.

The books "La matematica è un'opera d'arte" and "Un meraviglioso accidente" will also be presented to the Trieste schools in two meetings organized at the Dante-Carducci high school in the mornings of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

## The special events

A series of special events will complement the meetings with the authors, kicking off on April 11<sup>th</sup> with the presentation of the book "**Hotel Copenhagen**", novel by Gabriella Greison which tells the story of Niels Bohr and his wife Margrethe at the Antico Caffè and San Marco bookshop. The appointment is organised by the Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati in association with ICTP - Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics. At 5pm on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>, the RAI-FVG journalist Eva Ciuk will conduct the meeting with Professor Ljiljana Avirovic of Scuola Superiore di Lingue Moderne per Interpreti e Traduttori of the Università degli Studi di Trieste entitled "**Tradurre la scienza nelle lingue dei Paesi slavi, nostri vicini**". On Friday at 6.30pm, at Revoltella, the Faber Teater company will present "**Umano ma non troppo**" a play which explores the relationship between mankind and robots. At 4pm on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> at San Marco, it will be the turn of "**SISSA Readers' Corner**" with the staff of Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati who will give two-minute talks on their relationship with literature. On Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>, photography will be the topic with "**De rerum natura - la scienza in uno scatto**", an event which will see the Director of the Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi



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Avanzati Stefano Ruffo award the winning photographs of the homonymous photography competition and the exhibition of some of the most beautiful photos entered. To follow, **40 years after the Basaglia law**, a presentation will be held of the 180 series with Peppe Dell'Acqua and Nico Pitrelli. At 7.30pm on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at San Marco, to close the events, the journalist Fabio Pagan will interview James Gleick, the highly-acclaimed author of bestsellers like "Caos: la nascita di una nuova scienza" and three-time Pulitzer finalist, who, speaking about cinema and literature, science and philosophy, will present his book "**Time travel: A history**" just translated into Italian for Codice Edizione with the title "**Viaggi nel Tempo**". An aperitif will be also offered to the public.

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