



## 10th European Ostracodologists' Meeting

*A glimpse into ostracod research  
from the central Mediterranean and beyond:  
developments and perspectives*



16–20 September 2024, Catania, Italy

### First Circular

#### INVITATION

Already 35 years have passed since the first European Ostracodologists' Meeting (EOM) organised by Heinz Malz at Frankfurt am Main in 1989. EOMs have always gathered scientists from all over the world. In an era of virtual reality, in person meetings still provide us with a fundamental opportunity for collaborative research and fruitful discussion.

The 10<sup>th</sup> European Ostracodologists' Meeting (EOM10) will take place from 16 to 20 September 2024 in Catania, Sicily. EOM10 is hosted by the [Department of Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences](#) of [Catania University](#) and organised by the Italian ostracodologists.

We look forward to meeting you at EOM10 and wish you a pleasant and fruitful stay in Catania!

## VENUE



*The entrance of the Department of Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences*

The University of Catania was founded in 1434 and is the oldest in Sicily. The Department of Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences is **located in Corso Italia 55**, in one of the most modern district of the city, easily reachable from both the airport and the train station.

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

The Meeting will consist of oral sessions, poster sessions and workshops. Mid- and post- meeting field trips are also planned.

For proposals, special requests, additional information please send an email to:

[10eomcatania@gmail.com](mailto:10eomcatania@gmail.com)

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

### ***Workshops (16 September 2024)***

Workshop proposals are welcome before **15 December 2023** (please, address the proposals to [10eomcatania@gmail.com](mailto:10eomcatania@gmail.com)).

### ***Mid-meeting field trip (18 September 2024)***

The excursion will include a visit to the protected [oasis of Fiumefreddo](#), 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].

### ***Post meeting field trip (21-23 September 2024 – tentative program)***

21	22	23
Guided tour to Mount Etna	Megara Iblea (cold Quaternary)	Monte San Nicola (Gelasian GSSP)
Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Lunch at Porto Empedocle
	Fonte Ciane	Guided tour in the “Valle dei Templi” Agrigento
Dinner in Catania	Siracusa: dinner and visit to Ortigia.	Return to Catania
Overnight stay in Catania	Overnight stay in Siracusa	

**The cost is approximately 350 euros per person.** More information will be given in the second circular.

**It is possible to join the field trip only for the guided tour to Mount Etna.**

## ABSTRACTS

Abstracts of oral communications and posters will be published on the Naturalista Siciliano. **Deadline** for the abstract submission is **22 April 2024**.

## REGISTRATION

Details for registration to the meeting and fees payment will be given in the second circular. However, to allow us to better organize the event, we kindly ask that you fill the **pre-registration form**, which you can download [here](#).

Once you have completed the pre-registration form, email it back to the following address [10eomcatania@gmail.com](mailto:10eomcatania@gmail.com) before **30 November 2023**.

The Registration fee for senior and junior participants includes the participation to the scientific sessions, 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 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).

	<b>Early bird (before 30 May)</b>	<b>Regular registration (after 30 May)</b>
Senior participants	400	500
Junior participants	300	400
Accompanying persons	150	200
Social dinner	80	

**Please note that it will be not possible to pay at the Meeting. All payments must be made to the University account only by international bank transfer after the registration to the meeting. Payment instructions will be given in the second circular.**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b><u>30 November 2023</u></b>	Pre-registration form submission deadline.
<b><u>30 January 2024</u></b>	Second circular.
<b><u>15 December 2023</u></b>	Workshop (s) proposal deadline.
<b><u>1 May 2024</u></b>	Early-bird registration opens.
<b><u>30 May 2024</u></b>	Early bird registration closes. Deadline for field-trip registration and payment.
<b><u>1 June 2024</u></b>	Regular registration opens.
<b><u>15 July 2024</u></b>	Third circular.

## **HOW TO REACH CATANIA**

The international airport of Catania-Fontanarossa is served by the major airlines connecting many international destinations. Low-cost airlines are offering flights to Catania as well. The airport is about 10 km from the city center.

Alibus Catania (Bus company) connects to and from the airport and train station. For more information on buses coming from the airport or train station click [here](#).

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Catania is an important city rich in history and culture. It is highly recommended to book accommodation well in advance. There are many lodging options, from budget accommodation in youth or student hostels through stylish pensions to five-stars hotels meeting international standards. Accommodation can be booked online. Visit the [official webpage](#) or popular online services.