

## **OPEN DOORS INITIATIVE FOR THE YOUTH**

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### **“Nanotech for the Young”**

December 10th, 2003

Congress Centre, Stazione Marittima, Trieste

*An open doors event organised in the framework of:*

### **“NanoTechYoung”**

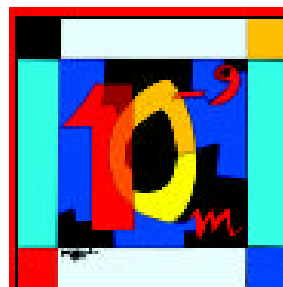
**Scientific exhibition and workshops for the young**

November 18<sup>th</sup> - December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Sala Giubileo, Via Mazzini, Trieste, Italy

*“Nanotech for the Young”* has been organised in the framework of “NanoTechYoung”, event attended by almost 1000 scholars from the last year classes of secondary schools of Trieste and surroundings, namely the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region. In particular, *“Nanotech for the Young”* has been an open doors session, which took place on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2003, in parallel with *EuroNanoForum 2003*, with the objective of raising awareness about nanotechnology among university and high school students.

Young PhD students coming from the local universities and experts in nanotechnology who attended and participated in the Forum were available to illustrate to organised groups of young students the science and applications behind nanotechnology.



“NanoTechYoung” has been a nanotechnology scientific exhibition and a series of workshops for the youth, held in the city of Trieste between 18<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

The exhibition was based on a combination of visual material (posters, nanomaterials samples, scientific instrumentation, artistic elaborations of scientific pictures and animated videos, films), interactive instruments (microscopes with sample materials, PCs with interactive software) and daily oral presentations by young scientists from the several local Institutions active in the nanotech field.

Each day of the exhibition two scientists (from the physical/chemical and the biological/medical fields) offered their assistance to the secondary schools visiting the Exhibition. Moreover, they held talks on specific nanotechnology topics twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon. Adequate rotation of the speakers during the workshops covered the entire nanotechnology activity in Trieste.

*“Nanotech for the Young”*

The initiative involved more than 20 scientists from both public and private Institutions in Trieste. During the 15 days of the event, many classes from the secondary schools of the Regione Friuli and Regione Veneto visited the exhibition for a total of about 1000 students.

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