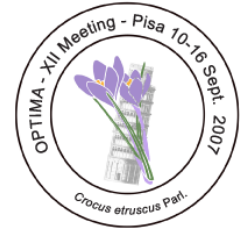




XII OPTIMA Meeting
10-16 September 2007
Congress Palace, Pisa (Italy)

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Pisa, July 2006

First circular

Dear Colleagues,

you are kindly invited to the XII OPTIMA Meeting, which will be held in Pisa, Italy, from 10 to 16 September 2007.

The Symposia, in the usual number of 12, will cover the following subjects:

- *Phytotaxonomic studies in Italy* (Secretary: S. Pignatti)
- *Vegetation and plant landscapes in Italy* (Secretary: C. Blasi)
- *Karyology and palinology of Mediterranean plants: case studies* (Secretary: S. Siljak-Yakovlev)
- *Plant-plant and plant-animal interactions* (Secretary: J.M. Iriondo)
- *Herbaria: maintenance, management and digitisation of holdings* (Secretary: E. Vitek)
- *Invasions and extinctions in man-made and natural habitats* (Secretary: to be defined)
- *Glacial refuges, transadriatic relationships and reticulate speciation* (Secretary: M. Anchev)
- *The study and inventory of Mediterranean Compositae* (Secretary: N. Kilian)
- *Bryofloristics and bryotaxonomy* (Secretary: N.M. Ros)
- *Plants and Man: symbiosis and antagonism through the times* (Secretary: A. Danin)
- *Seaweeds and freshwater algae in and around the Mediterranean* (Secretary: G. Furnari)
- *Useful wild plants, relic crops, and their safeguard in the Mediterranean* (Secretary: V. Heywood)

One afternoon will be devoted to the poster session, organized by G. Venturella.

The Congress will include social events and mid-congress excursions to the Regional Natural Park of Apuan Alps (<http://www.parcapuane.it>), to Monterufoli-Caselli Nature Reserve (http://www.ambientevaldicecina.it/CM/show_categoria_txt.asp?cat=37), and to the ophiolitic outcroppings of Mount Pelato.

A visit to the Bibbiani park (<http://www.bibbianifattoria.it/>), a private estate close to Pisa, will be organized for accompanying persons.

The meetings of Commissions will take place on 8 and 9 September; those of the Executive Council and of the International Board will take place the morning of 10 September; a post-congress excursion to the Tuscan Archipelago, with a limited number of participants, will be organized on 16-17-18-19 September.

Location

Pisa is located in north-central Italy, close to the Tyrrhenian coast and to the famous city of Florence. It is well served by an international airport, a railway station, bus lines, highways, and the sea port of Leghorn (Livorno; about 20 km S from Pisa). It is a well known city of art and culture, with famous monuments of the medieval period and an University dating from 1343, which established the first academic botanic garden in the world, in 1543-44, thanks to the grand duke Cosimo I de' Medici and Luca Ghini.

The climate is usually mild to warm in the first half of September.

For further information, please see www.pisaonline.it, with multilingual access.

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Accommodation: a range of accommodation type will be available: camping, youth hostel, student residencies, bed and breakfast, pensions, hotels (all categories). A list of accommodations, including prices and addresses, will be provided in the second circular (see below); participants will have to make their own reservation, as the Organizing Committee will not provide any booking service.

Meeting venues: the symposia will take place in the University Congress Palace (www.palacongressipisa.it/), in halls equipped with audiovisual facilities (overhead projectors, slide projectors, video projectors and computers); the Commissions, the Executive Council and the International Board will meet at the Botanic Garden. As Pisa is a small city, the Meeting venues are within walking distance from any attraction and accommodation in its historical centre.

Second circular: the second circular will be sent by 15 December 2006 to all respondents to this circular (please use enclosed pre-subscription form); it will include the Meeting preliminary schedule, as well as detailed instructions on subscription, fees, available accommodation, submission of abstracts of oral / poster presentations, media and format of oral presentation, poster size and design.

Communication channels and media formats: the Organizing Committee will communicate with correspondents via email, regular mail and fax; messages of general interest will also be posted in the “news” section on the web site. All correspondents are encouraged to use email as preferred communication channel. Correspondents with limited or no access to email systems will receive all messages via regular mail or fax, according to their preference as stated in the pre-subscription form (see below).

The abstracts of communications or posters must be provided in *doc* (MS Word) or *pdf* (Acrobat) format; files may be mailed on a CD to the Organizing Committee, emailed to optima2007@biologia.unipi.it, or uploaded through the web site services which will be available as soon as the second circular is issued.

Proceedings: the Proceedings will be published in Bocconea, according to the journal's editorial guidelines. The manuscripts must be sent to the President of the Organizing Committee by 15 November 2007

Fees: subscription fees will be specified in the second circular; it is anticipated that early subscribers will benefit from a reduced cost, while late subscriber will be charged an extra cost (see below for deadlines). On-site subscription during the Meeting will be possible with additional surcharge. Ordinary OPTIMA members and students will be entitled to a discount on early, regular, late and on-site subscription fees.

Deadlines

- 30 October 2006 - Submission of pre-subscription form (enclosed to this circular; it can also be downloaded from the Meeting web site <http://www.biologia.unipi.it/optima2007/>);
- 15 January 2007 - payment of early (reduced) subscription fees;
- 15 March 2007 - submission of subscription form and of abstracts of communication/poster; payment of regular subscription fees;
- 15 June 2007 - payment of late (increased) subscription fees;
- 15 November 2007 - submission of full texts of lectures and posters for proceedings.

Organizing Committee: the Organizing Committee is composed by Fabio Garbari (President; email fgarbari@biologia.unipi.it), Gianni Bedini (Secretary; email gbedini@biologia.unipi.it), Guido Moggi (email guido.moggi@unifi.it), Alessandro Chiarucci (email chiarucci@unisi.it), Federico Selvi (email selvi@unifi.it). The special email address optima2007@biologia.unipi.it has been set up for further information.

Logistic and administrative tasks will be cared by the University of Pisa (email optima2007logistics@adm.unipi.it).

Web site: the web site address is <http://www.biologia.unipi.it/optima2007/>. As the second circular is issued, it will be possible to register on-line at the web site or, alternatively, by submitting a paper form via mail or fax (see address and fax number at the bottom of the page). A service of file upload for submitting the abstracts of posters/communication will also be available as soon as the second circular is issued.

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Pre-subscription form / Formulaire de pré-inscription

I am interested in attending the XII OPTIMA Meeting. Please send the second circular to the following address:

Je suis intéressé à assister au XII Colloque OPTIMA. Veuillez envoyer la deuxième circulaire à l'adresse suivante:

Surname/Prénom _____

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Title/Titre _____

OPTIMA member/membre yes/oui no/non

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