

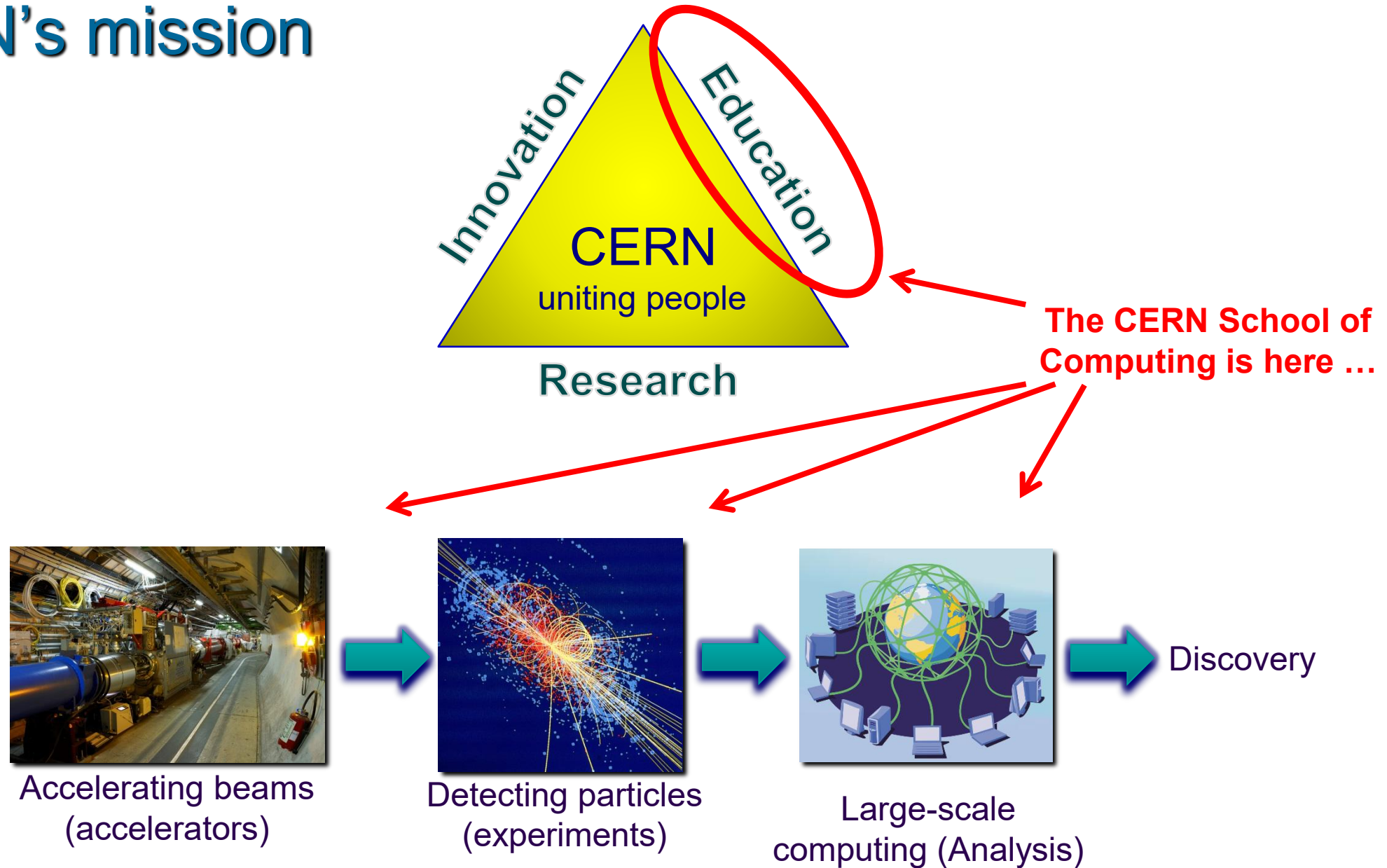




# The CERN School of Computing

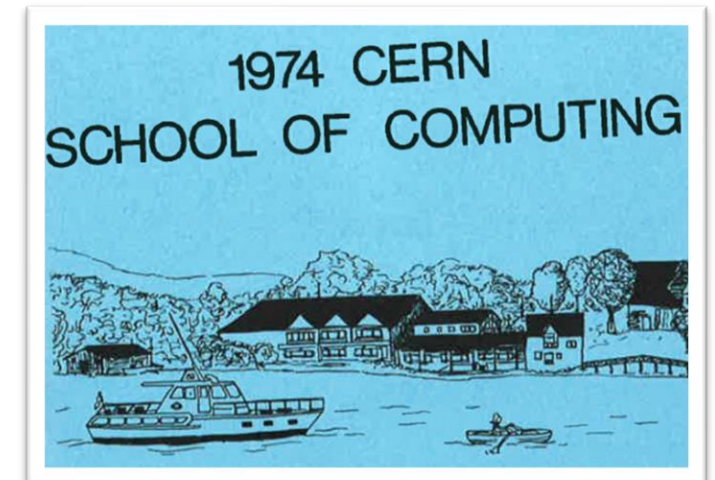
Alberto Pace, school director

# CERN's mission



# A school with a long history

- ◆ The school was created in 1970, we had 46 editions
- ◆ We also had 17 editions of Thematic Schools
- ◆ The school has visited 23 countries
  - ◆ all member states (except Bulgaria, Slovak Republic)  
+ Croatia, Cyprus, India
- ◆ 84+ different nationalities
- ◆ 3900+ students have followed the school
- ◆ This year we are organizing 7 schools





# Mandate and mission

- ◆ Create a *common culture in scientific computing* among young scientists and engineers involved *in particle physics or other sciences*, as a strategic direction to *promote mobility* and to facilitate the development of large computing-oriented *transnational projects*.
  - ◆ <http://cern.ch/csc>
- ◆ Participants come from worldwide laboratories and universities with typically 20 to 30 different nationalities (61 different nationalities in the past 10 years).
  - ◆ <http://cern.ch/csc/alumni>

# Bridging science and computing

- ◆ The unprecedented technological evolution in computing has profited directly to several scientific research projects, in particular in high energy physics
  - ◆ Computing is today **the main strategy** for many sciences to boost their research productivity
- ◆ It is nowadays essential that:
  - ◆ Scientists master computing technologies as the main tool for their research
  - ◆ Computer scientists understand the scientific domain of the investigation to deliver computing services that meet the needs of the research project

