



2nd Circular

23rd International Long-Term Ecological Research (ILTER) 2015 ILTER Annual Meeting Rome and Central Italy 24-30 September 2015

In connection with

13th European Ecological Federation (EEF) Conference *Ecology at the Interface* Rome, Italy 21-25 September 2015

Dear colleagues,

This is the 2nd circular about the 2015 ILTER Annual meeting that will be held in Italy (Rome and Central Italy).

The ILTER Meeting dates are finally confirmed from September 24th to September 30th, 2015.

The basic programme of the ILTER meeting is as follow (see also programme scheme below):

September 24-25th, 2015

What: ILTER Science days - Open.

Where: Rome.

Day 1 24/09: Hosted at the Conference of the European Ecological Federation (at the Congress Palace of Rome - EUR).

Day 2 25/09: Hosted at CNR Headquarters (in Rome Center, close to Central Station). Social dinner in the evening, at walking distance from CNR Headquarters

September 26-30th, 2015

What: ILTER Coordinating Committee – for CC members.

Where: Abruzzo Region, Central Italy.

Day 1: 26/09, 16:30: Transfer to CC location (we will stay all in the same hotel at Ovindoli, AQ – 1400 m a.s.l.) – Transfer will be by bus, organised by LTER Italy – CNR. Bus will leave from CNR Headquarters.

Day 2 27/09: CC meeting programme, social dinner in the evening (at the Hotel).

Day 3 28/09: CC meeting programme.

Day 4 29/09: visit to LTER site - High mountain (2600 m a.s.l.) meadows (Gran Sasso).

Day 5 30/09: visit to LTER site – Highly instrumented site in mountain beech forest (Collelongo).

Transfer back to Rome by bus in late afternoon of 30/09. Arrival in Rome planned around 18:00

ILTER 2015 Programme Scheme

2015 ILTER Annual Meeting in Italy							
Meeting	ILTER Science days		ILTER Coordinating Committee Meeting				
Dates	Thursday 24th September	Friday 25th September	Saturday 26th September	Sunday 27th September	Monday 28th September	Tuesday 29th September	Wednesday 30th September
Headline	Full day at EEF Conference	Second Science day on ILTER science issues	Transfer	ILTER CC meeting		Field visit	
Basic programme	1. LTER Europe Symposium (open) 2. POSTER session (open) 3. ILTER Symposium (open) 4. Two ILTER parallel workshops (Carbon, open; Nitrogen, closed)	Nitrogen initiative Training program Carbon: New initiative Informatics ILTER partnership Social Dinner	1. Free morning in Rome 2. Transfer to CC meeting venue by bus (mid afternoon)	ILTER Strategy discussion ILTER Committees reports and updates Brief slot for Regional meetings (CC social dinner on Sun 27th)		Field trip to LTER site (High mountain meadows)	Field trip to LTER site (Highly instrumented site in mountain beech forest) (back to Rome in the evening)
Location	Rome EEF venue	Rome CNR Headquarters	Rome and transfer	Abruzzo Region (close to Rome)			



MEETING VENUE

The ILTER 2015 meeting will be held in Rome and Abruzzo Region (Central Italy).

ILTER 2015 Meeting

24-25/09: Rome

The ILTER Science days will be hosted on September Thursday 24th within the 13th Conference of the European Ecological Federation “Ecology at the interface”, during the day dedicated to “Biodiversity and Ecosystems” (Congress Palace of Rome – EUR) and on September Friday 25th at the CNR Central premises in Rome (Rome Center, close to the Central Station of Rome Termini).

26-30/09: Abruzzo Region - Central Italy

The ILTER Coordination Committee meeting will be hosted in Central Italy, with two days (27-28/09) of meeting and two days (29-30/09) of field visit to LTER sites. We will be all in the same hotel at Ovindoli (AQ), 1400 m a.s.l., from where we also leave for the excursions.

Transfer from (26/09) and to (30/09) Rome and local transport for the excursions will be organised by the local organisation.

13th Conference of European Ecological Federation (EEF) “Ecology at the Interface”

We confirm that the impact of the ILTER science days will be greatly enhanced through the inclusion of an ILTER Symposium and an ILTER poster session (on Sep 24th) within the programme of the 13th EEF Conference that will be held in Rome from 21st to 25th September.

The EEF organisers have offered us very good visibility and facilities for the ILTER Symposium, poster session and two workshops, all scheduled on September 24th.

The announcement and request for posters has been sent by the ILTER Chair.

Poster will be on show at the LifeWatch-LTER Exhibition lot for the whole conference.

We then warmly invite you to consider full participation to the Conference, as the scientific programme will be outstanding and more than 700 European researchers are expected to participate.

In this respect, you may also consider that the EEF organising committee has granted ILTER members of the reduced fees (the same as EEF members / EEF early careers)

PAY ATTENTION THAT REDUCED FEES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY UNTIL 31.07.2015

REGISTRATION FEES AND KEY DATES

Fees will be split in two parts:

- one fee will cover participation to ILTER Science Days (24-25/09) and will have to be paid through the EEF Conference web site,
- the second fee will cover participation to the ILTER Coordination Committee (26-30/09).

Registration at ILTER Science days

Fees for participating to the ILTER Science days (24-25/09) are currently set at 300 Euros for late registration for both senior and early-career ILTER members (see below for details) and have to be paid through the EEF Conference web site (see below).

