



**ANNOUNCEMENT OF A  
WORKSHOP/MINISYMPOSIUM ON**

***ELECTROMAGNETICS IN A COMPLEX WORLD  
CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES***

**at the University of Sannio, Benevento, Italy  
February 20-21, 2003**

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Co-organizers:            Professor Innocenzo M. Pinto  
                                 Professor Vincenzo Galdi  
                                 (in consultation with Professor Leopold B. Felsen)

**BACKGROUND**

During the opening ceremony of the 2003 academic year by the President of the University of Sannio, the “Laurea” degree *honoris causa* for “Outstanding seminal contributions to wave propagation and electromagnetics” will be bestowed on Professor Leopold B. Felsen (Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, and Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Boston University, USA; also University Professor Emeritus, Polytechnic University, Brooklyn, USA).

The ceremony will take place in the morning of February 20, 2003. The minisymposium thereafter is intended as an opportunity for Prof. Felsen’s colleagues, collaborators and former students to celebrate this event with him.

**SCOPE AND FORMAT**

The workshop theme solicits contributions which address challenging problems in electromagnetics, either on a broad scale or in particular specialties. This announcement is intended a) to inform you of the event, and b) as an invitation to attend. Please respond at your earliest convenience whether or not you expect to participate in the festivities, and if “yes” whether you intend to submit a technical contribution (please include a tentative title). Each technical contributor is invited to make a summary (compact) presentation whose length will depend on the number of speakers.

Ample time will be allocated to open discussion stimulated by appropriate panels. It is anticipated that there will be two sessions of 3½ to 4 hours each, one in the afternoon of Feb. 20 and the other in the morning of Feb. 21, with a one-hour closing session after lunch. A workshop dinner is scheduled for the evening of Feb. 20.

Since the structure of the workshop and the choice of facilities requires knowledge of the approximate number of attendees as well as the topical content of the technical contributions, your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

## **FORMALITIES AND FEES**

All participants who have previously confirmed their intention to attend, should return their registration forms and fees no later than **Jan. 15, 2003**, with inclusion of the title and a one-page abstract of their oral presentation (PDF, PS, MS-Word, or ASCII, to be e-mailed to: [vgaldi@unisannio.it](mailto:vgaldi@unisannio.it)). Four-page manuscripts should be submitted in Benevento at the Symposium registration desk for inclusion in the workshop proceedings which will be distributed shortly after the Symposium.

The registration fee is 250 euro (150 euro for students) and includes coffee breaks, the lunches on Feb. 20 and 21, and the Symposium dinner, as well as a copy of the workshop proceedings.

## **SYMPOSIUM VENUE AND LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Benevento is a charming and historical town in southern Italy, 32 miles northeast of Naples. This ancient Samnite town was the scene of the Roman victory (275 B.C.) over Pyrrhus, King of Epirus, and the Romans changed its name from "Maleventum" to "Beneventum" (from Latin: bene-good). Its monuments include: Trajan's Arch (114 A.D.), one of the best conserved Roman triumphal arches, the Roman theater (2nd century A.D.), Duomo (of medieval origin, 13th century façade), S. Sofia church (8th century, coeval frescoes), and adjacent cloisters (12th century), Rocca dei Rettori (14th century).

The University of Sannio at Benevento is a newborn fast-growing university enrolling about 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students in its various programs (Law, Economics, Engineering, Sciences).

More details on the Symposium venue, as well as transportation and accommodation, will be provided in the next announcement.

## **FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT**

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