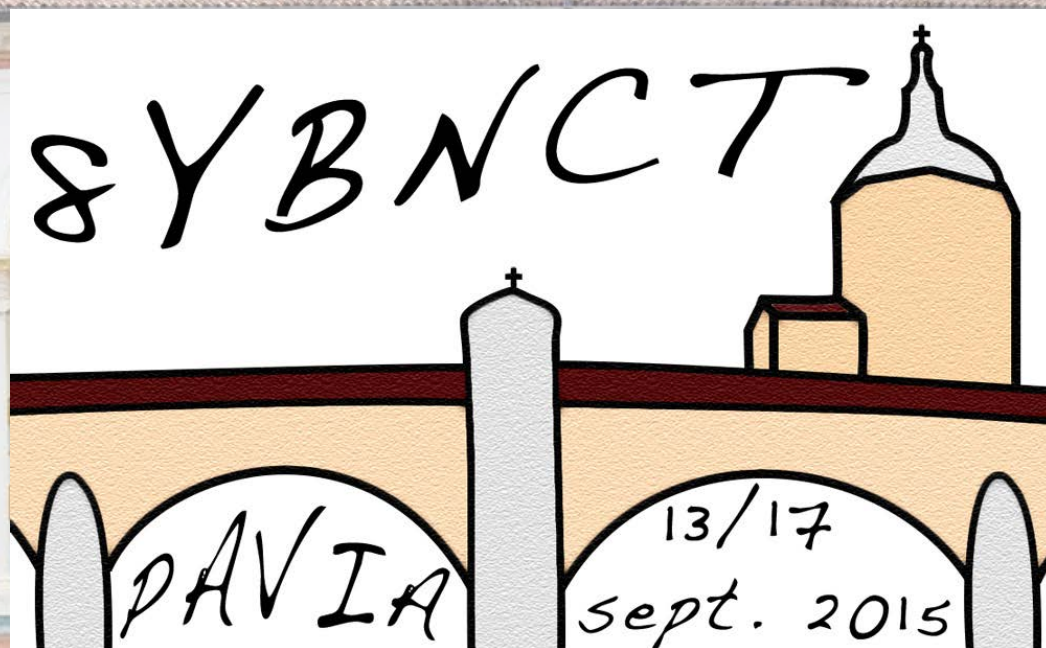




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For the Organizing Committee of 8YBNCT

ICNCT-17, Missouri, October 2016

Venue

The 8th edition of this Congress was held in Pavia, Italy. The venue was Almo Collegio Borromeo, Sala degli Affreschi, an historical building in the city center.



Scientific Program

3 days and a half of oral presentations - plenary sessions.

Each session started with an experienced lecturer who introduced a general topic of interest in BNCT (25 minutes to present and 5 minutes for questions). Then, researchers' contributions (15 minutes for the talk and 5 minutes for the questions).

Two coffee breaks per day and the lunch for the first three days were offered to the participants. Lunch was served in the nice garden of Collegio Borromeo



Clinical Workshop

The session of clinical issues in BNCT was organized as an embedded workshop with the radiotherapists, medical physicists and managers of National Centre of Oncological Hadrontherapy (CNAO). CNAO is a centre operating in Pavia, where both proton therapy and carbon ion therapy are administered to patients. The workshop has been an occasion to discuss together complementarities, differences and common aspect of hadrontherapy and BNCT.



Social Program

- Welcome reception with a cocktail on Sunday 13th September evening, held at Broletto, Piazza della Vittoria
- Cocktail organized in one of the courts of the University Central Building on Tuesday 15th evening
- Social dinner at Trattoria Ferrari on Wednesday 16th September.



1° Kent Riley Award

The award was presented to the young researcher in BNCT who, in the judgement of the Review Committee, delivered the best presentation of original scientific work during the Congress. The idea was to establish an award based on the sole criterion of scientific and communication quality. It would be an analogue of the Hatanaka Award presented during the International Congress of ISNCT to a notable member of ISNCT who is recognized for his/her scientific results.

The committee was composed by: **Stead Kiger, Saverio Altieri, Sara J. González, Hiroaki Kumada, Amanda E. Schwint, Tetsuya Yamamoto**

The Award consisted of 500 euro, kindly offered by the Italian National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN), Pavia Unit, and it was awarded during the Closing Ceremony of the 8YBNCT to Ricardo Ramos, a PhD student of University of San Martin (Argentina), working in neutron physics. The decision was taken during a meeting of the committee whose members had previously filled a table with marks for 6 criteria of evaluation: Significance, Originality, Scientific Quality, Clarity of Speech, Clarity of Slides and Accessibility (to a multidisciplinary audience).

Travel Awards

Thanks to the generosity of Neuboron, 7 young researchers received the Travel Award, consisting in the refund of the travel expenses to reach Pavia. The winners were:

Gadan Mario and Ricardo Ramos (Argentina), Iffland Dorothee and Kellert Martin (Germany), Kichigin Alexandr and Makarov Alexandr (Russia), Tamaki Shingo (Japan).