# An additional side effect ...

- ◆ ... knowledge transfer of (CERN) skills and (CERN) know-how in computing to academic, national laboratories, research institutes, institutional and industrial circles in Member States and other countries
  - ◆ With direct or potential applications up to all spheres of the society (as exemplified with the Web, and the Grid).

# The CERN Schools of computing

- ◆ The **Main** School

- ◆ Two weeks, ~ 60 participants (*58 - 82 in last years*)
- ◆ Multiple topics on scientific computing
- ◆ This school: 69 participants



- ◆ The **Thematic** schools

- ◆ Goes more in depth on a particular topic
- ◆ Smaller participation, shorter duration (one week), clear goals
- ◆ This year, three schools 38. 42 participants. One more to come



- ◆ (New) **Regional** Schools

- ◆ Next year in Santiago, Chile (January 2025)



- ◆ The School on **IT services**

- ◆ The **Inverted** school

- ◆ It is frequent to find among students real experts on specific topics, and the cumulated knowledge of the students exceeds the one of lecturers.
- ◆ At the end of each school, we invite students to propose some lectures, and we organize an “inverted” school. *“Where students turn into teachers”*
- ◆ In 2025, the 16<sup>th</sup> edition had 16 lecturers and hundreds participants

# The School Academic Dimension

- ◆ The school ...
  - ◆ ... is not a conference
  - ◆ ... is not a place for lecturers to present their work, promote their projects
  - ◆ Does not replicate of common training available at home institutes, or in member state's universities
  - ◆ Does not delivering “technical training” courses
- ◆ Focus on **persistent knowledge**, less notions and knowhow





# An outreach opportunity

## ◆ For the local organizers



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недеља, 16. јун 2024.

