



**XIII National Congress of the
SOCIETAS HERPETOLOGICA ITALICA
Lipari (Messina) September 22-26, 2021**

First and Second circular

The XIII National Congress of the *Societas Herpetologica Italica* will be held in Lipari (Aeolian Islands, Messina) on September 22-26, 2021.

Due to the current sanitary situation, the Organising Committee has decided to hold the Congress both online and onsite. Should the situation evolve negatively, the Congress will take place online only.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Pietro Lo Cascio (president), Claudia Corti (vice president), Dalila Giacobbe, Marta Biaggini, Salvo Restivo.

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SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The following sessions are planned (to be defined on the basis of the submitted manuscripts).

- conservation and alloctonous species
- ecology and ethology
- extra-European fauna
- faunistic researches and biogeography
- morphology and physiology
- museology
- palaeontology
- systematics and evolution
- welfare of wild populations
- tortoises and sea turtles

Each session will be moderated by one/two chairmen and will include oral presentations and brief oral presentations of posters (see below).

Proposals for round-tables/workshops can be submitted by participants on specific subjects; proposals will be evaluated by the Organising Committee and the Scientific Committee on the basis of their scientific interest, and considering time and location availability.

The following activities are also scheduled:

- SHI Directive Board and associates' meetings;
- Election of the new Directive Board;
- Auction of "herpetological material" to support the participation of young herpetologists to the next SHI National Congress;
- An excursion.

SHI 2021 TRAVEL GRANTS

In order to support the participation of young herpetologists to the National Congress in Lipari, the *Societas Herpetologica Italica* will assign **four travel grants** of 250 euros each, covering:

1. SHI association for 2022, which entitles to receive the two annual issues of *Acta Herpetologica*;
2. Congress registration.

The rest of the sum will be delivered, in cash, at the registration and will help covering the costs required for attending the Congress.

The winners of travel grants are requested to follow all the Congress sessions.

Students younger than 26 attending *Laurea Triennale*, and students younger than 28 attending *Laurea Magistrale* are admitted to the travel grants' selection, that will be made by the Organising Committee on the basis of:

- brief *curriculum vitae* (1 page max) with emphasis on possible herpetological expertise;
- list of university exams and their votes;
- motivation letter (1 page max).

The submission of a scientific contribution (oral presentation or poster), which is welcome but not mandatory, should be indicated in the motivation letter.

The documents must be emailed to segreteria.shi@gmail.com within **15th May 2021**, with the message object: **"TRAVEL GRANT SHI 2021" – followed by Name and Surname**.

Up to five free registrations are available for students from Sicilian universities, selected on the basis of *curriculum vitae et studiorum* and the list of exams and their votes, to be emailed to congressoshi.lipari@gmail.com within **15th May 2021**.

SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Scientific contributions will be presented as oral communications or posters.

Oral communications (PPT) will last about 15 minutes, including discussion.

Posters (70 x 100 cm) will be exposed throughout the duration of the Congress and will be presented with brief oral presentations (PPT) lasting 5 minutes.

For each scientific contribution, participants are supposed to send the related manuscript, in final form, within the registration deadline. Manuscripts will be reviewed by at least two referees.

Authors should indicate their preferred form of communication (oral presentation or poster); the final decision will be evaluated by the Organising Committee and the Scientific Committee and communicated within 30th June 2021.

Manuscripts can be submitted following two formats:

Shorter format: up to 4 pages (each page: 2000 characters including spaces) including the abstract.

Longer format: up to 8 pages (each page: 2000 characters including spaces) including tables and figures, if present, but excluding the abstract.

Manuscript editing: typed in Times New Roman font-size 12, 1.5 spaced; title in bold, font-size 14; author name(s) (only surname in capital letters), affiliation(s) and address(es) (any reference to the address of each author should be indicated by a number), font-size 12, all in italics; abstract less than 2000 characters including spaces; 4 keywords; references, font-size 11; b/w figures as *.tif or *.jpg.

