



26th International Conference on Subterranean Biology

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6th International Symposium on Anchialine Ecosystems

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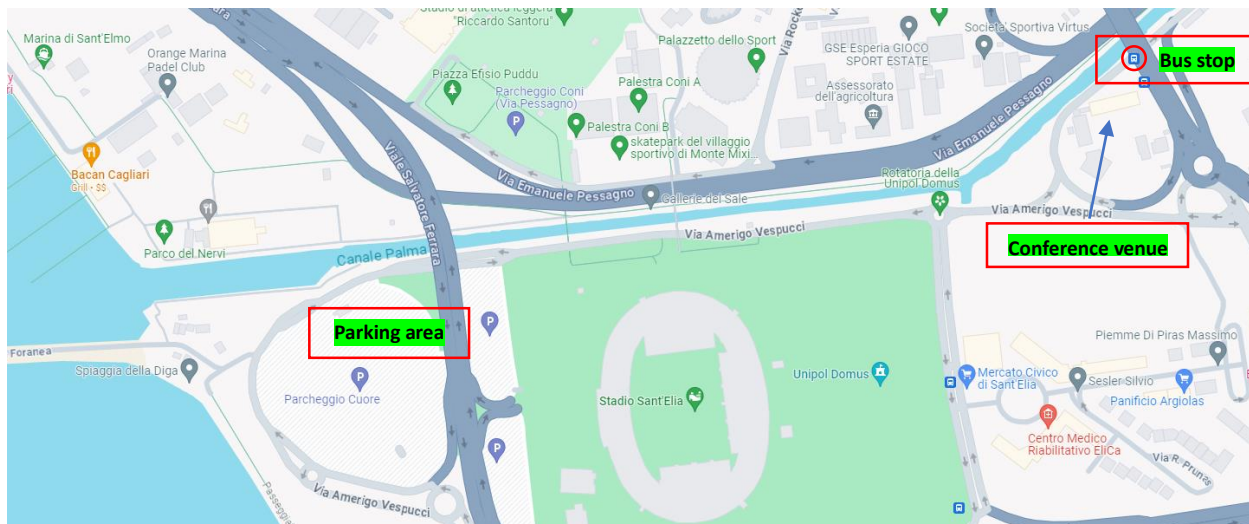
We are pleased to announce that the joint conference between the 26th International Conference on Subterranean Biology and the 6th International Symposium on Anchialine Ecosystems will convene in the vibrant city of Cagliari (Sardinia), Italy 9 – 14 September 2024. The event will take place at the section “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

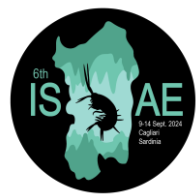
9th September (Monday): Registration opens; Morning workshop (DarCO); Afternoon poster session.

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 from 1 February 2024)

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/>

When you register please attach:

- a copy of the receipt of the payment
- a copy of the receipt of your ISSB membership
- if you are a student, a declaration of your current position with the contact reference of your supervisor

The registration will be finalized only if the required documents are provided.

Payment can be made at this bank account:



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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.

Awards

We are pleased to announce that we will provide three awards to the best students' contributions (either spoken presentation or poster). A selected committee (composed of at least 30% of students, TBA) will evaluate students' contributions and the winners will be announced during the last day of the conference. The awards consist of three full APC vouchers to publish a full article in the society journal Subterranean Biology, within the Special Topic dedicated to conference.

Travel grants

To encourage the participation of researchers from low-income countries in the conference, we offer four full fee waivers (which includes: registration cost + conference kit, lunches, social dinner, social trip). To be eligible, please add a motivation letter to your registration, indicating your status (e.g., student, postdoc) and from where you are travelling. Please indicate also your type of contribution (mandatory) and why it is important to be presented in the conference. The announcement of winners will be public in May 2024. Preference will be given to students. Winners will receive the full conference fee reimbursement during the last day of the conference.

Preliminary program

Monday, 9/9

- 9 am - 2 pm: conference registration and poster preparation
- 9 am - 1 pm: workshop DarCO
- 2.30 pm – 3.00 pm: opening of the conference, speech of societies presidents, explanation of the program



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- 3.00 pm – 3.15 pm: presentation of the project METALCAVE. This study received funding from the European Union - Next-Generation EU - National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) – MISSION 4 COMPONENT 2, INVESTIMENT N. 1.1, CALL PRIN 2022 PNRR D. .D. 1409 del 14-09-2022 – (METALCAVE) CUP N. E53D23015380001.
- 3.15 pm – 3.30 pm: presentation of the project Sub-BioMon.
- 3.30 pm – 6.00: poster session + welcome aperitif

Tuesday, 10/9

- 9 – 9.45 am: **Sara Johansson + Tim Johns**
- 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: **John W Pohlman**
- 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: **Mattia Saccò**
- 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: **Anne Robertson**
- 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: **Tillmann Lueders**



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- 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: **Susana Pallarés**
- 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: **Hans Recknagel**
- 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

Please find here our 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 Ecology and Hydrology, University of Murcia, Murcia, Spain
- **Mattia Saccò** – Lecturer, Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia, Australia



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- **John W Pohlman** – Researcher, US Geological Survey Coastal & Marine Science Center, Woods Hole USA
- **Sara Johansson** - Senior Policy Officer, Water Pollution Prevention, European Environmental Bureau
- **Tim Johns** – Researcher, Environment Agency Red Kite House, Howbery Park, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, UK

Organizing Committee

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