

Preface

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The Hadron 2023 Conference is the 20th of a series of biennial conferences started in 1985 in Maryland, USA. It brings together experimentalists and theorists every other year to review the status and progress in hadron spectroscopy, structure and related topics and to exchange ideas for future explorations. The aim of the conference is to update the hadron physics community on the latest developments and to facilitate synergies between scientists active in the field. It includes talks on both experimental and theoretical aspects, focused on reviewing the state of the art and presenting new results.

The conference was hosted in the buildings of the Department of Architecture and Design (DAD) of the University of Genova, in the historical center of Genova and had 299 registered participants.

Hadron2023 hosted the award of the first Simon Eidelman Prize. The prize, created in memory of our beloved colleague Simon Eidelman (1948–2021), was awarded to a young researcher for contributions to experimental hadron physics, including theory developments that led to significant experimental progress.

This conference was sponsored by the Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN), the Università di Genova, and the non-profit cultural association Science is Cool (SCOOL).

For more details, see the conference website, <http://hadron2023.ge.infn.it>.