PRESS RELEASE

China invests in SISSA for training in excellence

Acknowledging SISSA’s excellence, Suzhou Industrial Park will finance some scholarships to allow Chinese talents to study at the International School located in Trieste

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High quality education, frontier research and advanced know-how are the ingredients for this cutting-edge science centre. And are internationally recognized values when we talk about SISSA.

Today, a new agreement on a “high level talent training program” will be signed among the Institute in Trieste, Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP) and Suzhou Institute of Systems Medicine (ISM); this document will seal the beginning of a joint PhD course aimed at recruiting young talents coming from China to study and perform scientific research at SISSA. This will be possible thanks to the funding made available by the two Chinese parties. These young scientists will carry out their research in bionanotechnology and, at the end of their project, they will obtain a PhD title issued by SISSA. Prof. Vincent Torre, coordinator of the PhD course in Neurobiology,
had a pioneering role in this achievement, also building a bridge towards future opportunities for some companies located at the Area Science Park in Trieste, who, today, will present their expertise to the Chinese delegation.

“It is an agreement that marks the first step of a collaboration that has already its foundations between our School and what is already a Superpower country. This event is extremely relevant, because it is unusual that Chinese institutions decide to finance talent training for their students to be carried out abroad. This, clearly, indicates the uniqueness and value of our School” says prof. Stefano Ruffo, Director of SISSA, who will host a delegation from Suzhou Industrial Park between 2 and 4 pm. On this occasion the agreement between the School and the Chinese parties will be signed and the “High level talent training program” will be ready to start. The selected students will receive a scholarship covered by the Suzhou Institute of System Medicine, located within Suzhou Industrial Park, will follow the lectures and develop their research projects at SISSA, but will also spend some training periods in Suzhou, in a fruitful exchange of expertise and using the sophisticated laboratory equipment made available to them. In the future, we expect to have joint research projects and strong collaborations that will be able to convert the results of our research in medical and industrial applications.

But there is more. Because thanks to Prof. Torre’s networking ability, this will be the perfect occasion to present to the Chinese delegation the great potential that the so-called “Trieste System” has. The contacts that Vincent Torre cultivated in years of collaborations have now created a link between some local high-tech and innovation realities and the Chinese Scientific Park. Our start-up and spin-off companies have a very high potential to export their ideas to the East. A key role in the development of these relations has to be attributed – adds Prof. Torre - to the support of the Italian Consulate and specifically to Prof. Roberto Pagani, attaché for science and technology at the Italian Consulate General in Shanghai.

Stephen Taylor, for Trieste Area Science Park, will introduce the six organizations already established in the Campus of the Trieste AREA who will present their expertise: Ulisse Biomed, start up specialized in the sector of diagnostics, CEAN ELS engaged in the development of electronic systems for research in physics, A.P.E. Research, company that develops advanced instrumentation for nanotechnology, ThunderNIL, experts in nanostructures fabrication, Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste, a multidisciplinary international laboratory of excellence specialized in generating synchrotron and free-electron laser light for scientific applications and CNR IOM, scientific center focused on material development and the solid matter physics.

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