Прогноза Београд 26° C

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# An outreach opportunity

## ◆ For CERN



## CERN@DESY public event

18 September 2024

DESY


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Have you ever heard of CERN and wondered what the researchers are working on? Or would you like to know more about career opportunities at one of the world's largest research centres?

Join us at the **CERN@DESY public event** on **18 September** to listen to expert presentations on what CERN is doing in general, the computing challenges CERN faces and what opportunities CERN offers for students and early stage professionals.

This public event is part of the [CERN School of Computing 2024](#) which is hosted at DESY. After the presentations, you are cordially invited to stay for a networking reception to continue the discussion and meet the speakers and the students of the CERN School of Computing coming from 32 countries.

Please [register](#) for this event by **11 September 23:59**.

*This event will also be available via Zoom (link will be provided later), but physical presence is preferred.*



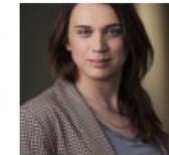
# The school governance

- ◆ ... is discussed at the School Advisory Committee
  - ◆ Includes several fulltime university professors from different countries
  - ◆ Two meetings per year



# The School Advisory Committee

- ◆ Chairman: Arnulf Quadt, Georg-August-University of Göttingen
- ◆ Ex-officio members:
  - ◆ Enrica Porcari, Head of CERN IT department
  - ◆ Alberto Pace, School Director
  - ◆ Kristina Gunne, School Administrative Manager
  - ◆ Andrzej Nowicki, School Technical Manager
- ◆ Members:
  - ◆ Toni Šćulac, Faculty of Science Split
  - ◆ Veronika Zadin, Tartu University
  - ◆ Judith Katzy, Berlin Humboldt University
- ◆ Members representing the Local Organizing Committee
  - ◆ Oxana Smirnova, Lund University
  - ◆ Felipe Olivares, Instituto Saphir, Santiago Chile
- ◆ Members representing the program committee of the thematic school
  - ◆ Danilo Piparo, CERN (School heterogeneous computing)
  - ◆ Sebastian Lopienski, CERN (School on Computing Security)
  - ◆ Verena Kain, CERN (School on Machine Learning)
  - ◆ Sebastien Ponce, CERN (School on IT Services)
  - ◆ Toni Šćulac, Faculty of Science Split (Regional School in Latin America)



# The school core team



**Kristina Gunne**  
Administrator



**Andrzej Nowicki**  
Technical Manager



**Alberto Pace**  
Director

# The School site is on indico

- ◆ <https://cern.ch/csc>
- ◆ <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1512761>
- ◆ Check it regularly for updates

## CERN School of Computing 2025

Welcome to the 46<sup>th</sup> CERN School of Computing (CSC 2025)

The school will take place from July 6th to 19th, 2025, in Lund, Sweden. This year's school is organized in collaboration with the **Lund University Physics Department** and will be hosted at the Lund University premises. The school is co-financed by **Region Skåne**.



**46<sup>th</sup> CERN School of Computing**

**6-19 July**  
**Lund, Sweden**

**Academic Programme**

The two-week programme will consist around 50 hours of lectures and hands-on exercises, covering three main themes:

- **Physics computing**
- **Software engineering**
- **Data technologies.**

Students who pass the final optional exam will receive a diploma from the CSC, as well as ECTS credits.

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# The school learning process

- ◆ Learning process
  - ◆ Lectures
  - ◆ Exercises
  - ◆ Exam
- ◆ Meet special persons,  
Build trusts with colleagues across the world
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# The 2025 academic programme

- ◆ Physics Computing
  - ◆ Introduction to Physics Computing
  - ◆ Data Science and Interactive Data Exploration
  - ◆ Data Analysis
  - ◆ Introduction to Machine Learning
- ◆ Software Engineering
  - ◆ Tools and Techniques
  - ◆ Software Design in the Many-Cores Era
  - ◆ Creating Secure Software
- ◆ Data Technologies
  - ◆ Data Management
  - ◆ Data and Storage Technologies




