



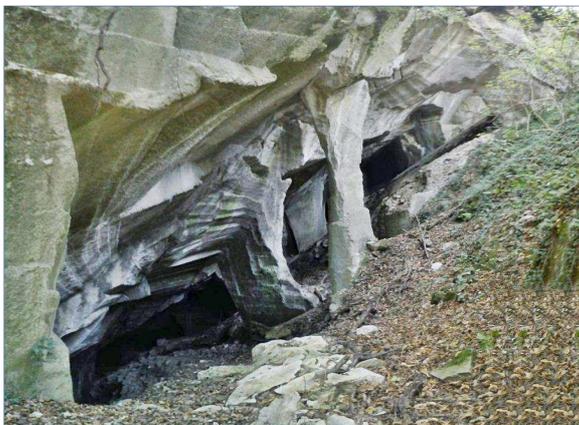
# International Commission on the History of Geological Sciences

## 44<sup>th</sup> INHIGEO SYMPOSIUM

### First Circular

**Varese - Como (Italy), 2 - 12 September 2019**

*Center for the History of the Mountains, Material Culture  
and Earth Sciences (CHMCES), University of Insubria*



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## **INHIGEO 44<sup>th</sup> SYMPOSIUM**

### **FIRST CIRCULAR**

The 44th INHIGEO Symposium will take place at the University of Insubria, with scientific sessions being held in Varese and Como and a final session in memory of Nicoletta Morello at the Visconti medieval castle in Somma Lombardo.

Participants will be based in Varese and transport for the sessions in Como and Somma Lombardo will be provided. The morning scientific session in Como will be followed by a half-day visit of the city.

There will be a Mid-Meeting Field Trip and a Special Program for accompanying persons. The conference will be followed by a Post-Meeting Field Trip.

### **CONFERENCE THEMES**

- History of the Earth sciences in mountain environments
- History of communication in the geological sciences.
- General contributions on the history of geology

### **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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## CONFERENCE VENUES

The conference will take place in an area of North-Western Lombardy also known as the Italian ‘lake district’, located within the mountains and the attractive scenery of the Prealps bordering Switzerland.

### **University of Insubria (Varese and Como)**

The *Università degli Studi dell’Insubria*, established in 1998, is one of the first universities in Italy to adopt a new organizational network model with separate administration seats in different cities. The main centers are based in Varese and in Como. The university logo (*sigillo*), symbolizes the historical and cultural links with both communities of this area of Lombardy. The conference will be held in the most distinguished buildings of the university:

**Villa Toeplitz**, built towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century on a hill in the Varese district of Sant’Ambrogio Olona, was bought in 1914 by the founder of the Banca Commerciale Italiana, Giuseppe Toeplitz. The villa was renovated with addition of a metal dome where an astronomic specula was installed. The building is surrounded by an eight-hectare garden-park, designed in the Italian and English styles.

**Sant’Abbondio Cloister**, built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century as part of the medieval Basilica di Sant’Abbondio, is a great example of the Como Romanesque style. It is located outside the town walls, at the side of Monte Croce, in an area that has always been of great importance for churches and necropolis. It was restored both in the 19<sup>th</sup> and in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



### **Visconti Castle (Somma Lombardo)**

The origin of the old castle seems to date back to the 9<sup>th</sup> century. The development of the ancient construction, for the most part residential, took place from the year 1448, when the brothers Francesco and Guido Visconti (members of the noble family Visconti of Milan), in order to escape disputes with the Ambrosian Republic, took refuge in their old estate of Somma. Within a few years, the noble residence was rebuilt, enlarged and surrounded by defensive ditches. Today the castle, having a large exterior quadrilateral appearance, encloses three castles built around three large courtyards, enhanced by porticos and with independent entrances. The castle is also home to the Visconti di San Vito Foundation, which will host the final sessions of the conference.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**Monday 2 September** (Varese) – Welcoming reception in the evening

**Tuesday 3 September** (Varese) – Plenary sessions at the University of Insubria

**Wednesday 4 September** (Varese) – Plenary sessions at the University of Insubria

**Thursday 5 September** – Mid-meeting field trip

**Friday 6 September** (Como) – Plenary session at the University of Insubria; afternoon walking tour in Como (historical-scientific heritage and building stones) and cocktail by the lake Como

**Saturday 7 September** (Somma Lombardo) – Plenary sessions at Visconti Castle, visit of the Castle, return to Varese and conference dinner

**Sunday 8 to Thursday 12 September** – Post-meeting field trip (will begin in Varese on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> in the morning and will end in Varese on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September in the evening, not earlier than 7pm)



## SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

The special program will include guided tours to various sites and localities of cultural, artistic and archeological interest in Varese and its surroundings, in Como and near Somma Lombardo.



## MID-MEETING FIELD TRIP

The mid-meeting one-day field trip, as a reconstructed Geo-Historical Itinerary, will follow the path of the geo-paleontological excursion on the Prealps north of Varese, undertaken by the participants of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Italian Society of Natural Sciences in September 1878 in the area of Monte San Giorgio and Valceresio. Some ancient quarries and sites of 19<sup>th</sup> century paleontological excavations will be visited, with stops in Induno Olona, Brenno, Viggiù, Saltrio and Besano, including the Museum of Fossils. Sturdy footwear for walking will be required.



