

PROGEO – SIGEA
Geoheritage: Protecting and Sharing

7th International Symposium ProGEO on the Conservation of the Geological Heritage
3rd Regional Meeting of the PROGEO SW Europe Working Group

Bari, Italy
24–28 September 2012

INVITATION AND SYMPOSIUM VENUE

The Italian Society of Environmental Geology (SIGEA) and the European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage (ProGEO) organise the 7th International Symposium on the Conservation of the Geological Heritage. People (professionals, academics, students) dealing with nature conservation, geotourism, geoparks, education, management, sustainable development, planning and decision-making, and other topics related to the theme of "geoheritage" are invited to participate and encouraged to present their data/experiences by submission of short abstracts.

The Symposium will take place in Bari (Apulia, Italy) on September 25–26 2012, and will be held at the Sala Murat, Piazza del Ferrarese. It will be preceded by one day field-trips (two choices on September 24) and will be followed by a two days field-trip (on 27–28 September).

Bari is one among the biggest towns (metropolitan area) in southern Italy, served by the international airport "Karol Wojtyła" and also easily reachable by train and ship.

The main aims of the Symposium are:

- to discuss on land-use planning, threats and constraints;
- to discuss on recent developments in geodiversity assessment methodologies and geosites inventories in Europe;
- to discuss on legal frameworks supporting geoconservation strategies;
- to encourage a possible convergence between geoconservation and geotourism;
- to discuss on sustainable management policies and geosites exploitation within geoparks;
- to promote the best practices and lesson learned in geoparks for local development;
- to enhance geotourism and its potentials for regional development;
- to implement the most effective outreach methods for successful communication with public, decision- and policy-makers;
- to improve international cooperation and local initiatives for the education and science divulgation;
- to establish links between geoconservation specialists, mainly in Mediterranean area;
- to support special measures and guidelines for conservation of our shared geoheritage.

GENERAL PROGRAMME

The Symposium programme includes plenary lectures, scientific sessions highlighted by invited keynote lectures and selected oral presentations. Pre- and post-Symposium field trips are focused on Apulia and Basilicata geosites.

Date	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Night
Sept. 24	Pre-symposium Gargano or Salento field trip; the field trips have the same time schedule, subscribers must choose one of the two options			
			<i>Opening of the registration desk</i>	
Sept. 25	<i>Registration desk</i> (08:30 – 10:00) Opening ceremony (10:00 – 11:00) Plenary lecture/ Scientific session (11:00 – 13:00)	<i>Lunch break</i>	Plenary lecture/ Scientific session (15:00 – 17:00) <i>Coffee break</i> Plenary lecture/ Scientific session (17:30 – 19:30)	<i>Symp. dinner</i> (21:00)
	poster session			
Sept. 26	Plenary lecture/ Scientific session (08:30 – 10:30) <i>Coffee break</i> Plenary lecture/ Scientific session (11:00 – 13:00) Closing ceremony (13:00)	<i>Lunch break</i>	III Meeting WG ProGEO (SW Europe) (room for other working groups to meet) (15:00 – 17:00) SIGEA Workshop on Geological Heritage (in Italian language) (15:00 – 19:30) General Assembly of ProGEO members (17:30 – 19:30)	<i>Visit to the old-town of Bari</i>
	poster session			
Sept. 27–28	Post-symposium field trip Southern Appennine (first day), Apulia Foreland (second day)			

CONVENERS

Antonello Fiore and Salvatore Valletta (SIGEA, Italy)

SYMPOSIUM LANGUAGE

The official language is English

WEB SITE

The symposium web site is: www.geoheritagesymposium-bari2012.org

SYMPOSIUM SECRETARIAT

e-mail: info@geoheritagesymposium-bari2012.org

ABSTRACTS

All participants are kindly asked to submit their contribution before April 30th, 2012.
Detailed information on abstract submission will be given in the second circular

SESSION THEMES

Geosites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognition, assessment and practical management of geosites ▪ Geodiversity assessment methodologies ▪ Focus on current geomorphosites research (assessment and mapping) and recent studies in various geomorphological contexts ▪ Legal frameworks to support geoconservation strategies at different levels ▪ Up-to-date on how the national and regional inventories are going to develop in Europe, mainly in Mediterranean area
Geological Heritage and Land-use planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Threats and constraints imposed by land-use planning ▪ How to integrate geoconservation in land-use planning ▪ Geo-archaeology ▪ Geoheritage ex-situ ▪ Good examples and possibilities in regional and local planning
Geoparks and Geotourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conflicts and/or possible convergence between geoconservation and geotourism ▪ Geotourism as new potential for local development ▪ Policies for sustainable management and geosite use in geoparks ▪ Presentation of best practices and lessons learned in Geoparks for local development
Cooperation and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementation of the most effective outreach methods for successful communication with public, decision- and policy-makers ▪ Presentation of best practices in international cooperation ▪ Local initiatives in scientific diffusion and education ▪ Capacity building for teaching geoscience in life-long learning programs

REGISTRATION FEES

Deadlines	Registration fees
April 30, 2012	€ 140 (students, SIGEA and ProGEO members: € 100)
June 30, 2012	€ 170 (students, SIGEA and ProGEO members: € 130)
August 31, 2012	€ 200 (for all participants)

Registration fees will cover the materials of the Symposium the coffee breaks and other cultural events (details within the final programme in August 2012).

FIELD TRIPS

Participants are invited to attend to the pre- and/or post-Symposium field trips (cost and itineraries will be detailed within the second circular).

Field Trips:	Where:	Organized by:
Sept. 24 one day pre-congress	FT1pre) Gargano National Park	<i>Oronzo Simone, Donato Sollitto and Antonello Fiore</i>
	FT2pre) Salento Peninsula	<i>Paolo Sansò and Giuseppe Mastronuzzi</i>
Sept. 27–28 two days post-congress	FT3post)	
	first day: Southern Appennine	<i>Mario Bentivenga and Giuseppe Palladino</i>
	second day: Matera and the Apulia Foreland	<i>Vincenzo Iurilli and Marcello Tropeano</i>

More information on the Symposium programme and field trips will be given in the second circular (expected release: February 2012).

Deadlines

- January 31st 2012: returning the pre-registration form with the provisional abstract title (**the pre-registration is necessary in order to create a mailing list of potential participants**).
- February 2012: second circular containing: abstract submission instructions; information about travel, accommodation and fee payment; registration form.
- April 30th 2012: returning the final registration form with fee-payment and camera ready abstracts.
- August 2012: final programme.

This Circular and the Pre-registration Form are available on the web page:
www.geoheritagesymposium-bari2012.org

Pre-registration form (to be filled online)

First name _____ Last name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Zip-code _____ City _____ Country _____

Tel _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

(Make your selection below by typing X in the brackets)

 I will probably attend the congress. Please, send me the Second Circular I will probably attend the one-day pre-congress field trip **FT1pre** I will probably attend the one-day pre-congress field trip **FT2pre** I will probably attend the two-day post-congress field trip **FT3post** I wish to submit abstract(s) (no more than two for each participant).

Abstracts will be included in the abstract book only after payment of registration fees.

Depending on the number of requests, the scientific committee could suggest a different kind of presentation (e.g., from oral to poster).

Author(s):

Provisional title:

Preferred session:

Preferred presentation : oral; poster_____
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This form is to be sent, duly filled, to info@geoheritagesymposium-bari2012.org