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
# School booklet

- ◆ Printed version for those who asked
- ◆ Electronic version (PDF) Linked from school main page on Indico
  - ◆ <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1407896/>
- ◆ Contains pictures and short biographies of all participants

 **Starts** 6 Jul 2025, 15:00  
**Ends** 19 Jul 2025, 11:00  
 Europe/Zurich

 Alberto Pace  
 Kristina Gunne  
 Andrzej Nowicki  
 Oxana Smirnova

 Lund  
 Physics Department

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**Registration**

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# The School culture in “exercises”

- ◆ The school has an entire computing infrastructure for exercises. Remotely accessible to the students
  - ◆ The computing infrastructure is provided by the CERN IT department and it is identical to what is used in real analysis at CERN
- ◆ You should try to work in pair (2-student teams). If possible:
  - ◆ 1 student with physics background
  - ◆ 1 student with computing background



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Optional

# The exam

- ◆ A serious and difficult exam, which delivers the diploma and ECTS credits
- ◆ ECTS credits from the University of Göttingen
- ◆ Evaluate knowledge in two fields
  - ◆ Physics
  - ◆ Computing



# An exam part of the learning process

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  - ◆ ... reflects an agreement between the data and the hypothesis.
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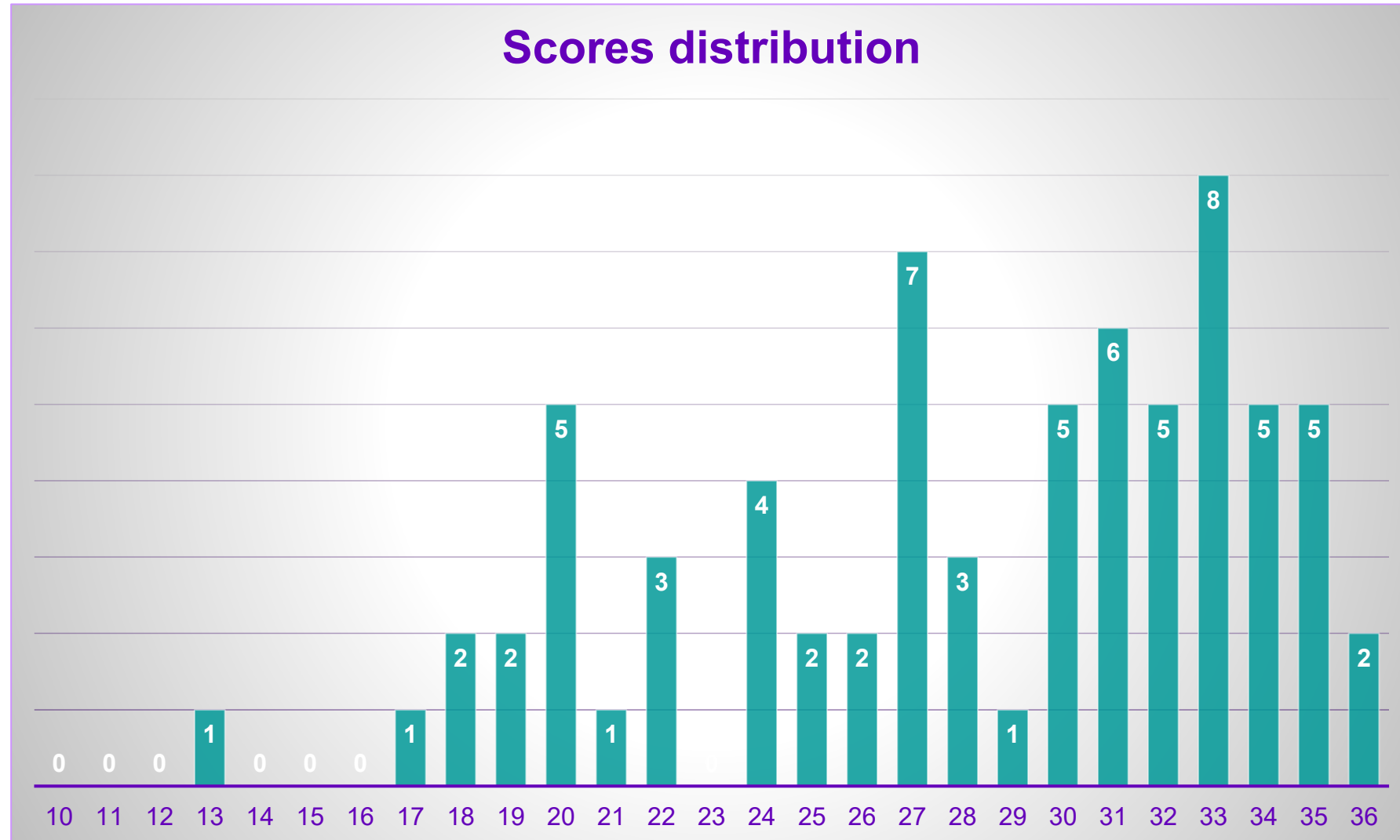


