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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Participants of the *13th International Symposium on Fossil Cnidaria and Porifera*,

The Symposium is fast approaching and we are ready to host you in Modena and to offer you a stimulating and vibrant program in which you will present your latest results, discuss at length and be deeply involved in the cnidaria and porifera world.

We have avoided parallel sessions and added more time to coffee breaks in the mornings for posters and networking, in order to enhance multi- and interdisciplinary exchange of ideas between researchers involved in different aspects of cnidaria and porifera research.

One invited plenary talk, 52 oral presentations and 34 poster presentations are scheduled. The posters will be available for view throughout the four days of conference.

In addition to scientific oral and poster sessions the Symposium will be preceded and followed by wonderful field excursions. Pleasant interludes will be represented by a stimulating visit to the historical center of Modena and a Congress dinner held in a beautiful setting of the countryside.

The Chair of the Congress
Francesca Bosellini



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IASFCP website: <https://www.cnidaria.nat.uni-erlangen.de/IASFCP/index.html>



VENUE

The venue of the Congress is the **Dipartimento di Scienze Chimiche e Geologiche** (DSCG), the main teaching and research institute in the fields of chemistry, geology and natural sciences at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. It is housed in a newly inaugurated building located about 2.5 km from the historical center (see map).

Address: via Campi 103, Modena

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How to reach:

- For those arriving directly from the Bologna Marconi Airport: there is a shuttle bus every 2 hours (<http://www.aerbus.it/en/>); it takes about 40 minutes to arrive to Modena. Get off at the bus stop “Casa dello Studente”, in via Vignolese. From here you have a 10 minutes walk to the Congress venue.

- For those arriving from the Modena railway station: take the bus 7 (“Gottardi” direction) up to the “Braghiroli” bus stop (about 25 minutes, look at the bus itinerary in the map).

- For those arriving from the city center: take the bus 7 (“Gottardi” direction) up to the “Braghiroli” bus stop (about 20 minutes, look at the bus itinerary in the map). If you want to walk it will be half an hour.

- taxi: tel: +39 059 212100; +39 059 374242



Parking:

Free parking spaces are available very close to the Congress venue.

Wi-Fi:

A wireless Wi-Fi connection will be available freely throughout the Congress venue.

Information about connection will be included in the Congress kit and provided at the registration desk.





REGISTRATION

The registration desk is located at the first floor of the main entrance of the Department (from the stairs in via Campi 103, see map).

2 September: 16.30 -18.30

3-6 September: 8.00-18.00

The staff will be present at the registration desk throughout the duration of the Congress.

We remind those participants that have to pay a balance for the Congress fees that they will have to do it at the moment of registration. The payment can be made only by cash.



CONGRESS & SESSIONS PROGRAM

30 Aug / 02 Sept	Monday 02 Sept	Tuesday 03 Sept	Wednesday 04 Sept	Thursday 05 Sept	Friday 06 Sept	07 Sept	08 Sept / 11 Sept
E1. Devonian reefs of the Carnic Alps and related environments <small>Pre-Congress field trip</small>		08:00-09:00 REGISTRATION	08:00-08:30 REGISTRATION	08:00-08:30 REGISTRATION	08:00-08:30 REGISTRATION	E3. Oligocene reefs and coral assemblages of the eastern Lessini and Berici (Venetian southern Alps, N Italy) <small>Post-Congress field trip</small>	E4. The Oligocene and Miocene reef complexes of the Salento Peninsula <small>Post-Congress field trip</small>
		09:00-09:40 OPENING CEREMONY	08:30-10:30 Coral skeletons as tracers of biomineralization and palaeoenvironments	08:30-10:30 Cold-water corals and buildups	08:30-10:30 Biodiversity and evolutionary patterns through time		
		09:40-10:25 Invited plenary talk					
		10:25-10:55 COFFEE BREAK					
		10:55-12:45 Reefs and mounds in space and time	10:30-11:30 COFFEE BREAK, POSTERS & NETWORKING	10:30-11:30 COFFEE BREAK, POSTERS & NETWORKING	10:30-11:30 COFFEE BREAK, POSTERS & NETWORKING		
		12:45-14:30 LUNCH BREAK	11:30-12:10 Coral skeletons as tracers of biomineralization and palaeoenvironments	11:30-13:00 Palaeoecology of coral and sponge communities	11:30-12:50 Biodiversity and evolutionary patterns through time		
		14:30-16:10 Reefs and mounds in space and time	12:10-12:30 WORKING GROUP REPORT				
		16:30-18:30 REGISTRATION	12:30-14:10 LUNCH BREAK	13:00-14:30 LUNCH BREAK	12:50-14:30 LUNCH BREAK		
		from 19:00 WELCOME PARTY	14:10-15:30 Taxonomy and evolution	14:30-15:30 Palaeoecology of coral and sponge communities	14:30-16:30 General Assembly of IASFCP		
			15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK	15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK	from 16:30 FAREWELL COFFEE		
		16:00-17:00 Taxonomy and evolution	16:00-17:00 Palaeoecology of coral and sponge communities				
		16:10-18:30 POSTER & COFFEE	18:00-19:30 GEO-TOUR AT THE UNESCO HERITAGE SITE OF THE MODENA CATHEDRAL AND PIAZZA GRANDE	from 19:30 CONGRESS DINNER			

Scientific program

One plenary invited talk and six plenary sessions are planned. The detailed program, including the presentations schedule and the posters list, is provided in a separate file and can be downloaded from the Congress website <http://www.13thfossilcnidaria.unimore.it/>

Coffee breaks

Every day, two coffee breaks will be organized, one during the morning and the other during the afternoon. The one during the morning, except for the first day, will last about one hour within a time frame that we called “Coffee break with posters and networking” in order to stimulate networks, information, collaboration, etc.

