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3rd Italian Meeting of Young Researchers in Palaeontology

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!LATEST NEWS!

November 17-20, 2020

Due to the Covid-19 prevention measures, the 3rd Italian Meeting of Young Researchers in Palaeontology (Invertebrate and Vertebrate Paleontology day – IVPday) **will be held exclusively online** on Google Meet.

The Organizing Committee consider this the best choice to allow a good level of interaction between the participants, while ensuring their health and safety.

Following this change, unlike previously announced, the duration of the event will be **extended to four days (November 17-20, 2020)**.

In spite of this variation, the Organizing Committee intends not to change the congress format, by allowing participants to present their talks live. The Organizing Committee will consider contributions focused on taxonomy and systematics, phylogenetic reconstructions, paleoenvironmental reconstructions, paleoecology, paleohistology, paleobiogeography, biostratigraphy, statistical modelling, stratigraphy, dating methodologies, virtual paleontology (e.g. CT-scan analyses, digital photogrammetry and laser scanning applied to fossils) and other related topics (e.g. didactics and dissemination of Paleontology). All the scientific proposals by the participants will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee.

Registration

Registration deadline is on **October 1, 2020** (for presenters) and **November 1, 2020** (for listeners only). In both cases, the online registration form can be accessed at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/cjcPaFTLL6Q2air49>

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Scientific Program

The oral contributions will take place during the morning (10 am to 1 pm) and will last 15 minutes (presentation and question time, 12+3 minutes).

They will be streamed via Google Meet: authors will be asked to share their screens to present their topics and answer questions by the audience. The presentations will be recorded by the organizing committee. At the end of each day, the videos will be made available on the webpage of the meeting. The recordings will be visible **exclusively to the convenors** for the following two weeks after the end of the meeting.

In case presentation requests exceeds the available time, the Scientific Committee will select a number of talks that will have to be converted into "lightning talks" (5 min. + 2 min. discussion). All communications should be prepared in Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt or .pptx) or PDF format.

During each afternoon, workshops on investigation methodologies and new technologies in paleontology (vertebrates, invertebrates and proxies for palaeoenvironmental reconstructions) will be held by experts national and international speakers:

Dr. Peter Falkingham (John Moores University of Liverpool), presentation theme: photogrammetry and digital imaging applied to fossil vertebrates.

Dr. Olivier Lambert (Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique), presentation theme: evolution and paleobiology of cetaceans.

Prof. Romana Melis (Università degli Studi di Trieste), presentation theme: fossil microfaunas as proxies for paleoenvironmental reconstructions.

Prof. Giuseppe Manganelli (Università degli Studi di Siena & Accademia dei Fisiocritici), presentation theme: systematic and utilization of terrestrial fossil molluscs for paleoenvironmental reconstructions.

Extended Abstracts and *Fossilia* Volume

Extended abstracts have to be sent by email to iyppday2020@gmail.com or filling in the above-mentioned registration form (deadline for submission: **October 15, 2020**). The text has to be prepared in Word (.doc or .docx) and written in English. It has to be around 3 pages (approximately 800-1000 words). Bibliographic citations will be included in the total number of pages. Participants are

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encouraged to include one image (or maximum two images) in their extended abstracts. In the “Extended Abstract” section of the congress website (<https://sites.google.com/site/vertpaleoday>) a downloadable template of the extended abstracts is available. The authors' guidelines can be found at this link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R_ecFgs0KT-lYhbSwzzhZc0LtsE3X_md/view. The Scientific Committee will evaluate the extended abstract, which can be sent back to the authors in case they would need revisions. **With the permission of authors**, final contributions will be collected in the digital volume Fossilia (**citable and open access**).

Final remarks

Considering the anti-COVID-19 measures that have forced to carry out the event online, the Organizing Committee considers it particularly important to leave all participants with a present of the 3rd National Conference for Young Researchers in Paleontology. For this reason, at the end of the conference, a congress kit and the certificate of participation will be sent to all the participants. Participants must therefore **indicate precisely the address to which they wish to receive the material** in the aforementioned registration form.

Save the dates!

October 1, 2020: Deadline for registration for presenting participants.

October 15, 2020: Deadline for extended abstract submission.

November 1, 2020: Deadline for registration for listening participants.

A detailed schedule will be provided with the Second Circular. More information and updates can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/vertpaleoday/> or writing an e-mail to: ivpday2020@gmail.com.

See you online!

The Organizing Committee

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