

## Welcome Message from the General Co-Chairs

---

Dear colleagues and friends,



It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the beautiful city of Florence for the 2024 IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation and ITNC-USNC-URSI Radio Science Meeting, at the "Fortezza da Basso" Convention Center from July 14 to 19, 2024. This conference will be an exciting and informative event that will bring together leading researchers, engineers, and practitioners from around the world to share their knowledge and expertise on the latest advances in antennas and propagation, radio science and electromagnetic engineering. The event is cosponsored by the IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society (IEEE AP-S), the Italian National Committee (ITNC) and the US National Committee (USNC) of the International Union of Radio Science (URSI).



The AP Society has only recently begun holding its flagship conference outside of North America every three years and we are honored to host it in one of the most culturally rich cities in Europe and in the world.

Florence is the cradle of the Renaissance, renowned for its cultural heritage and artistic treasures. The city's rich history and stunning architecture are the perfect backdrop for this exciting conference. Participants and their companions are invited to explore Florence's attractions and cultural sites during the conference's social events, as well as mouthwatering cuisine that Florence has to offer, in addition to the stimulating intellectual exchange.



The Renaissance developed in Italy from the mid-fourteenth century to the end of the sixteenth century, marking the transition from the Middle Ages to modernity. It was in this historical period that the New World was discovered, and that, for the first time in Europe, women and men were started to be considered equal; human potential and individual mastery became barycentric for human history, and, above all, it was affirmed that each individual is able of modifying nature and changing the own destiny (*homo faber fortunae suae*).

In this sense, we hope that our conference will contribute to a 'Technological Renaissance' for advancing humanity. The Symposium will feature a diverse range of keynote speeches, technical sessions, and interactive workshops covering a wide variety of topics related to antennas and propagation. From antenna design and analysis to electromagnetic theory, wireless communication systems, and beyond, we will explore the pioneering research and applications that are shaping the future of this dynamic field.

We look forward to welcoming you personally to Florence in 2024 and making your congress experience pleasant and unforgettable.

Sincerely,  
Agostino Monorchio  
Conference Chair

Roberto Graglia, Giuliano Manara  
Conference Co-chairs