



## ISAC committee to evaluate SISSA

### An international committee is meeting in Trieste to evaluate the quality of research

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The International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) in Trieste is constantly committed to maintaining the highest quality standards in its research. In this sense, the process of monitoring quality is fundamental, and when it comes to being assessed SISSA chooses among the leading scientists in the world. As of May 26 the International Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAC) will be visiting Trieste. For three days the committee will meet the School's staff in order to analyse the trends and evolution of scientific research at SISSA, in relation to the evolution of research at the international level.

Based on the data collected during these three days of meetings, the international committee will produce a written report on the activities of SISSA, which will then be transmitted to School's governing bodies and to the Minister of University and Scientific Research. The report will also discuss guidelines on the future of research for SISSA.

#### ***More in detail...***

The ISAC committee meets every three years at the request of the Director of SISSA. The current chairman of the committee is Edouard Brézin, former director of the Department of Physics at the École Normale Supérieure of Paris and president of the French CNRS. Brézin was also awarded the Dirac Medal in 2011.

The high academic and scientific standing of the ISAC committee is also testified by the level of its past chairmen, such as David Gross, Nobel prize for Physics in 2004 (and, amongst many other things, recipient of the Dirac Medal) and Giorgio Parisi, theoretical physicist from La Sapienza University in Rome, winner of numerous awards including the Dirac Medal and the Boltzmann Medal.

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