



26th International Conference on Subterranean Biology

and



6th International Symposium on Anchialine Ecosystems

First call

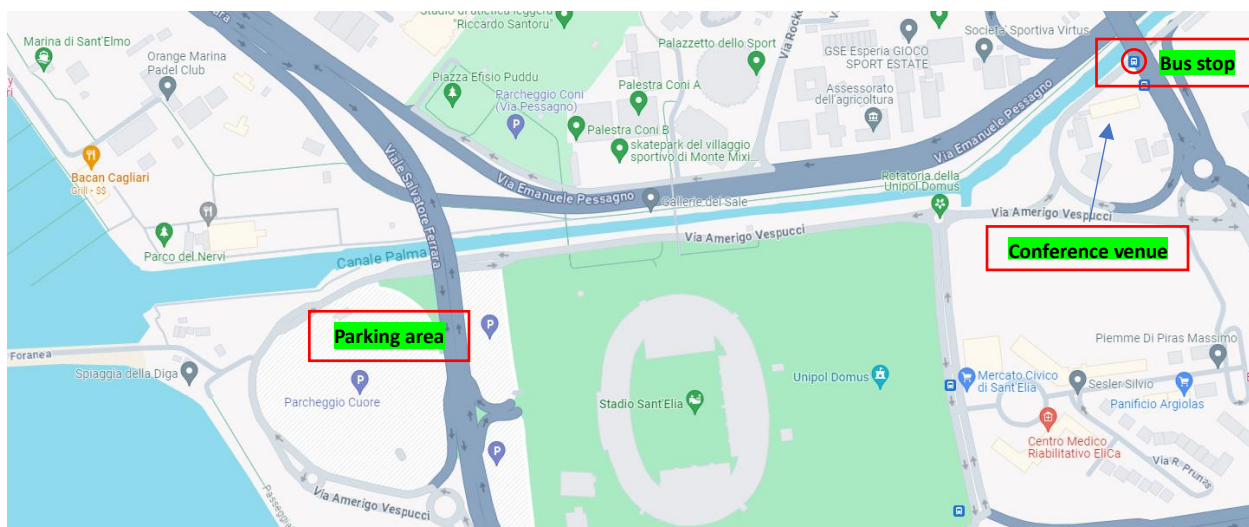
We are pleased to announce that the joint conference between the 26th International Conference on Subterranean Biology and the 6th International Symposium on Anchialine Ecosystems will convene in the vibrant city of Cagliari (Sardinia), Italy 9 – 14 September 2024. The event will take place at the section “Animal Biology and Ecology” of the Department of Life and Environmental Science, University of Cagliari, Via T. Fiorelli 1, 09126 Cagliari Italy.

Reaching Cagliari

Cagliari can be reached by ferry (with the possibility to take your car on board), with numerous routes operating from Genova, Livorno, Civitavecchia and others. Cagliari can also be reached by plane through the international airport Elmas "Mario Mamei" (CAG). Alternatively, you can fly to Alghero (AHO) or Olbia (OLB), rent a car and reach Cagliari making a wonderful trip through the island.

Venue access

We suggest attendants to book accommodations in the nearby of the venue, to reach it by foot. The venue can be also reached by bus (stop n° 3). The nearest parking place is about 15 minutes walking distance (see below).



Conference Schedule Highlights

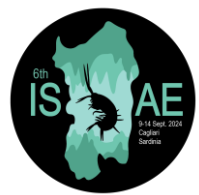
9th September (Monday): Registration opens; Morning workshop (DarCO); Afternoon poster session.

10th - 13th September: daily sessions, including plenary lectures and oral presentations.



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14th September (Saturday): Choice of social excursions to **Santa Barbara's cave** or **Bue Marino cave** (see below for further information).

Additional Notes

Monday Arrival: participants will receive their conference kit. This is also an ideal time to set up posters (because they will be presented in the afternoon) and deliver the oral presentations. Speakers are requested to drop off their presentations at the desk to facilitate smooth coordination of the sessions.

