



10th European Ostracodologists' Meeting
*A glimpse into ostracod research from the central
Mediterranean:
developments and perspectives*

16–20 September 2024,
Department of Biological, Geological and Environmental
Sciences
Corso Italia 55, Catania, Italy



Second Circular

Important dates

February 1	Early-bird registration opens
February 22	Abstract submission opens
February 29	Workshops proposal deadline
April 22	Abstract submission closes
May 31	Early-bird registration closes. Deadline for fieldtrip registration and its payment.
June 1	Regular registration opens.
July 15	Third circular

ABSTRACTS

Abstracts of oral communications and posters will be published on *Il Naturalista Siciliano*. The electronic abstract submission will open on **February 22, 2024**, and will close on **April 22, 2024 (23:59 CET)**. A template for the abstract is available [here](#).

Before submitting your abstract, please read the following instructions carefully:

- All abstracts must be submitted online through the official EOM abstract submission system that will open on February 22. Abstracts sent by email will not be considered.
- All abstracts must be submitted in English. Submitters, in particular non-native English authors, are strongly recommended to have their abstracts checked by a native speaker or make use of a language editing service.
- The presenting author of an accepted abstract is expected to register for and attend EOM10.
- It is the responsibility of the submitter to make sure that all authors listed in the author block of an abstract agree with the publication of the abstract.
- All received abstracts will undergo a peer reviewing process.
- Notifications of acceptance will be sent by email in May 2024.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 2024						
	16	17	18	19	20	21-23
Morning	Workshops Registration	Registration Opening Ceremony	Mid-meeting field trip	Scientific Session	Scientific Session	Post-meeting field trips
		Scientific Session				
Afternoon		Workshops Registration		Scientific Session	Scientific Session	
Evening	Ice-breaker party				Social dinner	

Workshops and side meetings are planned to be organized on September 16 to provide a platform for exchanging ideas with experts on appropriate themes as proposed.

The mid-meeting field trip will include a visit to the Oriented Nature Reserve of the Fiumefreddo River, where it will be possible to sample in fresh and brackish waters. Afterwards, we will visit Calatabiano, where the Pleistocene bathyal clays outcrop can be sampled [see Sciuto, F., 2015. in Carnets de géologie doi: 10.4267/2042/57945].

REGISTRATION

	Early bird (before May 30)	Regular registration (after May 30)
Senior participants	400 €	500 €
Junior participants	300 €	400 €
Accompanying persons	150 €	200 €
Social dinner	85 €	

The Registration fee for senior and junior participants includes the participation to the scientific sessions, the abstract volume, the ice-breaker party, coffee-breaks, three lunches, and the mid-congress field trip. The Registration fee for accompanying persons includes the ice-breaker party, coffee-breaks, three lunches, and the mid-congress field trip.

Junior participants are defined as undergraduate students, PhD students and post-doctoral fellows. Junior participants must provide status confirmation (i. e. a letter signed by the head of Department or a copy of student ID).

All fees are tax included (22% Italian VAT). Conference fees are paid to the University of Catania, which is responsible for the financial part of the conference organization. Participants can make payment exclusively by bank transfer to:

- 1) As private person (if you pay for yourself and then your institution refunds you)

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- 2) If your institution is paying directly your registration fee:

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Cancellation policy

- a) All cancellation requests must be directed to 10eomcatania@gmail.com.
 - b) If cancellation occurs before 30 June 2024, the registration fee will be refunded in 100% minus bank charges if needed.
 - c) Cancellations made before 30 July 2024 will be subject to 100 Euro cancellation fees.
 - d) Cancellations made after 30 July 2024 will not be eligible for a refund.
 - e) Refunds will be made to the same bank account used when the conference fee was paid.
- All refunds will be made within 4 weeks from the date of closing of the conference. All complaints will be dealt with within two weeks of their receipt in writing.

For more details on the way of registration, payment and abstract submission visit [EOM10 webpage](#), [Facebook page](#), [Twitter page](#) or contact the organizers (10eomcatania@gmail.com) in case of any problem.

OPTIONAL POST MEETING FIELD TRIPS

Two optional field trips are planned with extra costs:

- 1) FIELD TRIP A Mount Etna (Single day - September 21)

The field trip starts from an elevation of 1.923 m asl, roughly equivalent to 6.300 feet, at the departure station of the "Funivia dell'Etna." Using the cable car, we will ascend to the upper station situated at 2.500 m asl (approximately 8.200 feet). Alternatively, in the event of strong winds, the ascent will be conducted using 4x4 buses. At this height, a distinctive and breathtaking panorama unfolds, revealing the summit craters of the volcano and the Ionian coast in a single sweeping view. Boarding a specially equipped 4x4 bus, we will reach the maximum allowed summit heights determined by the authorities. According to current regulations, this ascent is limited to 2.900 m asl (approximately 9.500 feet). It will be possible to make a 20-minute walk guided by Alpine/Volcanological experts depending on weather conditions. The field trip will be led by Alpine/Volcano guides to ensure safety and compliance with the law. This extraordinary experience provides a secure and unforgettable adventure at high altitudes, offering a unique opportunity to explore an active volcano.

