

Oral presentation

Erice School of Crystallography: from an attendee to a member of the organising committee**Paolo P. Mazzeo¹**

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As a first-year PhD candidate I attended my first Erice School of Crystallography in 2021 in Powder Diffraction. Although I had an intense training in crystal engineering and crystallography, I approached the Erice course aiming at deeply understanding all the secrets of the powder diffraction directly by all the scientists whom I only have read about. After spending 10 days in a wonderful location, with the most representative experts in the field along with students coming from all over the world, discussing about science in front of a glass of Marsala wine, I came back home willing at spending my professional career in the field of powder diffraction. A few years later, I can say that the ESoC indeed represented a cross-road in my scientific path. I would here review of all the benefit I personally experienced as a school attendee that, few years later, brought me to be part of the organising committee of the ESoC.