

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF DRY GRASSLANDS

IN NATURA 2000 SITES

The LIFE+ RI.CO.PR.I. project and comparison with other similar LIFE+ experiences

ROME, ITALY

March 26th - 27th, 2015

Second call for interest

The Province of Rome and the University of Rome "Tor Vergata", in collaboration with the Parco Regionale Gallipoli Cognato-Piccole Dolomiti Lucane, the Province of Potenza and the Conference of Farmers (CIA) of Basilicata Region, are organizing the International Conference: "**Management and conservation of dry grasslands in Natura 2000 sites. The LIFE+ RI.CO.PR.I. project and comparisons with other similar LIFE+ experiences.**"

During the conference the final results of the project RICOPRI LIFE09 NAT/IT/000118 (www.lifericopri.it) will be shown.

This event aims to exchange experiences on the management and conservation of dry grassland habitats in Natura 2000 sites, addressing experts in the field and in similar disciplines to foster a comparison between different experiences.

Planned conference themes are:

- 1. Study and management of dry grassland habitats: vegetation, flora and fauna aspects**
- 2. Conservation: from individual species to the whole grassland**
- 3. Grazing as a tool for environmental protection**
- 4. Relation with local communities for grassland protection and management**

Participation in the conference will be free of charge. Conference official languages are English and Italian. Conference will be held on 26th and 27th of next March in Rome, Palazzo Valentini, 119/A IV Novembre street.

Those who are interested in participating with abstracts, communications, or any contributions (e.g. posters) please submit a declaration of interest indicating a provisional title and the chosen thematic session by September 30th, 2014 to the following e-mail: v.buonfiglio@provincia.roma.it, m.vinci@provincia.roma.it.

Deadline for abstract submission is December 1, 2014. Deadline for conference registration is February 15, 2015.

Conference proceedings, abstracts and PowerPoint presentations will be posted on the project Web site.

Organizing Committee:

Province of Rome: Giovanni Buccomino, Vincenzo Buonfiglio, Andrea Pietrini, Maria Vinci.
University of Rome "Tor Vergata": Alessandro Travaglini
Parco Regionale Gallipoli Cognato Piccole Dolomiti Lucane: Marco Delorenzo
Province of Potenza: Pasquale Salerno
CIA Basilicata: Nicola Stolfi

Secretary: Vincenzo Buonfiglio, Alessandro Travaglini, Maria Vinci.

Instruction for oral presentations

All presentations are limited to 15 minutes. The meeting room will be equipped with a notebook and a data projector. PowerPoint presentations must be submitted to the Secretary within the first day of the conference itself.

Instructions for preparing abstract

Abstracts in MS Word file or in Portable Document Format (PDF) must be submitted to the Conference Secretary no later than December 1, 2014, exclusively by e-mail at the following addresses: v.buonfiglio@provincia.roma.it, m.vinci@provincia.roma.it .

Name of the file must contain the name and surname of the first author as examples: Bianchi_Mario.doc, red-giuseppe.pdf, Verdi_Pino1.doc, adding a number if more abstracts are presented.

The abstract should not exceed two pages (A4 format) in length for posters and 4 pages (A4 format) in length for oral communications, including tables, figures and references and it must comply with the attached template.

Instructions for posters

Posters must be delivered preferably in the morning of 26 March to the Conference Secretariat for posting them in the allocated space. **All posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference.** During the Poster Session one of the authors is required standing or sitting next to the poster to give a short presentation and answer questions from those attending.

Poster size: 90 (width) x 120 (height), vertical orientation

Posters should be designed along the following specifications:

Fonts: it is recommended to use sans serif fonts such as: Albertus, Arial, Calibri, Helvetica, Lucida, Optima, Stone, Thoma, Verdana.

Title should be capitalized at least 72-points, bold.

Authors' names and affiliations should be at least 48-36 points, bold.

Text can be mixed (upper / lower case), but at least 24-26 points and not bolded.