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**Marshall Rosenbluth & Roald Sagdeev in Trieste:
the Birth of Modern Space Plasma Physics.**

ABSTRACT

When Marshall Rosenbluth and Roald Sagdeev decided to lead a year-long seminar on plasma physics at the International Centre for Theoretical Physics in Trieste in 1965, no-one could have foreseen how important its research would become to the subsequent development of the field, or how many of the younger participants would go on to fine careers. Even harder to predict was that this group of physicists, all trained in the controlled fusion program, would take up space plasma physics with a vengeance, and that some of them would rise to major positions of international leadership in the field. One of the younger Trieste participants will briefly share his impressions of what made that seminar so great.