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  - ◆ Sport programme
- ◆ Provide a work-life balance & additional opportunities for interactions between all participants (students, lecturers and organisers)

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Optional

# Lunch and Dinners

- ◆ Mix of Students + lecturers
- ◆ Tables of 8 - 12 persons





# (Optional) Social programme

- ◆ Excursions
  - ◆ Culture
  - ◆ History
  - ◆ Nature





# (Optional) Social programme

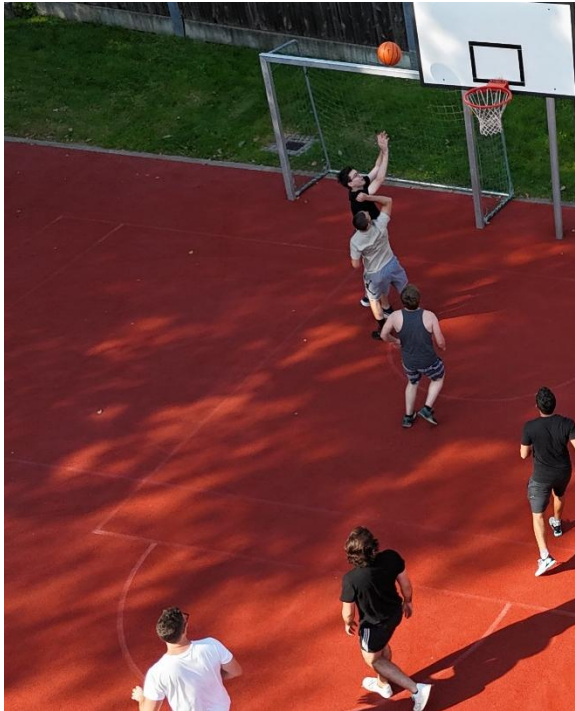
## ◆ Social games





# (Optional) Social programme

- ◆ Sports
- ◆ A couple hours of sports





# (Optional) Social programme

**universal values across cultures**

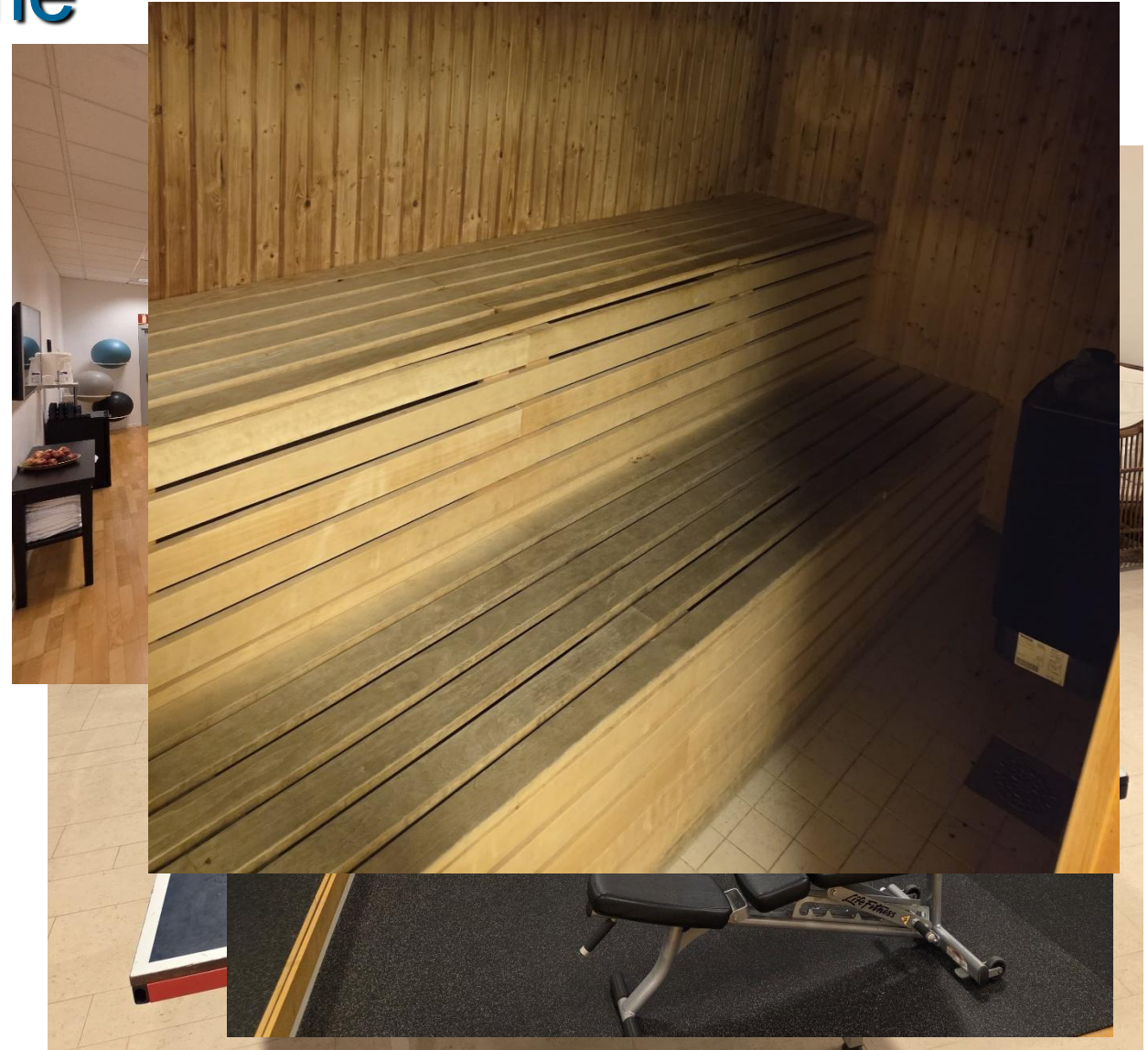
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Many participants have hidden talents