The recipients were chosen by the Organizing Committee with the agreement of the sponsor, after evaluation of the abstracts sent by participants in advance.



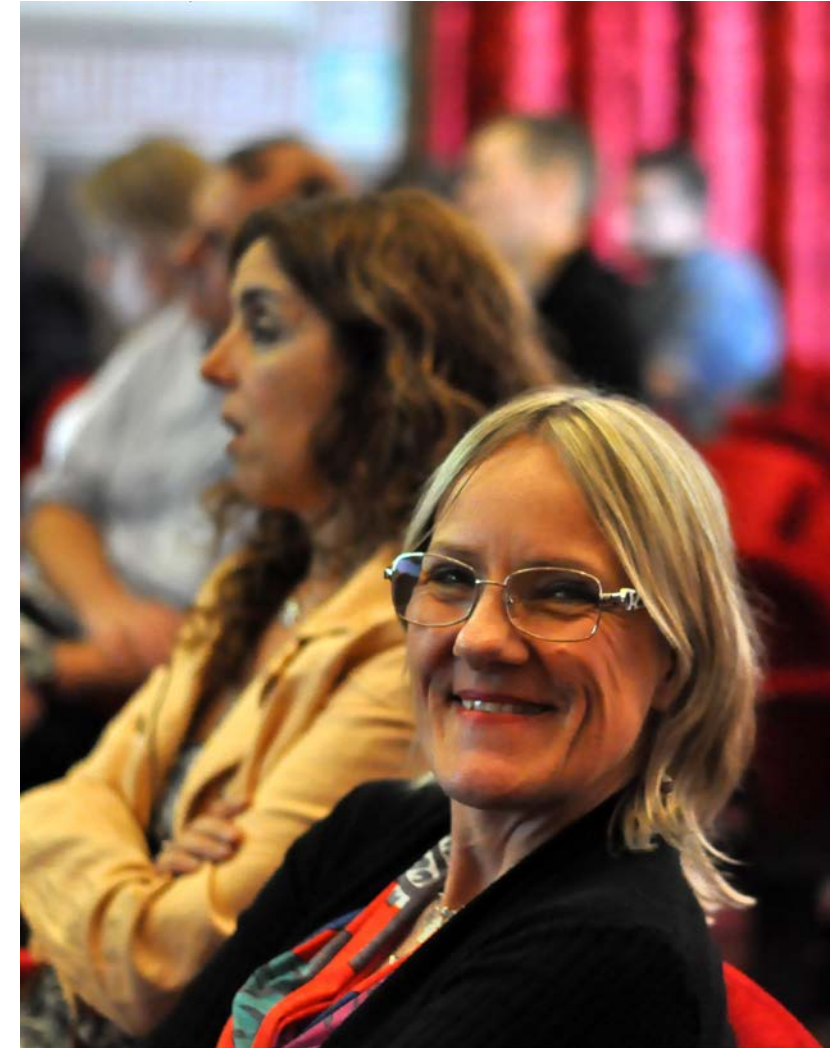
Invited Lecturers

Some experts in the BNCT scientific community were invited to open the scientific sessions and to participate in the clinical workshop. Their travel expenses were partially or totally refunded with the contribution of sponsors and INFN:

- **Mandy Schwint**
- **Sara J. Gonzalez**
- **Leena Kankaanranta**
- **Yuan-Hao Liu**
- **K.Ono**

Other invited experts generously offered to sustain the expenses of their travel with their own funds (T.Yamamoto, S.Miyatake, S.Kiger).

INFN invited two young participants (L.Provenzano, A.Portu) from Argentina to participate in the congress and stay in Pavia at INFN for three weeks after the congress in order to work in the BNCT research projects shared between Pavia and Buenos Aires groups.



Participation

104 researchers participated in 8YBNCT from:

Italy, Germany, Finland, Spain, Poland, Argentina, Brazil, China, Taiwan, USA, Russia and Japan.

The fee for the Congress was set to 120 Euro for students and 150 Euro for other participants.



Sponsors and Patronages

The main organizer has been **INFN**, that, apart funding part of the expenses, offered the secretariat service and the management of the funds received from other sponsors. Funds of the Pavia Unit has been offered to cover the expenses for the invitation of three guests.

- **S.Matteo Polyclinic Foundation** offered funds to cover part of the catering expenses.
- **Neuboron, China**, offered the travel expenses for 7 young participants
- **EUCard² project** offered funds to cover the expenses for the invitation of 4 lecturers
- **Fondazione Banco del Monte di Lombardia, Fondazione Cariplo and BCC** offered funds to cover part of the expenses for catering, venue and materials for the participants.
- **Rotary Club Pavia** – Minerva 2050th District offered funds for the expenses of the venue, that have been entirely employed to offer a grant to a student of physics entering the college in 2016.

The institutional partners were:

- **CNAO Foundation, Comune di Pavia, University of Pavia and Almo Collegio Borromeo.**

My deep acknowledgments to:

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- my collaborators who worked hard to realize 8YBNCT

and especially to all the participants who made the congress a great experience!

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