DarCO Workshop: Participants will have the opportunity to decide upon arrival if they wish to attend the DarCO workshop.

We recommend early arrival on the first day to facilitate a smooth and efficient setup of posters and other materials.

For more detailed information, including the full preliminary program, please visit our website <https://www.abcdarkworld.com/icsb-conference/>.

Accommodation

We advise early booking, especially as early September is still high tourist season in Sardinia, so we encourage to find accommodation on time before tourists book everything! We suggest to get in touch with UNAHOTELS T Hotel Cagliari (Via dei Giudicati, 66 – 09131 CAGLIARI - Tel. (+39) 070 47400 - reservation@thotel.it - www.thotel.it) and mention that you will be attending the ICSB conference for booking benefits (you can find the form attached to this communication).

Registration (OPENING SOON)

Early Bird (till 30/4/24): ISSB Members: €375 (Students: €225) | Non-members: €450 (Students: €300)

Regular (from 1/5/24): ISSB Members: €475 (Students: €300) | Non-members: €550 (Students: €400)

Register here: <https://www.abcdarkworld.com/icsb-conference/registration/>

Call for abstracts

Should be no more than 500 words. Please indicate all authors and the relative affiliations, and if you prefer to present it as poster or as oral presentation.

Preliminary program

Monday, 9/9

- 9 am - 2 pm: conference registration and poster preparation
- 9 am - 1 pm: workshop DarCO



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- 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm: opening of the conference, speech of societies presidents, explanation of the program
- 3.30 pm – 6.00: poster session + welcome aperitif

Tuesday, 10/9

- 9 – 9.45 am: **Plenary lecture**
- 9.45 – 11 am: oral presentations
- 11 - 11.30 am: coffee break
- 11.30 am – 1 pm: oral presentations
- 1 – 2.30 pm: lunch break
- 2.30 – 3.15: **Plenary lecture**
- 3.15 – 4 pm: oral presentations
- 4 - -4.30 pm: coffee break
- 4.30 – 6 pm: oral presentations

Wednesday, 11/9

- 9 – 9.45 am: **Plenary lecture**
- 9.45 – 11 am: oral presentations
- 11 - 11.30 am: coffee break
- 11.30 am – 1 pm: oral presentations
- 1 – 2.30 pm: lunch break
- 2.30 – 3. 15: **Plenary lecture**
- 3.15 – 4 pm: oral presentations
- 4 - -4.30 pm: coffee break
- 4.30 – 6 pm: oral presentations

Thursday, 12/9

- 9 – 9.45 am: **Plenary lecture**
- 9.45 – 11 am: oral presentations
- 11 - 11.30 am: coffee break



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- 11.30 am – 1 pm: oral presentations
- 1 – 2.30 pm: lunch break
- 2.30 – 3. 15: **Plenary lecture**
- 3.15 – 4 pm: oral presentations
- 4 - -4.30 pm: coffee break
- 4.30 – 6 pm: oral presentations

Friday, 13/9

- 9 – 9.45 am: **Plenary lecture**
- 9.45 – 11 am: oral presentations
- 11 - 11.30 am: coffee break
- 11.30 am – 1 pm: oral presentations
- 1 – 3.30 pm: lunch break
- 2.00 – 3. 30 pm: council and committees' meetings
- 3.30 – 4.30 pm: winner announcement and organization of field trips
- 4.30 pm: end of the conference
- Social dinner

Saturday, 14/9

- social trips

Confirmed invited speakers

- **Anne Robertson** - Professor of Ecology, University of Roehampton, London United Kingdom
- **Tillmann Lueders** - Chair of Ecological Microbiology, Bayreuth Center of Ecology and Environmental Research (BayCEER), University of Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany
- **Hans Recknagel** - Postdoctoral Researcher, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- **Susana Pallarés** - Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Zoology, University of Seville, Seville, Spain

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