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in Sicily

International Scientific Conference
 June 24th - 26th Ragusa, Italy

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PRESENTATION AND AIMS

The international scientific meeting "Man and Karst" will be held in Sicily from 24th to 26th June 2019. The extreme south-eastern sector of Sicily, which geographically belongs to the Hyblean Mountains, but geologically to the African foreland, represents an outstanding example for the comprehensive understanding of karst. Here we will explore pure karst landscapes, deeply carved by spectacular and evocative canyons and their profound relationship with Man.

Man and Karst 2019 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 26th June 2019 in the fascinating location of the Donnafugata Castle, a sumptuous noble residence of the late '800 a few kilometers from Ragusa.



Donnafugata Castle, Ragusa

TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE

- Karst geomorphology
- Karst hydrogeology and water protection
- Caves and speleogenesis
- Biospeleology and ecology
- Paleontology and caves
- Karst caves and archaeology
- Mines in karst areas
- Caves in volcanic areas
- Protection of karst areas
- Karst geosites

REGISTRATION, ABSTRACT AND FINAL CONTRIBUTIONS DEADLINES

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 12 min. + 3 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 / extended abstract and poster must be communicate with the pre-registration and submitted in English to info@cirs-ragusa.org by April 30th 2019.

Final contributions must be delivered on 24th June at the opening of the event. In this regard, please download the Guide lines paper from the website: www.cirs-ragusa.org

Selected full papers will be published in a special issue of Springer “Carbonates &Evaporites”.

The official languages of the event are English and Italian.

CREDITS

APC credits are foreseen for geologists.

VISITS AND EXCURSIONS

The program of the event foresees the following visits and excursions:

24 th June	* Donnafugata Castle and Park	Included in the registration fee
25 th June	* Asphalt mine of Tabuna * Visit of old Ragusa Ibla (Unesco Barocco Heritage)	Included in the registration fee
26 th June	* Pantalica Natural Reserve (Unesco World Heritage) * Monello cave (Regional Reserve) * Visit of Scicli city (Unesco Barocco World Heritage)	Included in the registration fee
27 th June Post conference	* Realmonte Salt mine * Scala dei Turchi * Agrigento archaeological Park	Not included in the registration fee
28 th June Post conference	* Field trip to Mt. Etna volcano	Not included in the registration fee

For details on the above visits and field trip, please download the descriptive forms on the website: www.cirs-ragusa.org

GEO - KARST PHOTO CONTEST

In the frame of the International Scientific Conference "Man and Karst 2019", with the aim to contribute to the knowledge and the enhancement of naturalistic, geological, geomorphological, karst and paleontological heritage sites, we declare the photographic contest "*Geological and karst landscapes*". Photo contest is open to citizen of any nationality, at least 16 years old.

For details on the participation to the photo contest, please download the photo contest rules from the website: www.cirs-ragusa.org.

ACCOMODATION IN RAGUSA:

* Mediterraneo Palace Hotel <https://www.mediterraneopalace.it>

* Montreal Hotel <http://www.montrealhotel.it>

* San Vito Hostel www.sanvitohostel.com

The organization will provide a shuttle service Ragusa city / Donnafugata Castle / Ragusa city

Accomodation outside Ragusa city, a few kilometers from the Donnafugata Castle

* Tenuta Cammarana <http://www.tenutacammarana.it>

* Casato Licitra - Country Hotel <http://www.casatolicitra.it>

* Cava Longa Resort <http://www.parcocavalonga.it>

For more opportunities:

Hotel: <https://www.comune.ragusa.gov.it/turismo/dormire/alberghi.html>

B&B: <https://www.comune.ragusa.gov.it/turismo/dormire/bed.html>

HOW TO REACH US

By plane:

* Catania Airport (100 km from Ragusa)

* Comiso Airport (20 km from Ragusa)

In both airports you can rent a car to reach us in Ragusa.

LOCATION OF THE DONNAFUGATA CASTLE



More detailed information on the program and others will be provided with the third circular available in late May 2019.

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