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THE 13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MILITARY GEOSCIENCES

Peace follows war: geosciences, territorial impacts and
post-conflict reconstruction

PADOVA (ITALY), 24 - 28 JUNE 2019

On behalf of the International Association of Military Geosciences (IAMG), we are pleased to invite you to take part in the 13th International Conference on Military Geosciences (ICMG).

The Conference will be held from Monday 24 to Friday 28 June 2019, at the [University of Padova](#) in northern Italy. The Conference is being organised on behalf of

the IAMG by the Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World ([DiSSGeA](#)) and the Italian Society of Military Geography and Geology (S.I.G.G.Mi.).

A post-conference field Trip will be organized from Saturday 29 June to 4 July 2019 in the Dolomites (Italian Alps).



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KEY DATES

May 2018: first circular

December 2018: second circular

January 2019: third circular

15 February 2019: abstract submission deadline

15 March 2019: abstract acceptance notification

15 April 2019: early registration deadline and payment

15 May 2019: late registration deadline and payment

May 2019: fourth and final circular

LOCATION

Padova is located in **north-eastern Italy**, 20 minutes from **Venice**. It is close to the beaches of the **Adriatic Sea** and to the **Dolomites**, one of the most scenic regions of the **Alps**. Conference delegates and accompanying guests have easy access the historic cities

of northern and central Italy such as **Milan, Verona, Bologna, Florence** and **Rome** (ranging from 30 minutes to 3 hours train journey) with their many artistic treasures. The recommended port of arrival is the International Airport Marco Polo in Venice.



CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

- President – Giovanni Luigi Fontana
- Secretary – Aldino Bondesan

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- Representative from ICMG 2017 – Cdr (Dr) Jacques Bezuidenhout (Stellenbosch, South Africa)

THEMES

The following themes have been identified as being of significant interest. **Other topics may be considered upon receipt of abstract.** Potential attendees are encouraged to contact the organizers with thoughts on additional themes.

- Post-conflict reconstruction
- Trafficability and military mobility
- The Alpine operational environment
- Venetian military history
- WW1 era history of northern Italy
- Military tunnelling
- Conflict Archaeology
- Geomorphological constraints to warfare
- Military cartography and GIS
- Geospatial intelligence and Remote Sensing
- Modern embedded geologists
- Military fortification and line of defenses
- Borders and boundaries
- Military tourism and monuments
- Geo-military cultural heritage
- Geoscientific lessons learnt from World War II

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract submission to ICMG19 begins on **1 December 2018** and ends on **15 February 2019**. The ICGM International Scientific Committee will review all abstracts submitted. Once this is complete authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by **15 March 2019**.

Submission of an abstract means that the authors are committed to attending the meeting and presenting the work.

Attendees who wish to offer papers for potential publication online as “short papers” will be limited to not

more than two papers per author.

Papers for the potential Springer volume or *Geografia Fisica and Dinamica Quaternaria* Journal will be selected either on merit or on the basis of their relevance to a particular theme, but not necessarily be restricted in number per author.

According to the number of oral presentation proposal, attendees presenting more than one paper might be asked to switch to poster presentation.

PAPERS PRESENTATION

Papers presentation is to be in Powerpoint format and should be delivered in 20 minutes. A further 5 minutes will be provided for questions and answers.

POSTERS

Posters provide an opportunity for an informal presentation featuring “give and take” with conference attendees. Presenting a poster is also a good way in which to discuss and receive feedback on a work in progress that has not been fully developed into a

paper. The topic of a poster presentation is not limited. However, the topic should be relevant to the themes of the conference specified above. If your poster proposal is accepted, your poster will be displayed in a poster session during the conference. You will be expected to present your poster at that time. At least one author for each accepted poster must register for and attend the conference.

The format for a poster proposal will be published soon in the website www.icmg19.it.

ABSTRACT: AUTHORS GUIDELINES

Title: Times New Roman, 12 pt, bold, centered, arranged on 1-2 lines.

Authors: Times New Roman, 11 pt, normal, centered, surname and first name initial (e.g.: Rossi, G.). In the case of several authors, they must be separated by a comma and marked with a number to identify the institution to which they belong.

