THE MASTER IN NAVIGATION AND RELATED APPLICATIONS

A PROGRAMME TO PREPARE THE FUTURE EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF GNSS

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To create value-driven and socially relevant technological & process innovations in close collaboration with industry and institutions.

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THE NAVSAS GROUP

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- The NavSAS research group is a joint team between Istituto Superiore Mario Boella (Navigation Technologies) and Politecnico di Torino (Electronics and Telecommunications)
- Background on Telecommunications Engineering
- Focus on advanced technologies for positioning systems and Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) receivers and applications
THE GNSS CHALLENGE

• Modernisation of GPS and GLONASS, development of Galileo and Beidou, QZSS and IRNSS regional systems deployment

• Global process involving industry and research institutions which enables applications with a relevant impact on the life of citizens

• Need of skilled workforce in university and research centres, industries, companies
THE GNSS CHALLENGE

In Italy since 2004, Politecnico di Torino put great attention to the training of highly specialized technicians with the Master on Navigation and Related Applications.

An answer to the work market demands in terms of high level technicians endowed with a broad vision of the navigation/localization world but also with specific skills on related technical topics.
The Master on Navigation and Related Applications aims to train specialists and technicians able to operate in GNSS both at core system and services level.

A joint initiative of Politecnico di Torino and ISMB, with the support of INRIM and the UN-Office for Outer Space Affair.

“Istituto Superiore Mario Boella (ISMB) and Politecnico di Torino of Italy have established a long term fellowship programme which will provide scientists and specialists from developing countries with an opportunity to receive a Master degree in Navigation and related applications.”

United Nations Vienna, June 2004
The Italian University system after 1999

**Master II livello**
Specialising Master II level (1 year)

**Dottorato**
PhD (3 years)

**Master I livello**
Specialising Master I level (1 year)

**Laurea Magistrale**
Master of Science (2 years)

**Laurea**
Bachelor of Science (BS) (3 years)

Pre-University Education (13 years)
The Master lasts 1 year:

- Classes over 3 quarters (50 ECTS)
- The fourth quarter is devoted to an internship to be carried out in a company (20 ECTS)
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<td>The students that are selected by UN receive a scholarship by ISMB to attend the Master plus support for travel expenses by UN</td>
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BACKGROUND REQUESTED

To profitably attend the Specializing Master program, candidates should have some background in the areas:

- Principles of digital communications.
- Principles of digital signal processing.
- Basics of electromagnetic wave propagation.
- Basics of software tools (e.g. Matlab) and programming languages (e.g. C).

No basic knowledge in navigation is required. A lack of background in one or two of the above listed areas is considered acceptable.
AN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

• The Master is an interesting international environment for students and teachers
• It attracts students from all over the world
• All classes are taught in English to ease international attendance
AFTER GRADUATION

- Most of the students are now working on GNSS

- Many UN-supported students return to their home countries (Space Cabinets or Agencies, Professors at University, Governmental Agencies, etc.)

- Former European students are now working in ESA and in several GNSS European industries and companies (Thales Alenia Space, GMV, Septentrio, Deimos)

- Some are in space agencies (ESA, DLR, ISRO, SUPARCO, . . .)
ONE SUCCESS STORY!

- In the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Edition . . .

. . . the Director!

. . . and other 6 researchers in other editions
CONCLUDING REMARKS

• **Education is crucial** to tackle the GNSS challenge for innovation creation, useful applications development, and let the user take a useful benefit of the space infrastructure.

• There is still a urgent need to support the education step of the value chain, so as to open the access to **opportunities offered by GNSS** to people worldwide.

• MNRA is answers this need . . . more than 150 students trained in 10 years most of them now working on GNSS.
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