



A (crazy) idea for the September Interim

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The SIAF Site

- **SIAF: Scuola Internazionale di Alta Formazione (International School for Advanced Education)**

<http://www.siafvolterra.eu/>

A partnership between the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa, the Foundation of Cassa di Risparmio di Volterra and the regional government of Tuscany

- **A small campus on a hill of Volterra, Tuscany**

55 single rooms and 37 double rooms

Each room with bathroom, air conditioning, LAN connectivity

Not a five star hotel, but quite nice

Four classrooms for up to 25 people

One classroom for up to 100 people

Full cafeteria on-site

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So what?

- **I asked the question:**

Could we host the 802.1 September Interim meeting there?

- **The answer is: YES!**

The facility is available in the week of September 7th

Estimated pricing is around 100 € per night, without meeting fee (or with a minimal fee) and including lunch

And breakfast and two refreshments

Dependent on the number of people that will participate

We can go in the Etruscan city of Volterra for dinner

Don't worry about the food, this is Tuscany!

Volterra

The Etruscan heritage

Museums

Alabaster center

Great food



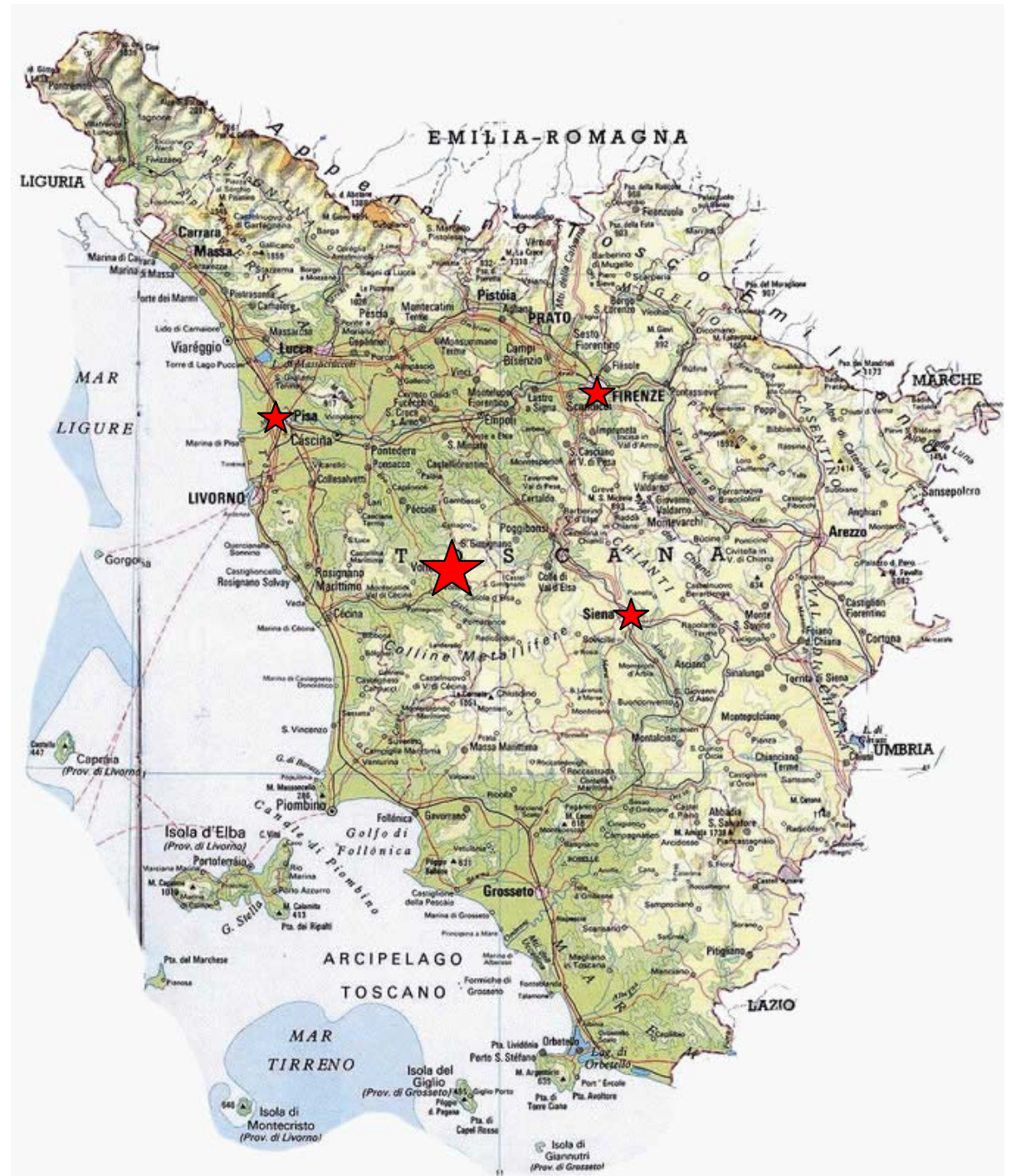
Where is Volterra?

- **Near Florence, Siena and Pisa**
~1 hour distance
- **Florence is between Rome and Milan**
1 hour and half by train from Rome
2 hours and half by train from Milan



Volterra in Tuscany

- Easy to reach
by car
- Fly to Pisa
or Florence



Florence

The Renaissance splendor

The Cathedral and
Brunelleschi's dome

The Uffizi museum

Ponte Vecchio

Palazzo Pitti...



Pisa and Siena



Siena: the Gothic dream

Pisa: the Romanesque triumph



How to get there

- **From the US:**

 - Pisa (PSA) or Florence (FLR) Airports**

 - Delta operates a 6 days per week flight from JFK to PSA

 - United/Lufthansa (through Frankfurt/Munich)

 - American/British Airways (through London)

 - Delta/Air France/Alitalia (through Paris)

 - Northwest/KLM (through Amsterdam)

- **From Europe:**

 - Pisa (PSA) is one of the three Italian bases of Ryan Air**

 - Low cost flights from Europe

- **From Asia:**

 - Connect through a European Hub**

Information on Italy

- **Visas: no visas required to US citizens**
- **Cellular phones: GSM**
 - A tri-band phone works
- **Tension: 220V, 50Hz**
- **We drive in the “right” side of the road!**
- **Lot of great food!**