



**VIII National Congress of
SOCIETAS HERPETOLOGICA ITALICA**
September 22-26, 2010, Chieti, Historical Museum of Biomedical Science.

First Call for Papers and Announcement

The VIII National Congress of the *Societas Herpetologica Italica* (S.H.I.) will be held in Chieti (Abruzzo, Italy) at the Historical Museum of Biomedical Science of the University "G. d'Annunzio" (Piazza Trento e Trieste) from 22 to 26 September 2010. The event organiser is the Abruzzo-Molise Section of S.H.I.

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Secretariat

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Preliminary scientific program outline

The following sessions are planned:

- ecology and ethology
- conservation and issues related with alien species
- faunistic and biogeography
- veterinary medicine
- morphology and physiology
- paleontology
- museology
- marine turtles
- non-european fauna

The Congress will include plenary and parallel sessions, where communications and poster presentations will be delivered. Communications will take 15 minutes followed by a 5 minutes discussion. Poster will be presented in a 5 minutes speech. For both the presentations a video device will be available. Sessions will be chaired by 1-2 local or foreign speakers.

The schedule will reserve enough time to the annual meeting of the members of the Society and to the Executive Board meeting.

Presentations

All the contributions, communications and posters, should be submitted as short note. They will be subject to a peer-review process and, if accepted, published in a comprehensive book handed out to all the participants together with the Congress Program and other items.

The authors are invited to choose the most suitable format (communication or poster) while sending their work. However, the Organizing Committee together with the Scientific Committee will decide the final presentation format of the accepted works. Authors will receive notification of acceptance no later than June 30, 2010. Thematic round tables could be organised, according to the Congress time schedule and the availability of the rooms, if proposed by the Organizing Committee or by members of the Society.

Registration, deadline and fees.

Registration to the Congress is possible right away by the attached pre-registration form. Sending it before December 31, 2009 is appreciated to improve the organization. Fee payment without extra charge is possible from now to April 30, 2010.

Registration Fee: 70 € for S.H.I. member, 90 € if not S.H.I. member; 150 € for registrations sent after April 30, 2010.

Payment should be made by bank transfer to the account:

Account name: Comitato Organizzatore VIII Congresso SHI

Bank name:

Cassa di Risparmio della Provincia di Chieti (CariChieti), Filiale 041 - Madonna delle Piane - Chieti

Bank data for national or european transfer payment:

IBAN: IT 80 G 06050 15502 CC0410081666

Bank data for international transfer payment:

SWIFT: G 06050 15502 CC0410081666 CRPCIT3J

IMPORTANT

- Remember to sign the data of your payment in the pre-registration module
- Remember to sign "VIII Congresso Nazionale SHI" as description of payment

Short notes

The scientific short note must be sent to shiabruzzo2010.contributi@gmail.com no later than April 30, 2010. It can be drafted in English or in Italian, with a brief summary translation into Italian (if the short note is in English) or in English (if the note is in Italian) and no more than 800 letters, spaces included. Manuscripts should be organized in the following way:

Total length 4 pages (beyond the Italian or English summary) with pictures in .tif or .jpg format, Word 2000 or more recent versions, 1.5 spaced, font Times New Roman, typed throughout in letter quality with font size 12, title in bold with font size 14, name(s) author(s) name(s) in small letters and surname(s) in capital letters, all in italics with font size 12. The name and address of institution should be in italics with font size 12. Superscript Arabic numerals are used to link the authors' names with their affiliations. Provide 4 keywords in English, literature in font size 11.

The short note must be sent together with the registration form and the fee payment details.

The short notes submitted will be evaluated for acceptance by at least two referees. An example of short note format will be included in the next circular.

Official languages

Italian and English. No translation facilities are provided.

Hotels

Information on hotels, B/B and agriturismo farmhouses near the place of the Congress will be indicated in the next circular, that will be sent within January 2010. We remind to make your reservation in advance and to agree upon your accommodation directly with the hotel keeper.

Information and logistic support: Angelo Cameli (tel. 347.4787103 - skype: angelocameli)

How to reach Chieti

By airplane: *Aeroporto d'Abruzzo, Pescara, with a bus service to Chieti.*

By train: *line Roma-Pescara, railway station: Chieti Scalo; or line Bologna-Bari, railway station: Pescara Centrale, bus service to Chieti about every 20 minutes.*

By car: *motorway A/24-A/25 Roma-Pescara: exit Chieti-Pescara; motorway A/14 Bologna-Bari: exit Pescara Ovest-Chieti*

Deadlines overview

- *December 31, 2009: sending pre-registration module*
- *April 30, 2010: sending short notes and deadline for subscription without supplement charge*
- *June 30, 2010: notification of acceptance of works to the authors*

Organizing Committee
Luciano Di Tizio

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Scheda di pre-iscrizione
Pre-registration form

Nome/Name

Nato a/Born in il/on

Iscritto/S.H.I. member (SI o NO/YES or NOT) da/from

Istituzione/Institution

Indirizzo/Address

Città/City Codice postale/Postal code

Nazione/Country

E-Mail

Tel./phone Fax

Titolo del/i contributo/i / *submit the following paper/s (title):*

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Oral presentation

Poster

Si prega di restituire il seguente modulo entro il 31.12.2009 a:

Please return this form no later than 31.12.2009 to:

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Per le norme editoriali vedi sopra: Contributi scientifici

Estremi del versamento quota di partecipazione (entro il 30.04.2010) / *Data regarding registration fee payment (bank, date, etc) no later than 30.04.2010:*

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