



Dear Colleague,

it is our great pleasure to invite you to attend the IX International Symposium on Neuropterology, which will be held in Ferrara, Emilia Romagna, Italia, from the 20th to the 23rd of June 2005.

Dedication, Scientific Program, Language, Location

The Symposium will be dedicated to Prof. Maria Matilde Principi on the occasion of her 90th birthday. The organizers will favour the presence of Prof. Principi during the Symposium.

The scientific program of the Symposium is open to all fields of research on neuropterid insects (Neuroptera, Raphidioptera and Megaloptera). Contributions on agricultural entomology and biological control are encouraged.

The official language of the Symposium will be English.

The Symposium will be held in the Monastery of San Gerolamo dei Gesuati (XV century), situated in the old part of the town.

Presentations

You may present your results both as lectures and as posters. Lectures should be about 20 min. The use of Power Point is strongly suggested. Posters should be 100 by 70 cm (height by width). Each contribution should be contained in only one poster. Poster printing will be possible directly by the Symposium organizers [further information in the 2nd circular].

Abstracts and Proceedings

Abstracts of presentations will be provided in the Symposium program. Your abstract should be submitted by 30th April 2005 (preferably earlier). A Symposium proceedings volume will be published in the "Annali del Museo di Storia naturale di Ferrara". Instructions to Authors for papers and abstracts will be given in the 2nd circular. Now you should indicate, in your registration form, only a provisional title.

Registration Fees

Registration fees for the Symposium will be 120 € for Regular participant and 60 € for Student participant, if settled earlier than 1st February 2005, or 150 € for Regular participant and 75 € for Student participant, if settled later. Accompanying persons pay no fee. The fee includes participation in the Symposium and the proceedings, excluding social dinner and post-symposium excursions (see below).

Accommodation

In Ferrara there are many receptive structures to satisfy every requirement of quality and price. For participants, it will possible to reserve a room in arranged hotels (approximate price 50-60 €/person in a single room, 30-40 €/person in a double room).

Nevertheless we recommend the option of accommodation in the Monastery of San Gerolamo dei Gesuati. We have temporarily reserved all the available rooms with these arranged prices ad personam: single room 50 €/day, double room 37,5 €/day, three beds room 27,5 €/day. Rooms all have en-suite bathroom and almost all have air

conditioning. Please note that prices are not the same directly quoted by the Monastery: in order to use the whole structure, the organization had to modify and simplify the fee.

In order to ensure the accommodations in the Monastery (that has a limited number of rooms), reservations must be made immediately (see details in registration form). Reservations will be accepted absolutely according to the order of arrival. Payment must be made earlier than 1st December 2004.

Information concerning other arranged accommodation will be given in the 2nd circular.

Lunch and social dinner

Lunches will be available from the Monastery for 13 €/meal (no reservations or prior payments are required for meals).

Social dinner will be held on Wednesday, 22nd; it will cost about 50/70 € ad personam. Further information concerning social dinner will be given in the 2nd circular.

Program for accompanying persons

Optional local sightseeing will be organized, during the Symposium, for accompanying persons [Further information will be given in the 2nd circular]. On 24th and 25th of June, a sightseeing tour of Ferrara and neighborhood will be organized alternatively to the first short post-Symposium excursion.

Post-Symposium excursions

Two post-symposium excursions will follow the formal scientific meetings: (1) a two-day (24/25 June), one-night, sightseeing tour of one or more protected areas of Emilia-Romagna, and (2) a 6-day collecting trip through an Italian protected area (26 June: transfer from Ferrara, 27 June – 1 July: field works, 2 July: departure).

More complete itineraries and additional details of each excursion will be provided at a later date to participants who have expressed an interest in one or both trips.

Post-Symposium excursions will be strictly connected to the number of participants. We request a quick response about this matter (see Registration form).

Payment and Cancellation

Payment of Symposium, Excursion and other fees and booking of accommodation will be coordinated by the Company AFS (Associazione per la Formazione Superiore), Sassari, Italy. Payment via selected credit cards on-line will be available and strongly recommended, however other payment options are available. Further information available after the arrival of the Registration Form.

Cancellation of the Symposium fee will be refunded in full minus a 20 € processing fee. Cancellation of booking of accommodations will be refunded in full minus the penalty of the arranged hotels.

Unfortunately, two payments in different time for Symposium fee and Post-Symposium excursions fees will be required due to organizing reasons. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Travel

Ferrara is easy to reach by train and by car. By plane, we recommend that participants book flights to the Symposium through either Bologna and Venezia

international airports, but it is easy and cheap to reach Ferrara even through Roma Fiumicino, Milano Linate and Milano Malpensa. In further little airports, as Bergamo, Verona, Forlì, Rimini, Firenze, Ancona, is possible flight with several low cost companies reaching Ferrara without difficulty.

We will support participants with information about Italian railways, roads and connections between Italian airports and the Symposium place by a help-desk via e-mail (further information will be given in the 2nd circular).

More information

Further information at the URL's:

*<http://www1.ferraraterraeacqua.it/Turismo/TeaInglese.nsf/VistaComuni>

for hotel accommodations in Ferrara.

*<http://www.sangirolamodeigesuati.com/>

Monastery San Gerolamo dei Gesuati

*<http://www.aeroporti.com/aeroporti.html>

Italian airports

*<http://www.trenitalia.it/>

Italian railways

*<http://www.discoveritalia.com/mappe/index.asp?lingua=en>

Italian maps

Milestones

As soon as possible – send the Registration Form (really important for reservation the Monastery)

1st December 2004 – deadline for payment reservation Monastery

1st February 2005 – deadline for payment Registration fee

1st March 2005 – 2nd circular

1st May 2005 – deadline for answer to the 2nd circular submitting abstract

10th June 2005 – probable deadline for poster to be printed directly by organization

20th June 2005, afternoon – start of the Symposium

22nd June 2005 – Social dinner

23rd June 2005 – end of the Symposium

24/25th June 2005 – Short post-Symposium excursion or sightseeing of Ferrara

25th June/2nd July 2005 – Long post-Symposium excursion

30th September 2005 – deadline for presentation papers for Proceedings

30th March 2006 – publication of the Proceedings

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