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Program (Preliminary)

9 May: Registration and welcome party

10 May: Lectures

11 May: Lectures

12 May: Mid-Conference field trip

13 May: Lectures and Closure

14-17 May: Post conference field trip

Topics

- Soils and microbiology
- Biodiversity: biogeographical and ecological issues
- Population and community ecology
- Physiological ecology of serpentine plants
- Serpentine faunas: interactions with soils and plants
- Conservation and management of serpentine areas

Post-Conference Excursion

4-day excursion visiting different protected areas associated within the C.A.P.O. (Coordination of Ophiolitic Protected Areas). These protected areas form a network and are devoted to the conservation of habitats on serpentine soils.

We shall have two persons in charge of organizing the field trip (Prof. Mauro Mariotti, from the University of Milan, and Dr. Andrea Saccani, national coordinator of the C.A.P.O.); they will produce a trip guide with the site descriptions and botanical/ecological information. We shall have four persons with local responsibilities (one for each area), who will organize logistic and technical issues.

We are trying to organize some economic support for lunch/dinner and sleeping at every visited site. We predict a limited number of seats for the post-conference excursion (about 50).

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Registration

Deadline for the registration will be communicated with the Second Circular in June 2005.

Registration fee

The registration fee (inclusive of the Mid-Conference field trip) and the cost for the Post-Conference excursion will be given in the Second Circular (June, 2005).

Submission of abstract

Abstracts of lectures and poster could be submitted together by using the web facilities which will be provided for the registration.

Publication of the proceedings

We are still discussing the publication of the proceedings with some editors.

Economic Support

We are trying to get some economic support from national and local administrations as well as from banks, agencies etc. Suggestions and contacts for economic support from foreign institutions are welcome (especially for support of researchers coming from poor countries)

Accommodation for foreign delegates:

Availability for accommodation (including breakfast and dinner) will be communicated together with the second circular.

Social Program:

A program for the delegates and their accompanying guests will be available.

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