



2nd Symposium LUMIERE NETWORK

Siena, 21-25 September 2026

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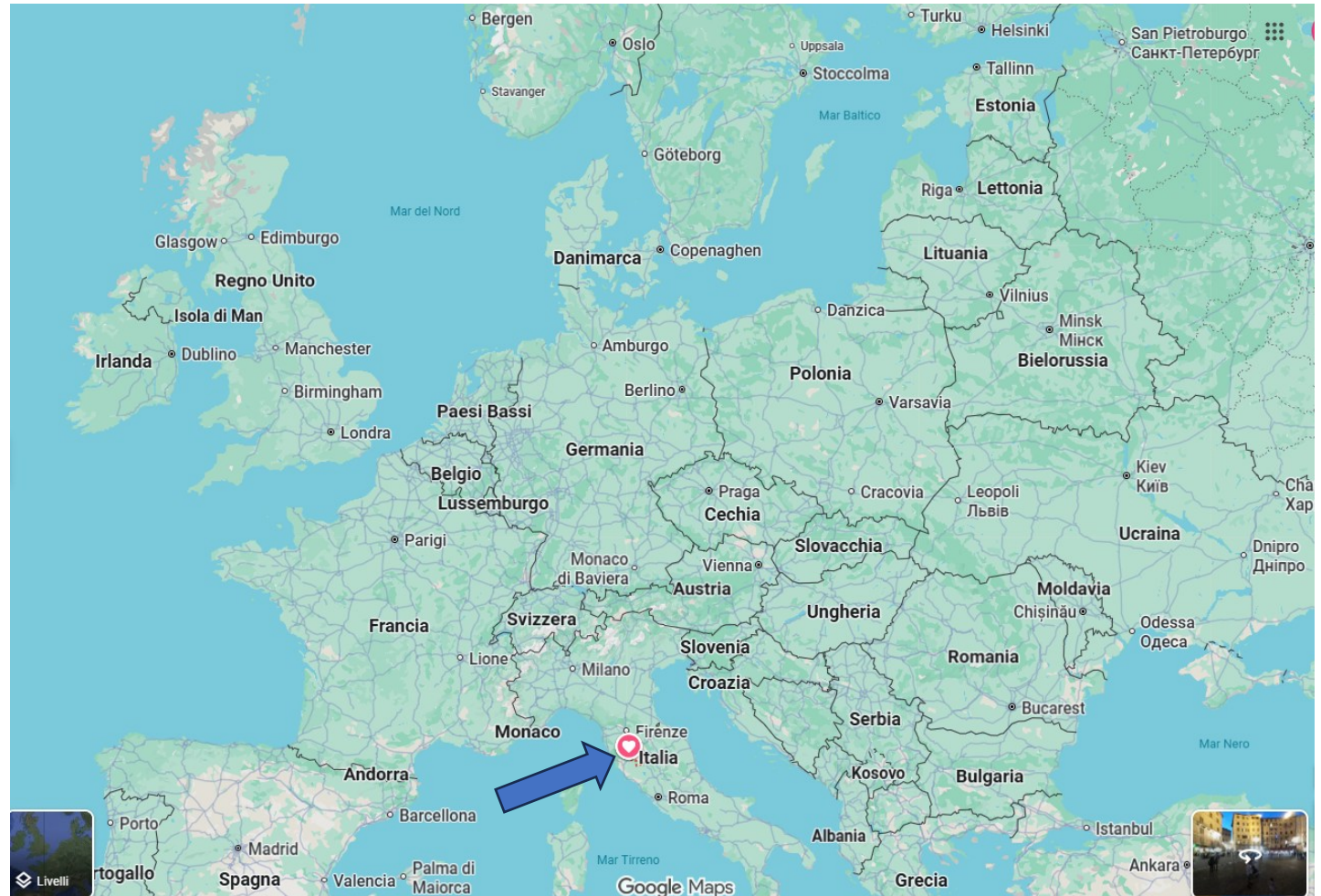


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Host City

- We will meet in Siena, a historic city in central Italy, in Tuscany.



1° Location

1st day

Conference room Franco Romani,
University building of San Francesco



2° Location

2nd day

Conference room “Aula Magna Storica”, Rectoral building



3° Location

3rd day

Room 13, San Niccolò





Program

Monday 21		
10:00-10:30	Welcome	
10:30-11:00	PhD presentation (Filippo Aria)	
11:00-11:30	PhD presentation (Adela Ceman)	
11:30-12:00	PhD presentation (Nika Jurgenson)	
12:30-14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30-15:15	1° Martin Eckstein	
15:15-15:45	Coffee break	
15:45-16:30	2° Lauren Drescher	
16:30-18:30	Discussion section 3 subtopics	
19:00-	Symposium dinner in a restaurant of the city center	