# (Optional) Social programme

## ◆ Study at the hotel





# (Optional) Social programme

## ◆ Farniente



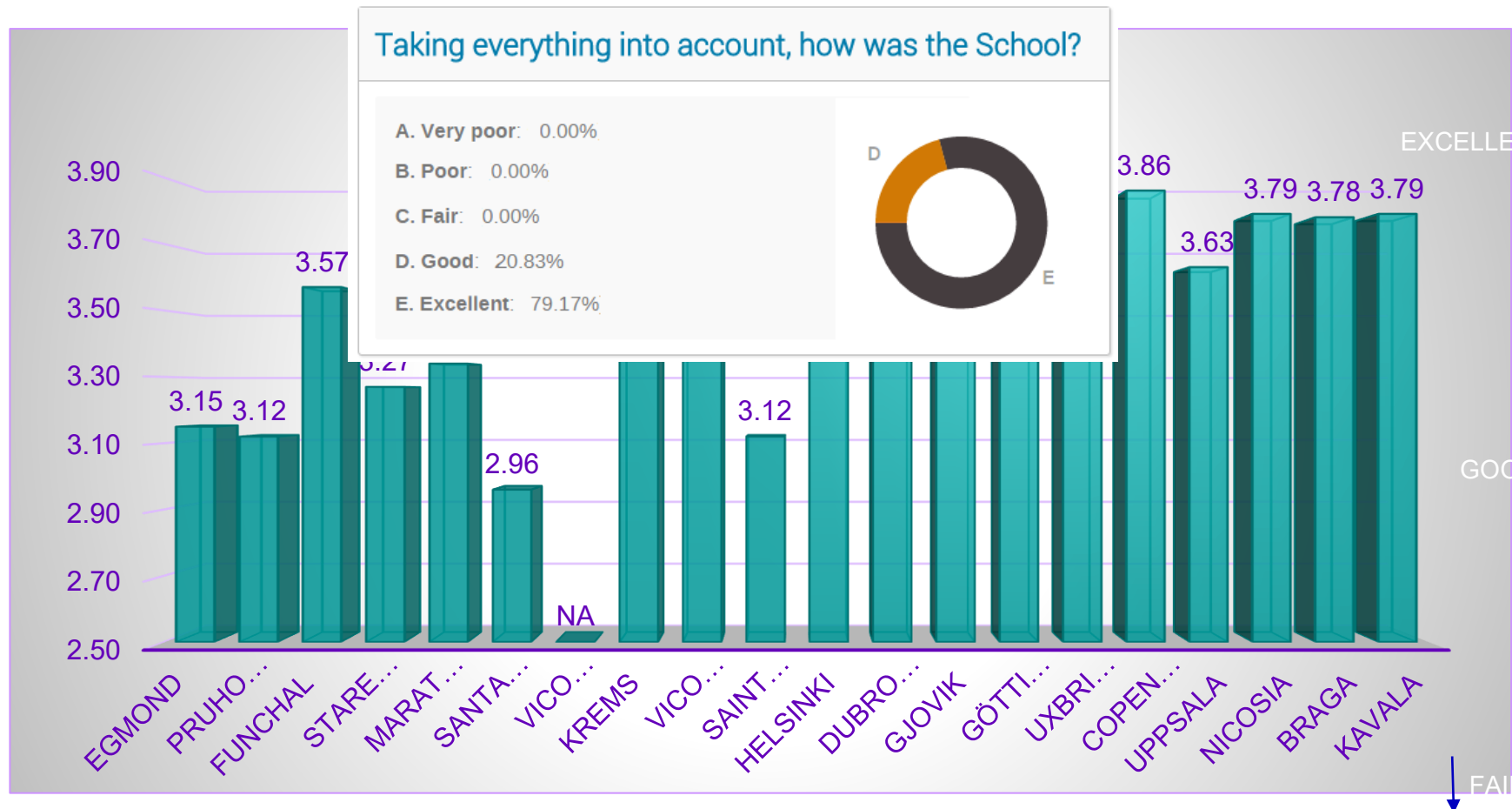
# WhatsApp group

- ◆ Unofficial communication channel
- ◆ We recommend you to join the group
- ◆ Autojoin link:



# The school evaluation

- ◆ We evaluate lectures, lecturers, exercises, activities, food, hotel,...





the participants give the most value to the school !

Why ?