Price: 135 € per person (minimum 20 participants)

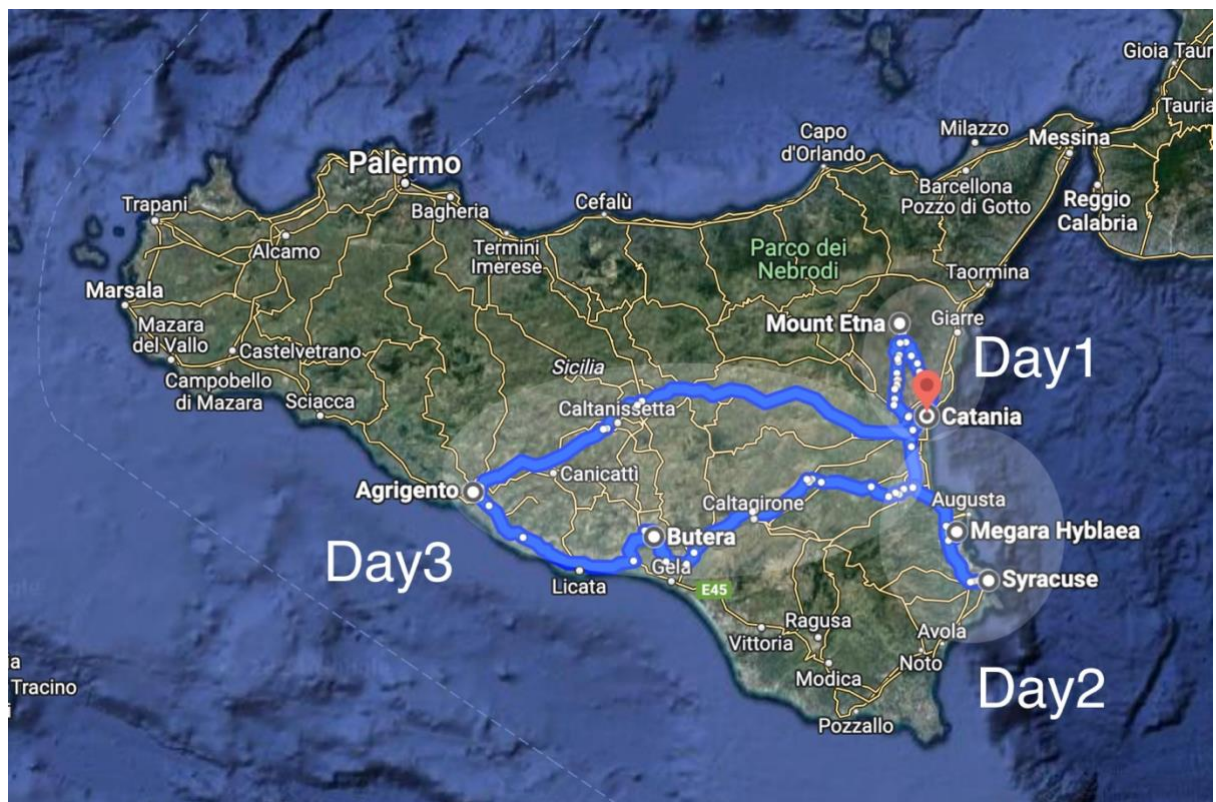
The field trip includes transport from Catania to the cable car station, guided ascent to Mt. Etna, packed lunch, transport from the cable car station to Catania.

2) FIELD TRIP B Mount Etna+Siracusa+Agrigento (Three days: September 21-23)

The first part of the field trip is exactly as in the single day field trip but when back in Catania we will dine together and will have an overnight in an Hotel in Catania. On Sept. 22, departing from Catania we will visit Megara Iblea, an ancient Greek colony of *Magna Graecia*, where Quaternary pelitic sediments generically known as “blue-gray clays” crop out extensively, bearing abundant marine benthic ostracod fauna [see Sciuto F. & Meli A. in *Bollettino della Società Paleontologica Italiana*, doi:10.4435/BSPI.2015.15]. We will then visit the “Oriented Nature Reserve of River Ciane and Salt Pans of Syracuse”, a protected natural area established by the Sicilian Region, which includes the course of the river Ciane and the wetland area of the Salt Pans on the southern outskirts of the city of Syracuse. We will then reach Siracusa and visit the Ortigia, the small island that is the historical center of the city of Siracusa. We will stay one night in Siracusa. On Sept. 23 we will leave Siracusa to visit the Monte San Nicola section (Gelasian GSSP). We will then head to Agrigento to visit the “Valle dei Templi”– the Valley of the Temples –undoubtedly one of the most important vestiges of ancient classical culture in Sicily. We will arrive back in Catania in the late afternoon.

Price: 450 € per person (minimum 15 participants)

The price includes: all transports, guided ascent to Mt. Etna, 3 packed lunches, 2 dinners, all entrance fees, 2 overnights (1 in Catania and 1 in Siracusa).



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We are looking forward to seeing you in Catania!