Program

Tuesday 22		
09:30-10:00	PhD presentation (Pietro Dal Cin)	
10:00-10:30	PhD presentation (Sabrina Moreira)	
10:30-11:00	PhD presentation (Merve Temel)	
11:00-11:30	PhD presentation (Christina Sobrino)	
11:30-12:30	3° Mariangela Di Donato Ultrafast transient IR spectroscopy: a powerful tool for elucidating the excited state dynamics of molecular photoswitches	
12:30-14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30-15:30	4° Jeremie Leonard Investigating the mechanism of Ultrafast C=C double bond photoisomerization using UV-Vis femtosecond spectroscopy	
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-18:30	Internal scientific discussion	
19:00-	Symposium dinner in a winery out of the city	

Program

Wednesday 23		
10:00-10:30	PhD presentation (Ignazio Lo Vecchio)	
10:30-11:00	PhD presentation (Francesco Bianchi)	
11:00-12:00	5° Daniele Padula Effects of Chirality on Excited State Processes and Properties 6° Filippo Sacchetta A New QM/MM Tool Enabling Electrostatic Control of Photochemical Properties	
12:00-14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30-15:30	Supervisory board	
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-19:00		
19:00-	Symposium dinner in a pizzeria of the city center	

Confirmed speakers

Lauren Drescher (Max-Born-Institut)
[Dr. Lauren Drescher | Max-Born-Institut](#)

Mariangela Di Donato (LENS Florence)
[LENS | Lasers4EU](#)

Jeremie Leonard (IPCMS Strasbourg)
[Jéréemie LEONARD - Institut de physique et chimie des Matériaux de Strasbourg](#)

Martin Eckstein (Universitat of Hamburg)
[Martin Eckstein : I. Institut für Theoretische Physik : Universität Hamburg](#)

Daniele Padula (University of Siena)
[PADULA DANIELE | Professor page](#)

Filippo Sacchetta (University of Siena)
[SACCHETTA FILIPPO | Università degli Studi di Siena](#)

Scientific Guest

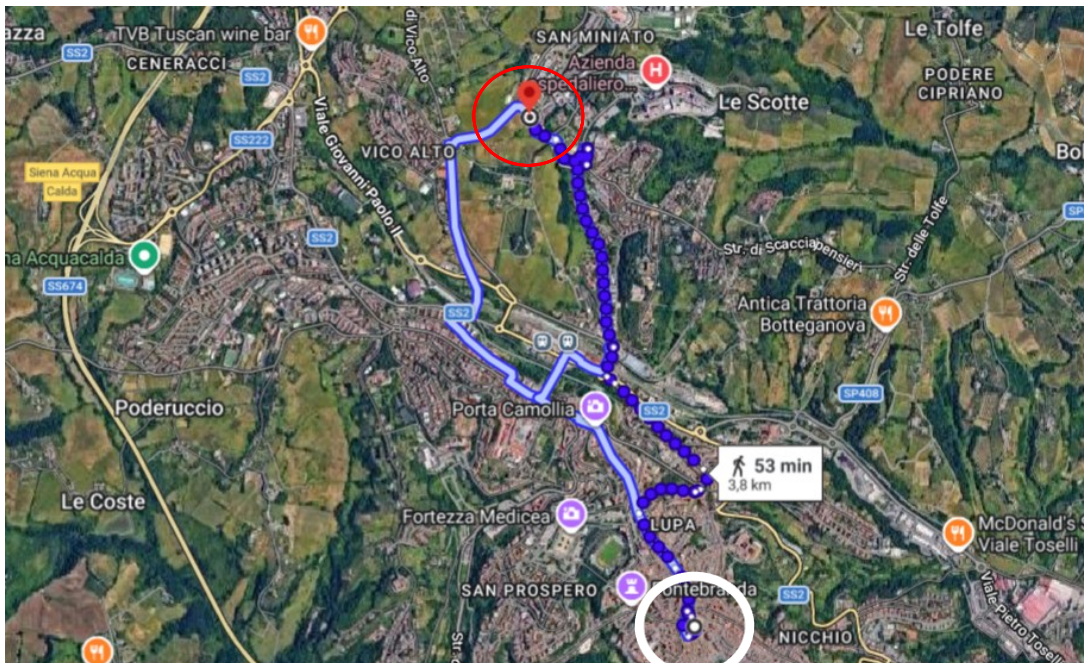
Massimo Olivucci (University of Siena)
[OLIVUCCI MASSIMO | Elenco docenti](#)

4° Location

4° and 5° days

Istituti biologici San Miniato (Department building)

Room 17



Program: scientific writing course reserved to LUMIERE PhD students

Thursday 24		
09:00-17:00	Scientific writing workshop, part 1	
Friday 25		
09:00-17:00	Scientific writing workshop, part 2	

- How high-profile journals such as Nature and Science choose the papers they publish
- Types of scientific paper and their structures
- The structure of titles and abstracts
- How to express complex ideas in clear, emphatic sentences
- The structure of paragraphs
- Techniques for constructing arguments
- Editing skills, developed through a number of sessions during the week
- Intensive exercises to demonstrate key points
- Abstract-writing exercise with one-to-one feedback prepared in advance for each student
- We also focus on the increasing use of AI tools in scientific writing and discuss good practices for responsible use.