

## In full sail towards the 5<sup>th</sup> Italy Section Annual Forum, RTSI 2019

*Sustainable development for cities and environment, Smart emerging technologies for Industry 4.0, ICT for future networks*: these were the three tracks of the International Forum on Research and Technology for Society and Industry, **RTSI 2018** that, this year attracted more than 250 participants.

Palermo was the wonderful setting for the 4th edition of RTSI, held in its University Campus on September 10-13.

The four days forum explored the three tracks with tutorials, panels with industries and special technical sessions.

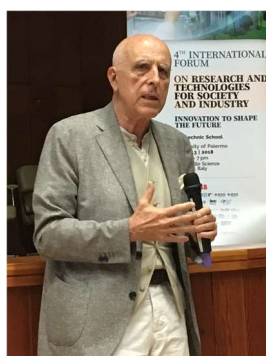


Group picture at the Student Branches meeting

There were 138 accepted papers and 29 invited talks through which fruitful discussions took place, but RTSI goes beyond that. It is the place where, annually, academia, industry, start ups, entrepreneurs, students and young professionals meet and interact.



Mona Ghassemian  
presenting R8  
Humanitarians activities  
programs



Piero Formica - Keynote  
speaker: Exploring the culture  
of Open Innovation. Towards  
an altruistic model of economy

This forum is unique because it is an interdisciplinary technical conference with technical contribution of many Italy Section chapters, Region 8 Sections and IEEE Societies, but at the same time it is a forum where special events take place.

This year we had a very dense program for:

- Students and student branches (for details see: <http://rtsi2018.ieeesezioneitalia.it/studentsmeeting.html>)
- WIE ([http://rtsi2018.ieeesezioneitalia.it/RTSI\\_WIE\\_Italy\\_event2018.pdf](http://rtsi2018.ieeesezioneitalia.it/RTSI_WIE_Italy_event2018.pdf))
- Entrepreneurs and start ups ([http://rtsi2018.ieeesezioneitalia.it/innovative\\_entreprises.html](http://rtsi2018.ieeesezioneitalia.it/innovative_entreprises.html))
- Industries that meets IEEE officers and delegates (<http://rtsi2018.ieeesezioneitalia.it/meetingindustries.html>)
- Young professional–demo competition ([http://rtsi2018.ieeesezioneitalia.it/YP\\_competition.pdf](http://rtsi2018.ieeesezioneitalia.it/YP_competition.pdf))

and also:

- special exhibition with startups (<http://rtsi2018.ieeesezioneitalia.it/Startup%20Exhibition.pdf>) and
- social events: Welcome Reception at the famous Botanical Gardens (<http://www.ortobotanico.unipa.it/eng/>), Social dinner with associated award ceremony at the amazing Palazzo Fatta.



Social dinner at Palazzo Fatta

The fourth edition of RTSI has just ended, and preparations are already in full swing for the next edition. Another wonderful art city will be the location of what has become the reference forum of the IEEE Italy Section. We are waiting for you in Florence September 9-12, 2019.

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