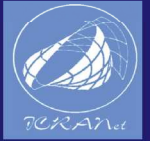


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The Marcel Grossmann Awards Ceremony will be honoured by the presence of International public personalities. A rich series of events is planned for the social events for this most exclusive MG meeting, including a free half-day on Bastille Day, Tuesday, July 14, giving participants and their companions a unique opportunity to experience this celebration to the fullest.

The MG meetings were founded in 1975 by Remo Ruffini and Abdus Salam with the aim of reviewing developments in gravitation and general relativity with major emphasis on mathematical foundations and physical predictions. The dedication to Marcel Grossmann celebrates the merging of the mathematical ideas of Ricci and Levi Civita with the physics world, made possible by the genius of Albert Einstein.

The main objective of these meetings is to bring together scientists from diverse backgrounds in order to deepen our understanding of space-time structures and review the status of experiments testing Einstein's theory of gravitation. The range of topics is broad: from more abstract classical gravitational theories, quantum gravity, and string theories all the way to relativistic astrophysics and an outlook towards future observational missions.

The first two meetings were held in Trieste, MG3 in Shanghai, China, MG4 in Rome, Italy, MG5 in Perth, Australia, MG6 in Kyoto, Japan, MG7 in Stanford, USA, MG8 in Jerusalem, Israel, MG9 in Rome, Italy, MG10 in Rio, Brazil and MG11 in Berlin, Germany.

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