Fees will include: participation to Science Days, coffee breaks and lunches on 24 and 25/09, EEF conference package (Social Dinner of 25/09 not included).

For those who want to participate to the **whole** (21-25/09) EEF conference (ILTER Science days included), late registration fees are set at 500 Euros for “normal” ILTER members and 300 Euros for ILTER Early Career members (Master, PhD Student and Post-doc within 8 years from PhD).

Registration at ILTER Coordination Committee (26-30/09)

(and social dinner of 25/09)

Fees for participating to the ILTER Coordination Committee (26-30/09) are set at 210 Euro (early registration and payment, by 31.08.2015) and include: participation to the ILTER CC meeting (26-30/09) with coffee breaks, transfer from/to Rome, excursions, and ILTER fee.

Fees are to be paid through the ILTER web site in the section dedicated to the CC meeting. **(PAYMENT TOOL WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY)**

Social dinner of 25/09:

The price of social dinner of 25/09 in Rome is set at 40 Euro and can be paid through the ILTER web site

Spouses/partners registration fees

Spouses/partners participating to the Excursions of 29-30/09 will have to pay a Registration fee of 40 Euro

If they want to participate also to the Social Dinner of 25/09 in Rome, the cost is set at 40 Euro



Key dates

ILTER Science Days – EEF Conference

31 July 2015: Deadline for early registration for the ILTER Science days at EEF Conference – payment also via Credit Card at Conference web site.

Deadline is valid also for participation to the whole EEF Conference.

On site registration at EEF is possible covering the fees for “on-site registration”, also with Credit Card.

ILTER Coordination Committee

31 July 2015: Starts registration for ILTER Coordination Committee meeting through the ILTER web site

31 August 2015: Deadline for early registration fee for the CC meeting (210 €) – details on payment procedure will be available at the ILTER web site.

Late registration or on-site registration fee will be 260 €.

On site registration for ILTER CC is possible only in cash

How to register

ILTER Science Days (24-25/09) – EEF Conference (21-25/09)

- Go the EEF Conference web site: <http://www.ecologyatinterface.eu/index.php>
- Click on Registration.
- Select “Late registration - EEF Early Career/INNGE Members” **if you are attending only the ILTER Science days (and you are a “normal”/senior ILTER member)** or you are a early career member.

or

- Select “Late registration - EEF members” if you are attending the whole conference.
- Go on to Register.
- In the Registration Options select “ILTER”.
- ONLY if you are an early career member select Master, PhD or Post-Doc.
- Proceed with registration (create an account) and select you payment option.

ILTER Coordination Committee meeting (26-30/09)

The ILTER registration tool will be available at the web page of the ILTER web site dedicated to the ILTER 2015 Meeting.

<http://ilter.ecoinformatics.org.au/>

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS - ACCOMODATION

Airport

You have to organise your travel from/to your place to/from Rome.

Local transfer from Rome to the location of the Coordination Committee meeting (26-30/09) location will be organised locally.

Rome main international/intercontinental Airport is Rome Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport (international code is FCO) to which many airlines offer direct or connecting flights.

Rome has a second international airport, Rome Ciampino (international code is CIA) to which several low-cost airlines offer flight from Europe.

Rome Fiumicino airport is connected to Rome Center directly by train (two options: no-stop to Central Rome Termini station - Leonardo Express - every 30 minutes - currently at 14 Euro or train stopping to several station within the city, the main one being Rome Tiburtina - every 15 minutes - currently at 8 Euro). You can take also taxi (consider around 50 Euro to Rome Center) or airline buses.

Rome Ciampino airport is connected to Rome Center by buses from airline or to Rome Ciampino train station / Rome Anagnina metro station by buses.

Accomodation

In Rome

You are suggested to book hotels in the center of the City - Central station (Rome Termini) area, that are connected with the EEF conference venue by metro line (see attachment).

In this way, you will have better opportunities for dinner at evening and sightseeing. Furthermore, CNR central premises are not far from central station.

A list of suggested hotels is attached, but many option are available at internet booking services.

At the CC meeting in Abruzzo (26-30/09)

Accomodation for the CC meeting (26-30/09) will be for all participants in the same hotel (Magnola Palace Hotel, Ovindoli, AQ). In registering for the CC meeting, communicate the option (single, double) and the reservation will be then done centrally for all the group.



Room rates:

40 Euro per person, double occupancy

46 Euro per person, single occupancy

46 Euro per person, single occupancy in a double room

Wifi is available but will be charged. Maximum price, for the whole period: 15 Euro (1 Euro per hour, 5 Euro per day, 15 Euro one week)

We will be back in Rome in the late afternoon of 30/09 (around 18:00) so you are suggested to consider booking also the night of 30/09 in Rome (or more if you are leaving later).

Partners/spouses programme

As you imagine and know, Rome and surroundings have many options for sightseeing and visits. Then, we will not organize centrally a partners/spouses programme but we are available for suggestions.

If there are requests, we may try to organise a transfer to the CC meeting location on the afternoon of 28/09, so that partners/spouses, if they wish, can stay in Rome for 27 and 28/09 and then join the CC group for the excursions on 29-30/09.

Official language

The official language of the meeting is English.

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