Welcome!

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Welcome to the Ph.D. School in Computer Science at the University of Pisa!

Objective of this meeting:
- Welcome and e-meet all the new students of our School
- Provide you with some key information

First the welcome by the Head of the Department of Computer Science
Grants
Grants (XXXVI cycle)

- 15 grants for XXXVI cycle
  - 6 UNIPI
  - 2 Pegaso «4M+2M abroad»
  - 1 Pegaso «8M+4M abroad»
  - 1 Pegaso «Big data»
  - 1 Pegaso «Cybersecurity»
  - 1 CNR-ISTI
  - 1 CNR-ISTI «Solutions and efficient approaches for AI on Edge computing platforms »
  - 1 CNR-ISTI «User-driven design of adaptive interactive systems»
  - 1 CNR-IIT

Note that
- The 15 grants are funded by different institutions
- Some grants are bound to a specific theme
- All Ph.D. students are warmly invited to spend a period abroad, but for some grants this is mandatory
  - 50% increase of grant for period abroad (for at most 18 months)
Grant assignment (XXXVI cycle)

- The Ph.D. Committee, chaired by prof. Ferragina, decided the following <grant-candidate> assignments:

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- By the end of your 3rd year, you must get the credits of:
  - 6 Ph.D. courses and
  - 3 seminar series

- Some info
  - Ph.D. course: ≥16 hours of lectures + exam
  - Seminar series: ~20 hours + at least 80% attendance (no exam)
  - List of courses and seminar series (to be updated)

- You must submit your «study plan» to the Ph.D. Committee BEFORE attending the courses and seminars
  - You can include also courses and seminars from other Ph.D. programmes
  - Ph.D. schools can give you credits provided that there is an exam

- Credit registration
  - You must inform Enrico Carpentras every time you get credits of courses/seminar series
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First year

- September
  - You propose to the Ph.D. Committee the name(s) of your supervisor(s) \[1\]
  - Your supervisor(s) proposes to the Ph.D. Committee your «Internal» Thesis Committee \[2\]

- October
  - You submit your **thesis proposal** \[3\] and present it to your «Internal» Thesis Committee
  - The Ph.D. Committee decides on your admission to the following year

Notes

\[1\] You don’t actually need to wait till September to choose your supervisor(s)
  - If you need help, just contact the PhD Coordinator

\[2\] Advising role of «Internal» Thesis Committee

\[3\] Thesis proposal: ~30 page document, ~30 min presentation
  - Must identify topic + summarise state-of-the-art + draft workplan
    (+ describe first results, if any)
route-to-thesis: 2/3

- Second year
  - October
    - You present your progress report [1] to your «Internal» Thesis Committee
    - The Ph.D. Committee decides on your admission to the following year

Notes

[1] Presentation of progress report: ~30 min presentation (no document to deliver)
- Pegaso grant holders must also submit a report of their activities at the end of their second year
Route-to-thesis: 3/3

- **Third year**
  - **October**
    - Your supervisor(s) proposes to the Ph.D. Committee 3 possible Reviewers
    - You submit your **Ph.D. thesis** [1]
  - **November**
    - You present your Ph.D. thesis to your «Internal» Thesis Committee
    - The Ph.D. Committee decides on the acceptance of your submissions and asks two Reviewers to evaluate it
  - **~end of January** [2]
    - Reviews received, you have 3 weeks to revise your thesis
  - **~end of February / start of March** [2]
    - [You present your revised Ph.D. thesis to your «Internal» Thesis Committee]
    - You defend your Ph.D. thesis with the designated Jury

**Notes**

[1] Firm deadline (only exception: motivated grant suspension, to be approved by PhD committee)
[2] Assuming that reviewers timely return their reports. Reviewers may suggest to the Ph.D. extension to postpone (of max 6M, no grant extension) the defense.
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1. Learn to **accept** criticisms and failures, and grow from them.

2. Learn to **survive** in the publish-or-perish age.

3. **Enjoy** your PhD years. Really ☺.
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