Institution Membership: Times New Roman, 10 pt, normal, centered; at the end, you can write the email address of the corresponding author only.

Keywords: Times New Roman, 10 pt, normal, left aligned; up to a maximum of five.

Text: Times New Roman, 11 pt, normal, justified, indent paragraph 0.5 cm. The text, both in US or UK English, must have a maximum length of 3000 characters, including spaces and any bibliographical references. Abstracts must be composed of text only, without figures or tables. No footnotes may be included in the text. Bibliographic citations must be inserted in the text between round brackets, as follows: author's surname, comma, year of publication. Several papers cited in series must be inserted in chronological order and separated by semicolons (e.g.: Ramsay, 1987; Ramsay & Huber; 1990; Ramsay et al., 2000). The mathematical formulae can also be inserted as an image file (.jpg format).

Bibliographic references: The list of literature cited must be in alphabetical order and must include all, and only, the bibliographical references mentioned in the text. References may be made to accepted manuscripts that are actually "in press" in other journals, of which

the name and volume are mentioned, and to doctoral theses and master degree theses. Citations of manuscripts in preparation or approval for printing are not allowed. The different bibliographical references must follow the following formats (Times New Roman, 10 pt, normal, justified, first line projecting 0.5 cm):

- **Article on a journal:** Baker V.R. (2006) - Water and the evolutionary geological history of Mars. *Boll. Soc. Geol. It.*, 125, 357-369.
- **Article on volume/chapter of a book:** Martini I.P., Sagri M. & Colella A. (2001) - Neogene-Quaternary basins of the inner Apennines and Calabrian arc. In: Vai G.B. & Martini I.P. (eds.), *Anatomy of an Orogen: The Apennines and Adjacent Mediterranean Basins*. Kluwer Academic Publisher, 375- 400.
- **Volume:** Ramsay J.G. & Huber M. (1987) - *The techniques of Modern Structural geology. Volume 2: Folds and Fractures*. Academic Press, London, 500 pp.
- **Thesis:** Ghinassi M. (2000) - Il passaggio tra la prima e la seconda fase fluviolacustre del bacino del Valdarno Superiore nei pressi di S. Giovanni Valdarno. Unpublished Master thesis, University of Florence, 110 pp.
- **Journals and their abbreviations** must be reported according to the "ISSN List of Title Word Abbreviations": http://images.webofknowledge.com/images/help/WOS/A_abrvjt.html. In cases of doubt, the authors may quote the title of the journal in full.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Full and short papers presented in the conference will be considered for publication in a **Springer volume** (full papers) or in a special volume of **ROL - Rendiconti on Line of the Italian Geological Society** (<https://>

rendiconti.socgeol.it/). More information will be given in the website www.icmg19.it.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

ARRIVALS DAY Sunday 23 June

18.00 - 20.00

Icebreaker at the Geographical Section of the DiSSGeA Department (Wollemberg Palace). Geography Museum visit & wine tasting and cheese from the alpine battlefields.

DAY 1 Monday 24 June

09.00 - 13.00

Opening Ceremony & Key Notes.

14.00 - 18.00

Scientific Session.

Evening

Visit to the Cappella degli Scrovegni and/or Padova City Center.

DAY 2 Tuesday 25 June

09.00 - 13.00

Scientific session.

14.30 - 16.00

Poster Session.

Late afternoon

Visit to "3rd Army" Military Museum.

DAY 3 Wednesday 26 June

All day

Mid-conference excursion: Venice islands and fortifications. Transfer by bus to Venice. Visit of Forte Marghera. Boat tour in the lagoon with lunch on a lagoon island. Visit to the Naval Museum, San Mark Square and S. Andrea fort. Return to Padova by group bus.

DAY 4 Thursday 27 June

10.00 - 13.00

Bus transfer to Montello Hill. Scientific session.

Afternoon

Field trip to the battlefield and visit of the WW1 Sacramentum (military cemetery). Visit at the Memoriale Veneto della Grande Guerra (Great War Memorial).

Dinner

Conference Dinner at a local country house with wine tasting.

DAY 5 Friday 28 June

09.00 - 15.00

Scientific sessions.

15.00 - 17.00

IAMG Biennial General Meeting.



