

The **XIV Sigma-Aldrich Young Chemists Symposium (SAYCS 2014)** is an annual scientific event organized by the Italian Chemical Society (SCI) with the financial support of Sigma-Aldrich. From this year, the Symposium will be for the first time an international event.

SAYCS 2014 will be hosted in **Riccione** (Rimini, Italy), on the Adriatic Riviera of Romagna, in one of the best known seaside resorts in Northern Italy. All symposium sessions and events will be held in **Hotel Atlantic**, which will ensure an elegant, courteous and top level hospitality.

This symposium is thought and **dedicated to young researchers**, such as PhD students, Post-doc fellows and young Researchers. All the disciplines of **Chemistry** are covered: analytical, physical, industrial, organic, inorganic, theoretical, pharmaceutical, biological, macromolecular and electrochemistry. This year, a special emphasis will be given to **nanomaterials**. In addition, the Scientific Committee will dedicate a space to the increasingly relevant field of research projects. Symposium members will have the unique opportunity to learn from the experience of the winners of the most important European project: European Research Council (ERC).

Symposium members will present the results of their scientific research in front of an audience which will also include representatives of chemical companies and invited renowned scientists.

Announced SAYCS 2014 renowned invited speakers are:

- **Cinzia Chiappe**, Full Professor at University of Pisa (Italy)
- **Liberato Manna**, Director of the Nanochemistry Department of the Italian Institute of Technology (IIT, Genoa, Italy)
- **Paolo Melchiorre**, Group Leader at the Institute of Chemical Research of Catalonia (ICIQ, Tarragona, Spain)
- **Vincenzo Palermo**, Coordinator of Functional Organic Materials for Hi-Tech Applications research unit of National Research Council (CNR, Bologna, Italy)
- **Francesco Ricci**, Principal Investigator of the Nature Nanodevices ERC Project at University of Rome II (Rome, Italy)

Thanks to the important **financial support from Sigma-Aldrich**, which will contribute to the costs of accommodation and meals for young scientists (see registration fees reported in the *Application form*), this is a **unique opportunity** to actively participate in a prestigious scientific event organized by SCI. Registration fees are even more advantageous if you apply and pay before **September 28<sup>th</sup> 2014**.

The conference is organized to allow each participants to contribute with an **oral presentation**, a **poster**, or a **flash communications + poster**. All those who are interested in presenting a scientific contribution are invited to submit an abstract (use the *Abstract template*) **before September 28<sup>th</sup> 2014**. By October 19<sup>th</sup> 2014, the Scientific Committee will inform Authors about the final contribution type.

*Application form* and *Abstract template* are available on the symposium website: <http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/italy/saycs2014.html>. The website will also show the noteworthy granted discount that Sigma-Aldrich will offer to the symposium members (and relative scientific groups).