## POST-MEETING FIELD TRIP

The post-meeting five-day field trip will include, during the first two days, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Monte San Giorgio, one of the most important fossil localities in the world for the Middle Triassic (studied since the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century), the mining park of Cortabbio, the ancient quarries in Valceresio. The last three days of the field trip will include visits to the ancient quarry of Ornavasso, Turin and its adjacent Susa Valley in the Piemonte region (NW Italy). The geo-touristic walking-tour in the center of Turin will include historical and architectural aspects of the buildings as well as their geological features. The participants will be shown a wide variety of Alpine rocks used in palaces and historical monuments for both esthetic and structural reasons. The Susa Valley is a long valley located in the core of the Western Alps and is identified as one of the main corridors of communication between Italy and France. Selected sites will be used both to describe principal geological and geomorphological features of this part of the Western Alps and to discuss the development of theories and interpretation proposed by geologists during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. In addition, buildings and monuments will be visited focusing on the rocks used in their construction. During the last day, participants will visit the *Museo Egizjo* (Egyptian Museum) in Turin, the second most important Egyptian museum of the world, following an archaeological and archaeometric itinerary explained by an archaeologist and conservation scientists. The excursion will end with a visit to the *Museo Nazionale della Montagna* (National Museum of the Mountain).

## REGISTRATION FEES (early bird registration)

### Conference Fee

**350 € (Euros) for Delegates**

**250 € (Euros) for Students and Early Career Scientists\***

Fee will include: conference material; welcoming cocktail; coffee breaks and lunches during the conference (3, 4, 6, 7 September); transport for the sessions in Como and Somma Lombardo; cocktail in Como; conference dinner in Varese.

\* Students, including PhD students, will be asked to provide a letter from an university professor or tutor. Early Career Scientists (including fellowship holders) will be asked to provide a CV and a letter of reference for evaluation.

**300 € (Euros) for Accompanying Persons**

Fee will include: Special Program with lunches (3, 4, 6, 7 September), welcoming cocktail, transport to Como and Somma Lombardo, cocktail in Como; conference dinner in Varese.

### Excursions

**120 € (Euros) for one-day Mid-Meeting Field Trip - max 30 participants**

Fee will include: transport, lunch, museum entrance ticket; field guide.

**500 € (Euros) for five-day Post-Meeting Field Trip - max 30 participants**

Fee will include: transport, lunches (8, 9, 10, 11 September), cocktails in Turin (10, 12 September), hotel in Turin (10, 11 September), entrance tickets, field guide.

**All registration fees do not cover hotels in Varese during conference and fieldtrips. A list of hotels in Varese will be provided in the Second Circular.**

## VISA INFORMATION

Citizens and permanent residents of the Schengen Area and from the following list of countries do not need a visa to enter in Italy as well as in the European Union (EU): Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, El Salvador, Georgia, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Kiribati, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, Samoa, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Timor Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela.

Citizens and permanent residents from other countries can find all the information and forms needed to apply for visas at the website <http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Please send your abstract by email as an attached Word file in English and according to the following instructions to **inhigeo2019@uninsubria.it**

1. **Abstract Title**

2. **Author** (full name, academic title, institution, address and email)

3. **Abstract** (max 2,000 characters - approximately 300 to 350 words. Please use formatted Microsoft Word, using size 12 Times New Roman font. The text should be single-spaced)

4. **Conference Themes** (select the most appropriate theme for the abstract)

- History of the Earth sciences in mountain environments
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5. **Type of Abstract** (indicate preference for an oral presentation or a poster)

Only one abstract for oral presentation per participant will be allowed: in the case of multiple authors, please indicate the corresponding author who will present the paper.

## INHIGEO 2019 BEST POSTER AWARD

**The award will be given during the conference to the best poster presented by a student or an early career scientist.** We encourage young scholars to submit an abstract for a poster, which will be included in the selection and evaluated by a Scientific Committee. It is also possible for these young participants to submit another abstract for an oral presentation, but on a different subject.

For any queries, please write to [inhigeo2019@uninsubria.it](mailto:inhigeo2019@uninsubria.it)

## IMPORTANT DATES

**15 March 2019** – Extended deadline for abstract submission

**15 March 2019** - Second Circular

**14 April 2019** - Closure of early bird registration for all Conference Fees (including Accompanying Persons), Mid-Meeting Field Trip, Post-Conference Field Trip.

Please, note that after 14 April 2019, registration fees will be:

€ 420 for Delegates,

€ 300 for Students and Early Career Scientists,

€ 360 for Accompanying Persons,

€ 144 for the Mid-Meeting Field Trip,

€ 600 for the Post-Conference Field Trip

**31 July 2019** - Third Circular

For more information, please visit the conference website:

<https://inhigeo2019.jimdofree.com>

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