— POST CONFERENCE EXCURSION (5 DAYS) —
 ITALIAN ALPS FROM WW1 TO COLD WAR

During the tour participants will visit the **battlefields, museums, memorials** and **cemeteries** of the **Italian Alps** and **Piave frontline**. The tour includes several WW1 glacial “White War” sites, including high mountain emplacements (up to 3,000 m asl), mine warfare sites, fortresses, military tunnels, and the largest Memorials and Military Museums of Northern Italy. Most of the battlefields are in the **Dolomites**, probably the most famous mountains of the alpine range which is in turn reflected in its status as a [UNESCO World Heritage area](#).

The excursion organizers would like to highlight that many of these sites are at altitude and cover rugged, mountainous terrain. Therefore, **those with medical conditions are responsible for seeking medical guidance prior to participation**.

It is also up to individual participants to ensure a proper mountain equipment and that travel insurance is adequate to cover these activities.

— PROVISIONAL PROGRAM —

DAY 1 Saturday 29 June	DAY 2 Sunday 30 June	DAY 3 Monday 1 July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from Padova to Trento. • Cogollo del Cengio war track. • Thunder Base (Cold War American base). • War Museum of Rovereto. • Overnight in Trento. • Museo della Grande Guerra di Rovereto. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from Trento to Marmolada Glacier. • Cableway to Mount Marmolada. • Serauta defensive Italian positions (field excursion). • Passo Fedaia War Museum. • Overnight in Cortina d’Ampezzo. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from Cortina d’Ampezzo to Lagazuoi. • Cableway to Lagazuoi high mountain battlefield. • Descent by cableway or by foot through a system of WW1 galleries and fortifications. • Visit of the Forte Tre Sassi museum. • Overnight in Cortina.
DAY 4 Tuesday 2 July	DAY 5 Wednesday 3 July	DAY 6 Thursday 4 July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from Cortina d’Ampezzo to Monte Piave open air museum. • 4x4 mountain trip to Italian and Austrorungarian fortifications. • Visit to the 3 Cime di Lavaredo and Monte Croce Comelico Pass. • Overnight in Auronzo di Cadore. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from Auronzo di Cadore to the Cold war bunkers at Savogna. • Redipuglia (Biggest WW1 Memorial; Memorial of Redipuglia). • Transfer to Caorle beach or to Trieste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer to the Venice International Airport, to Venice and to Padova.

F E E S

The following is just an estimation of the conference and field trip fees. The final fees will be published in December, when the registration procedure will be active.

Early registration deadline: 15 April 2019.

CONFERENCE FEES

The conference fee **doesn't cover** any costs of accommodation and travelling to/from Padova.

The conference fee **covers** all the lunches, coffee breaks, entrance to museums, icebreaker (Sunday 23 June), mid-conference trip (Wednesday 26 June), off site conference at the Great War Memorial in Montebelluna and the conference dinner (Thursday 27 June).

FULL CONFERENCE FEES:

- **580 EUR** (estimated cost)

SINGLE DAY CONFERENCE FEE:

- 24 June: **100 EUR** (estimated cost)
- 25 June: **100 EUR** (estimated cost)
- 26 June: Mid conference field trip **180 EUR** (estimated cost)
- 27 June: Conference & Field trip **180 EUR** (estimated cost)
- 28 June: Conference & General Assembly **100 EUR** (estimated cost)

POST CONFERENCE FEES

The Field Trip fee covers meals, accommodation, transport and museums entrance (all included)

POST CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP:
Dolomites: **1300 EUR** (estimated cost) .

V I S A P O L I C Y

Only the keynote speakers get the official invitation from the organizers.

All the other ICMG19 participants **receive the confirmation** of registration for the conference (after the registration is completed).

The participants are individually responsible for getting visa if necessary for travel to Italy. All the information about the process of receiving visa can be found

at: http://poliziadistato.it/articolo/10618-Entering_Italy

The list of visa-free countries (citizens of such countries are not required to be in possession of a visa when entering Italy for less than 90 days) is available here: https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/servizi/stranieri/ingressosoggiornoinitalia/visto_ingresso/paesi_esenti_visto.html