

Preface

The 12th International Workshop on Anomalies in Hydrogen Loaded Metals was held at the Hotel Langhe e Monferrato, Costigliole d'Asti in Italy, June 2017. This is a four-star hotel with 55 rooms which overflowed with some 72 participants and guests. The choice of province of Asti continued the tradition of the original Asti Workshops organized by Fiat in 1993 and 1995.

The workshop format recognizes that half the value of scientific meetings consists of course of the formal sessions, the oral and poster papers, and the discussions. There were enough oral papers to justify three full days of presentations and in addition, ISCMNS held its Annual General Meeting and an excursion was made for wine tasting. David Nagel hosted a stimulating panel discussion on theory. Fabrice David was voted the author of the best poster paper entitled, About Discrete Breathers and LENR and received the ISCMNS bronze medal. David French chaired a very interesting mini-workshop on patent issues. But an equally valuable part of these meetings is the informal networking that takes place over meals and coffee. To this end the organizers chose a self-contained conference center offering not just the lecture theatre, but also food and accommodation so that participants did not need to disperse. There was the welcome reception at the swimming pool with an open bar where there was animated discussion until after midnight! However, the hotel could not offer dinners in the other evenings so a coach was rented to take participants to nearby restaurants. This seemed fairly satisfactory. The banquet was held at the "Duca Bianco" in Calosso where her Serene Highness, the Countess of Castiglione, presented the Giuliano Preparata Medal to Tom Claytor for his tritium work.

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The videos of the meeting can be found at:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSXH-_auE_Vnm9z-8A3KCMCJhRwTNFIB&jct=YTrI7i5IomZvsB7V-nkn_h15IXZ6hQ

Sincerely,

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