# This school numbers

## ◆ 130 applicants, 38 nationalities

- ◆ Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States

## ◆ 35% female participants (45/130)

## ◆ 77 institutes

- ◆ Alfonso X El Sabio University, Alikhanyan National Science Laboratory (AANL), American University of Beirut, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (GR), BITS Pilani Dubai, Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU) Cottbus-Senftenberg, California Institute of Technology, CERN, Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology, Charles University (CZ), CNRS, CC-IN2P3, Debar University, Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DE), ESS (European Spallation Source), ETH Zurich (CH), Gebze Technical University, Georg August Universität Göttingen (DE), Goethe University Frankfurt (DE), Heidelberg University (DE), HEPHY, TU Wien, IBM, Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Lyon, Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences (IR), ITS - Information Technology School, İzmir Democracy University, Jagiellonian University, LAPP (CNRS), Lund University, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Mohammed 5 University, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (GR), National Center for Physics, Islamabad, National high school of artificial intelligence, National Institute of Nanotechnology, Turkey, Neils Bohr Institute - University of Copenhagen, Peking University, Rheinisch Westfälische Tech. Hoch. (DE), Rice University (US), Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), Scuola Normale Superiore & INFN Pisa (IT), Serl elmorodj wa elindjazet, Shri G.S Institute of Information Science Technology, Technische Universität Wien (AT), Thapar Institute of Engineering and technology, Thapar University Patiala, Uba, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), Unesp Sao Paulo Brazil, Universidad Complutense Madrid, Universidad de Málaga, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (BR), Università e INFN Torino (TO), Università La Sapienza di Roma, Universität Aachen (DE), Universität Münster (DE), Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Université Hassan II, Ain Chock (MA), Université Paris-Saclay (FR), University of Bonn, University of Calgary, University of Constantine 1, University of Ferrara, University of Lagos, University of Lahore, University of Naples Federico II, University of Oslo (NO), University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, University of Sonora, University of Texas at Arlington (US), University of Toronto, University of Wisconsin Madison (US), Vanderbilt University (US), Vienna University of Technology (AT), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (BE), Washington University in St. Louis

# This school numbers

- ◆ 69 participants selected
- ◆ 27 applicant nationalities
  - ◆ Austria, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, China, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Italy, Lebanon, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States
- ◆ 35% female participation (24/69)
- ◆ 37 institutes
  - ◆ Alfonso X El Sabio University, American University of Beirut, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Brandenburg University of Technology. CERN, Charles University. CNRS, CC-IN2P3, Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY), ETH Zurich. European Spallation Source (ESS), Georg August University Goettingen. Goethe University Frankfurt, Heidelberg University. HEPHY TU Wien, Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, Information Technology School ITS (Belgrade), Jagiellonian University, LAPP CNRS, Lund University, Max Planck Institute for Physics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Neils Bohr Institute - University of Copenhagen, Peking University, Rheinisch Westfaelische Tech. Hoch.. Rice University. Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), Scuola Normale Superiore & INFN Pisa. Technische Universität Wien, University of Bonn, University of Aachen. University of Ferrara, University of INFN Torino. University of Oslo. University of Wisconsin Madison, Vanderbilt University. Vienna University of Technology. Vrije University Brussel

# So, we have quite some diversity ...

- ◆ But where is the value?





# Excerpts from reference letters

- ◆ ... was among the **top** students in this course.
- ◆ Having supervised . for about two years now, I confidently rank ... within the **top 10%** of PhD students at this stage of their studies at our institution
- ◆ ... is in the top **10 %** of the many PhD students I have encountered.
- ◆ At the end of the master... was among the **top 5 best students** of the class.
- ◆ ... is one of the **best students I have ever met** at the B.S. level
- ◆ In the final exam, which is arguable the toughest element, ... **scored maximum points (100%)** and received an A+.
- ◆ Scholarship awarded to **the top 1000 students in the country** on the basis of a merit test
- ◆ Among all the students I have supervised or collaborated with **over the past 15 years** of my research, I can confidently rank ... in the **top 5%**
- ◆ ... consistently stood out for ... exceptional mathematical aptitude, sharp analytical thinking, and consistent performance. ... **ranked in the top 1% of students** I have taught over the past five years
- ◆ In respect of ... research skills, I would rank ... in the **top 1% of the students I have mentored in the past ten years.**

# Who are the CSC participants ?

- ◆ You are young, diverse, come from many countries, from different institutes ...
- ◆ You have all an outstanding potential and a passion for both computing and science.
- ◆ You will work together one weeks to widen your skills but also establish **lifetime links** with other participants and **research institutes across the world** that will be useful throughout your future career.
- ◆ This is what gives the highest value to the school

# It is a small world ...

- ◆ All top scientists knows each other very well





# CSC 2022, Krakow, Poland





# CSC 2023, Tartu, Estonia





# CSC 2024 (Hamburg)



Kaare



# CSC 2025, Lund, Sweden







# tCSC Computing Security, Abington, 6-12 April



