



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

MANY INFN OUTREACH EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

November is rich in meetings with the public and with students, from primary schools to secondary schools. November saw INFN researchers engaged in many public engagement activities, starting with the International Cosmic Day, continuing with the “Futuro Remoto” Festival and the National Geographic Festival of Sciences, and concluding with a huge number of activities that spangled the European Researchers' Night, 27 November.

For the International Cosmic Day, on 4 November, the researchers of the OCRA INFN project organised an online event at the Gran Sasso National Laboratories, in which 3,500 students from all over Italy participated. These students worked on analysing original data, thanks to an app, just like in a real scientific experiment.

From 23 to 29 November, the NGFS - National Geographic Festival of Sciences, dedicated to “optimism and science”, saw INFN researchers as protagonists in many meetings, conferences, and conversations on diverse themes: from gravitational waves to environmental physics, from the dark part of the cosmos to particle accelerators, from black holes to supercomputers, also touching on current topics, such as open access and multicultural collaboration. In the context of the NGFS, INFN proposed an original event entirely dedicated to children: FISICAxKIDS.

And from 20 to 29 November, the researchers of the INFN Division of Naples participated in the XXXIV edition of “Futuro Remoto” with meetings that ranged from particle and astroparticle physics to the dialogue between physics and art.

With hundreds of events, the European Researchers' Night returned on 27 November. This saw INFN engaged in dozens of events throughout Italy, from Catania to Trieste. Among these, on 27 November, the LNGS Gran Sasso National Laboratories hosted “Universo Underground”, a show about the story of the universe, led by Neri Marcorè, with the director of the LNGS Ezio Previtali, the young researcher of the CUORE experiment Laura Marini, and the INFN president Antonio Zoccoli. ■