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**
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!