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PRESENTATION AND AIMS

As part of the *International Year of the Caves and Karst*, organized by the International Union of Speleology (UIS) to celebrate caves and karst internationally and teach the world about their importance, the International Scientific Conference "**Man and Karst**" is organized in Sicily from 12th to 17th September 2022.

VENUE AND TIME

The event will be held from 12th to 17th September 2022 in the fascinating paesagistic location of the Monti di Capo San Vito, in the Custonaci Municipality (Province of Trapani).



MAIN ORGANIZERS

- * Municipality of Custonaci
- * C.I.R.S. - Hyblean Center of Speleo-Hydrogeological Research, Ragusa, Italy
- * UNESCO Chair on Karst Education, Vipava, Slovenia
- * ZRC SAZU Karst Research Institute, Postojna, Slovenia
- * TETIDE APS, Italy
- * University of Catania, Italy
- * University of Messina
- * University of Palermo
- * University of Bari
- * University of Trieste

TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE

- Karst geomorphology
- Karst hydrogeology and water protection
- Caves and speleogenesis
- Biospeleology and paleontology
- Karst caves and archaeology
- Mines in karst areas
- Caves in volcanic areas
- Protection of karst areas
- Marine caves and protected karst coastal areas

Date	Programme Outline
Monday, September 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Registration* Open Book showroom, SpeleoMedit exhibition and stands (morning)* Scientific sessions (morning)* Field trip in the Natural Reserve of Mt. Cofano (afternoon)* Welcome party (evening)
Tuesday, September 13th :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Scientific sessions (morning)* SpeleoMedit exhibition* Field trip to the <i>Karren and Stone forest</i> of Mt. Sparagio ridge and Purgatorio Polje (afternoon).
Wednesday, September 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Scientific sessions (morning)* SpeleoMedit exhibition* Poster session* Visit of the <i>Grotta della Clava</i> in the Karst and Speleological Park of Piano Zubbia (afternoon)* Gala reception (evening)

Post conference excursions

Thursday, September 15th

- * Whole day trip with boat and visit to the following Egadi islands:
 - Levanzo island /visit the prehistoric cave of *Grotta del Genovese*;
 - Favignana island: visit of ancient tonnara ex-Florio factory and/or ancient Tufo quarries;
 - Swim during the trip in one of the islands or along the coast from the boat.

Friday, September 16th

- * Whole day excursion in the *Natural Reserve of Zingaro*
 - Faraglioni di Scopello;
 - Visitor Center and Naturalistic and Speleological museum;
 - Visit of prehistoric *Grotta dell'Uzzo*;
 - Swim in one of the magical coves along the coast of the Reserve.

Saturday, September 17th

- * Whole day trip:
 - Archaeological site of *Parco di Segesta*;
 - Terme segestane (with possible/optional swim in the thermal pools);
 - Saline di Marsala and lagoon *Lo Stagnone*.

The above program of visits and excursions may undergo possible modifications and/or variations in relation to the occurrence of contingent situations or force majeure independent of the organizers of the event.

REGISTRATION, FEE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

	Deadline	Student	Non Student
Early Bird	July 31 th	50 €	120 €
Late	No Deadline	75 €	150 €
Accompany person	No Deadline		90 €

The fee includes conference materials, coffee breaks, participation at Welcome party and Gala reception, visits and excursions of the days 12th, 13th and 14th of September.

Participants are invited to register by sending the appropriate registration form downloadable on the webpage www.cirs-ragusa.org.

Participants are invited to present their contributions in oral or poster form. The contributions are expected in English only and can be presented orally (max 15 min. + 5 min. discussion) or as a poster, based upon a selection by the Scientific Committee. Only the Congress participants can submit summaries, contributions and posters.

Abstract (1/2 A4 page) / extended abstract (one A4 page) and poster must be communicated with the pre-registration and submitted in English to info@cirs-ragusa.org by June 30th 2022.

Final contributions must be delivered at the opening of the event. In this regard, please download the Guide lines paper from the website: www.cirs-ragusa.org
The official languages of the event are English and Italian.

HOW TO REACH US

By plane:

AIRPORTS:

* **Trapani Birgi** <https://www.airgest.it/?lang=en>

* **Falcone e Borsellino (Palermo)** <https://www.aeroportoipalermo.it/en/>

General informations

- **Registration** in Custonaci is possible from Sunday 11th September (16:00 - 19:00).
 - **Field trips** - Walking shoes, sun hat and field clothes are recommended. Headlamps are mandatory during cave visits.
 - **Insect repellents** are recommended as we will be walking in the areas populated with ticks.
- Participation on the excursions is voluntary and at your own risk.
- The organizers do not accept any liability for any loss, damage, injury or death arising from or connected with the excursions. Participants are advised to arrange an appropriate insurance policy. The participants are obliged to comply with the instructions of the organizers.

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Location of the event

