

**OUTREACH****INTERNATIONAL MASTERCLASSES ATTRACT
HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS WORLDWIDE**

In order to open the window of cutting-edge physics to young investigators, each year in spring research institutes and universities around the world invite high-school students for a day-long programme to experience life at the forefront of basic research. Organized by the international network IPPOG (International Particle Physics Outreach Group), these International Masterclasses give students the opportunity to be particle physicists for a day by analysing real data from the Large Hadron Collider, or LHC, at CERN. This year the Masterclasses are organized for February 25 through April 2 and will attract students from 42 countries worldwide, reflecting the international aspect of the collaboration in particle physics. Financed through a grant offered by the Italian Ministry of Research, the Italian Masterclasses are coordinated by INFN, involving about 2400 students from high schools spread over the whole Country. ■