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Città Tardo Barocche del Val di Noto
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ANNIVERSARY - 1974 - 2024



Second Circular

PRESENTATION AND AIMS

In the context of the celebrations of the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of CIRS Ragusa, the third edition of the **Man and Karst** in Sicily, International Scientific Conference, is organized which will take place in Ragusa, Sicily from 24 to 29 June 2024.

Man and Karst 2024 in Sicily, in the same way as the previous editions, wants to give a contribution to the knowledge, enhancement and safeguard of the karst landscape with its ecosystem and historical-anthropological resources as a whole, as an instrument and optimal function of scientific research, not as often for its own sake or for the sake of a few users, but rather, at the service and for the benefit of the whole community.

VENUE AND TIME

The event will be held from 24th to 29th June 2024 in the fascinating location of the Auditorium San Vincenzo Ferreri, in Ragusa Ibla, a UNESCO World Heritage site for its beautiful Baroque.



Glimpse of Ragusa Ibla at Night, UNESCO World Heritage Site (ph. by Manuela Distefano)

TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE

- Karst geomorphology
- Karst hydrogeology and water protection
- Speleology and Cave conservation
- Archaeology and paleontology in karst caves
- Biospeleology and ecology
- Vulnerability, protection and fruition of karst landscapes and caves
- Mines in karst areas
- Karst geohazards
- Caves in volcanic areas

The contributions are expected in English or in Italian and can be presented orally (max 15 min.) or as a poster, based upon a selection by the Scientific Committee.

SESSIONS EVENTS AND EXCURSIONS

24th June	Auditorium San Vincenzo Ferreri - Registration - Open book show room - SpeleoMedit exhibition and stands - Scientific sessions - Welcome reception	Included in the registration fee
25th June	Auditorium San Vincenzo Ferreri - Scientific sessions - Visit Asphalt mine of Tabuna - SpeleoMedit: <i>Conservation and documentation of Mediterranean caves</i>	Included in the registration fee
26th June Conference excursion	Pantalica Natural Reserve (Unesco World Heritage) - Pipistrelli and Monello caves (Regional Reserve) - Gala party 50° CIRS Anniversary - <i>Mediterranean songs</i> by Fiammetta Poidomani	<i>Full day excursion</i> Included in the registration fee
27th June Post conference excursion	- Visit of the Realmonte Salt mine - Welcome reception in <i>Sant'Angelo Muxaro</i> - Vallone del Ponte trekking	<i>Full day excursion</i> Not included in the registration fee
28th June Post conference excursion	- Grotta dei Briganti e Cava Grande del Cassibile* - Noto Antica - Cava del Carosello* - Folk show by <i>Cala Bukuto</i> group * The choice of one of the above trekking will depend on the weather condition of the day	<i>Full day excursion</i> Not included in the registration fee
29th June Post conference excursion	* Field trip to Mt. Etna volcano	<i>Full day excursion</i> Not included in the registration fee

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	Student	Not Student	Accompany person
	70 €	120 €	90 €
Full day excursion	70 €		

