



ABOUT US

Established in the early 1960s by physicist Maurice Lévy, the Institut d'Études Scientifiques de Cargèse (IESC) is a renowned scientific conference center located near the village of Cargèse, on the west coast of Corsica, France. Jointly managed by the CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique), Université de Corse, and Université Côte d'Azur, the IESC provides an ideal environment for both formal and informal scientific interactions, away from traditional academic settings. Notably, the Institute was designated a «[Historic Site](#)» by the European Physical Society in 2022, recognizing its significant contributions to the advancement of physics.



SCIENCE AT IESC

Originally focused on physics, the IESC now welcomes [events](#) across all scientific disciplines. Each year, from February to November, it hosts around 30 international gatherings, bringing together about 2,000 participants from around the world. These events include two-week summer schools offering intensive training to PhD students and early-career researchers (80~100 participants), as well as one-week events such as regular conferences or thematic workshops that promote collaboration among specialists (40~80 participants), and a new format of "scientific residencies" bringing together smaller groups and designed to meet more specific scientific objectives.



THE VENUE

Nestled in a large wooded cove, the IESC provides a unique setting where nature and science meet. It offers two fully equipped auditoriums for lectures and plenary sessions, three meeting rooms of various sizes for group discussions, workshops, and parallel sessions, and a number of offices and shared workspaces, including outdoor garden tables and blackboards, for collaborative work. Accommodation in single or double rooms, on site and in the nearby village, is provided, as well as dining services offering breakfast and lunch for participants, and reliable Wi-Fi access across the campus.



INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A SCIENTIFIC EVENT ?

Proposals for new events can be submitted at any time throughout the year, following the [procedure](#) indicated on the IESC website. All the proposals are reviewed, four times a year, by the IESC Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), composed of renowned experts covering a broad range of scientific expertise. Once approved, the SAB and the IESC administrative team support the event's development through to its realization. Organizers remain fully responsible for securing the required funding.