Manuscript should be sent within 15th May 2021 to the email addresses indicated above.

Only scientific contributions sent together with the registration form and the receipt of the registration fee payment will be considered for the review process. Permits - if required in the Country where researches were performed - must be clearly addressed in the manuscripts.

ABSTRACT BOOK: An Abstract book, including the abstracts of all the accepted contributions, will be given to participants, along with the scientific programme and the congress gadgets, when registering.

PROCEEDINGS: The Proceedings of the XIII National Congress of the *Societas Herpetologica Italica* will be published in a special issue of *Il Naturalista Siciliano* and delivered to the congress participants within March 2022. After the end of the congress, authors will have 30 days to make possible minor corrections to the manuscripts (already reviewed by the referees), on the basis of the discussions occurred during the Congress. After this deadline, printing will start. In case of doubt, the Organising Committee will take the final decision, after consulting the Scientific Committee.

REGISTRATION FEES

For logistic reasons, participants are kindly asked to send the pre-registration form within **15th March 2021**, to be completed with the registration fee payment as indicated below. For those who have already sent the pre-registration form in 2021, please contact the Organising Secretary (congressoshi.lipari@gmail.com) to confirm/cancel the participation and to indicate the modality (onsite/online).

The organisation of the XIII National Congress of the *Societas Herpetologica Italica* implies some costs related to the online participation, not afforded in the previous congresses. On the other hand, considering the current sanitary situation, some of the social activities, usually characterising onsite meetings, could not be performed. On the basis of these considerations, the Organising Committee has fixed the same registration fee for the onsite and the online participation, cheaper if compared to the past congress editions.

Early bird registration, before 15th May 2021: 80€ for SHI members, 100€ for non-members, 40€ for accompanying persons. **Late registration, after 15th May 2021:** 120€ for SHI members, 140€ for non-members, 50€ for accompanying persons.

For SHI members born after 31st December 1993 fees are 70€ and 100€, before or after 15th May 2021 respectively.

The registration fee includes the congress gadgets (for onsite participants) and the Proceedings' volume (for onsite and online participants).

	SHI members	SHI members born after 31.12.1993	Non-members	Accompanying persons
Onsite/online participation, by 15th May 2021	80	70	100	40
Onsite/online participation, after 15th May 2021	120	100	140	50

Please, pay the fee by bank transfer to the following account:

IBAN **IT75 Y 05034 26000 000000000403**

SWIFT **BAPPIT21P60**

In favour of: **Associazione Nesos**

Specifying the reason for payment: *Surname, Name, Congresso SHI 2021.*

There is no refund of the registration fee in case of non-participation, but participants can be replaced by another person prior written notice.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Italian and English. No simultaneous translation.

DEADLINES:

- **15th March 2021:** *pre-registration form.*
- **15th May 2021:** *early bird registration and manuscript submission.*
- **30th June 2021:** *notification of manuscript acceptance/rejection and of the selected presentation format (oral communication or poster).*

HOW TO REACH THE CONGRESS VENUE

Milazzo (Messina) is the main port to reach the Aeolian Islands. From the ports of Messina, Reggio Calabria and Napoli less regular transport services are available.

To reach Milazzo:

By airplane: from Catania International Airport + bus to Milazzo (or bus to Messina where frequent bus runs to Milazzo are available); from Reggio Calabria and Palermo airports + bus to Milazzo.

By train: from the railway stations of Milazzo or Messina or Villa San Giovanni (+ ferryboat transport to Messina) + bus to Milazzo.

By car: along the A3 motorway (Salerno-Reggio Calabria), exit Villa S. Giovanni (RC) and ferryboat connection with Messina. When in Milazzo, it is advisable to leave the car before embarking.

ACCOMODATIONS

A list of accommodations will be provided in the third circular.

The third circular will be sent within April 2021.

For further information and updates, visit the website:

<http://www-9.unipv.it/webshi/news/13congress.htm>

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