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Cassini-Huygens: Saturno come non l’avete mai visto!  
(Cassini- Huygens: Saturn as you’ve never seen it!)  
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The conference was held at the Civic Planetarium “U. Hoepli” of Milan, during the meeting of the local Amateurs Astronomers Club. The meeting began at about 9.00 p.m at the presence of 60-65 people. Many of them were supporters of the club, but there were also people who read the conference advertisement on the Planetarium website. The conference started at 9.30, after an introduction and the usual astronomical news.

The presentation was divided essentially in two parts. The first one contained informations on Saturn main features (diameter, density, rotational and revolution period, atmosphere composition, number of moons, etc.), with lots of images taken by the NASA Voyagers 1 and 2. People liked very much, then, the videotape in which were presented the main steps in the Cassini – Huygens building and integration and a simulation of the Huygens landing on the Titan surface.

At the end of the videotape, the conference carried on with the astonishing images of the Cassini spacecraft. The same main features of the planet were now presented through the eyes of the probe, showing incredible new details of the “lord of the rings”!

Hereafter some images taken during the event.

Thanks a lot again for JPL support in sending me all the material I used for the conference.  
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Image 1 – The Planetarium of Milan . People arriving at the conference.



Image 2 – Me before starting the conference.



Image 3 – The conference starts!



Image 4 – An ancient drawing of Saturn



Image 5 – Talking about Saturn atmosphere



Image 6 – The Planetarium with Saturn's moons in the background