Lunch time

No lunch or lunch packages will be offered. There is a quite large choice of restaurants, self-service canteens, pizzeria, snacks and take away's around the Congress venue, proposing a large variety of food and prices. A map with suggested sites will be included in the Congress kit.



SOCIAL EVENTS

Welcome party (Monday 2 September, from 19.00)

Drinks and snacks will be offered at “*Osteria del Pozzo*” (Via del Pozzo, 17), about 10-15 minutes walk from the Congress venue (see map).

Geo-tour at the UNESCO heritage site of the Modena Cathedral and Piazza Grande

(Wednesday 4 September, from 18.00 - Specific instructions will be given during the Congress)

The Modena Cathedral is one of the most important examples of Romanesque art in the world. Together with the bell tower, called Ghirlandina, and the surrounding square (Piazza Grande) they are the heart and the point of reference of the city of Modena from almost a thousand years. The brick structures of the two buildings were covered with stone material. During recent restorations, the Dipartimento di Scienze Chimiche e Geologiche of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia carried out the identification of all the slabs covering the monuments, finding a variety of different stones from various geographical areas. A guided tour will retrace the fascinating history of the construction of the monuments, through the comparison between the materials of the stone facing and the stones imported by the Romans, derived from the late Roman and medieval spoliations.

Congress dinner (Thursday 5 September, from 19.30)

The Congress dinner will be held at “Villa Cesi”, a charming historical residence in the countryside about 10 km from Modena. A rich buffet with traditional specialties will be offered in the garden of the villa, and a transfer by bus will be organized to reach the venue. You are supposed to have already registered and paid for the Congress dinner. If not, you can still participate paying the dinner by cash at the registration desk by Tuesday afternoon, 3 September (18.00).



Guest programme

No formal guest programme is planned. All places of interest can be reached by foot or public transport. Feel free to request further information from the organizers.

Touristic information

Modena Tourist Office is located in the main and most famous square of the city center:

Piazza Grande 14, email: info@visitmodena.it, tel. +39 0592032660

visitmodena.it

emiliaromagnaturismo.it

laguidadimodena.it

ACCOMMODATION

Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. Modena offers a wide selection from cheap up to first class hotels. A list of hotels with special arrangements is available on the Congress website. As in early September Modena still attracts many tourists, we warmly suggest that you book/reserve your accommodation well in advance of the Congress dates.

PRESENTATIONS

Language of the Congress: English will be the official language of the Congress. No translation facilities will be provided.

Important rules:

- A conference badge is mandatory for the access to all the Congress sites. Please register directly after your arrival at the Congress desk.
- Smoking is prohibited in the entire Congress building.
- Telephones should be switched off in the lecture room.
- Copy or photos of any scientific material are not allowed without the authors permission.



Oral presentations

Oral presentations are scheduled for 20 minutes including 5 minutes for discussion.

Presentations should be created in MS Power Point (.ppt, .pptx) or PDF. Speakers must upload their presentation file to a PC available at the registration desk and well in advance of their talk (in the previous afternoon for the morning session, in the morning for the afternoon session). Files should be named "lastname_firstname.ppt(x)/pdf". A room to test presentations will be available. The session room will be equipped with a computer, video projector, laser pointer and microphone. You will not be allowed to use your own computer. As we have many talks, the allocated time should be strictly respected.

Posters

Poster format will be portrait layout DIN A0 format (width 841 mm, height 1189 mm).

The posters will be displayed every day where coffee breaks will be held. Posters are numbered (see list of the posters in the scientific program) and assigned to the corresponding display boards. Fixing material will be available.

The poster owners are expected to attend their poster to answer questions and give rise to discussions. The best poster will be awarded at the General Assembly.

Abstract Book

The Abstract Book will be printed by the Department with an ISBN code. A copy will be part of the Congress kit and the pdf will be uploaded also in the Congress website.

Congress Proceedings

Congress Proceedings are planned for publication in the 2nd issue of the regular series (2020) of the international peer reviewed journal **Bollettino della Società Paleontologica Italiana** (IF 2018: 1.191) which is housed at the Department of Chemical and Geological Sciences, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Info at: <http://paleoitalia.org/contribute/>

Deadline for manuscript submission is: **15 December 2019**

Specific information will be given during the Congress



FIELD TRIPS

Detailed information about the excursion are available at the Congress website.

E1	Carnic Alps	30 August -2 September
E2	Marsica	cancelled
E3	Lessini	7 September
E4	Salento Peninsula	8 – 11 September

Field guides will be provided to all participants in the excursions and detailed information will be sent by email.

Insurance

The Organizing Committee cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss of, or damage to private property of participants, either during or indirectly arising from the Congress. Participants are advised to take out their own personal health and travel insurance for their journey and for their participation at field trips.

Cancellation and refunds

The registration fee for the Congress will not be refunded except for cancellation and if the notice of cancellation is received before 30 June 2019. The fee will be refunded in part (50%) and will be sent after the Congress. After 30 June 2019, no refund will be possible even if the participant does not attend the Congress.



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