

**ICMG19 – The 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Military Geosciences  
Padova (Italy), 24 – 28 June 2019**



**Conference Theme:**

***Peace Follows War: Geosciences, Territorial Impacts and Post-Conflict Reconstruction***

On behalf of the International Association of Military Geosciences (IAMG), we are pleased to invite you to take part in the 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Military Geosciences (ICMG).

The Conference will be held from Monday 24 to Friday 28 June 2019, at the [University of Padova](#) in northern Italy. The Conference is being organised on behalf of the IAMG by the Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World ([DiSSGeA](#)) and the Italian Society of Military Geography and Geology (SIGGMI).

A post-conference field Trip will be organized from Saturday 29 June to 4 July 2019 in the Dolomites (Italian Alps).



**Location**

The [University of Padova](#) is located in north-eastern Italy, 20 minutes from Venice. It is close to the beaches of the Adriatic Sea and to the Dolomites, one of the most scenic regions of the Alps. Conference delegates and accompanying guests have easy access the historic cities of northern and central Italy such as Milan, Verona, Bologna, Florence and Rome (ranging from 30 minutes to 3 hours train journey) with their

many artistic treasures. The recommended port of arrival is the International Airport Marco Polo in Venice.

### Provisional Program

- **Arrivals Day – Sunday 23 June** – Icebreaker: 1800 – 2000hrs at the Geographical Section of the DiSSGeA Department (Wollemborg Palace). Geography Museum visit & wine tasting and cheese from the alpine battlefields.
- **Day 1 – Monday 24 June** – Opening Ceremony & Key Notes 0900 – 1300hrs; Scientific Session 1400 -1800hrs; evening visit to the Cappella degli Scrovegni and/or Padova City Center.
- **Day 2 – Tuesday 25 June** – Scientific session 0900 – 1300hrs; Poster Session 1430 – 1600hrs; late afternoon visit to “3<sup>rd</sup> Army” Military Museum.
- **Day 3 – Wednesday 26 June** – Mid-conference excursion – Venice islands and fortifications. Transfer by bus to Venice. Visit of [Forte Marghera](#). Boat tour in the lagoon with lunch on a lagoon island. Visit to the Naval Museum, San Mark Square and S. Andrea fort. Return to Padova by group bus.
- **Day 4 – Thursday 27 June** – Bus transfer to Montello Hill. Scientific session 1000 – 1300hrs; Field trip to the battlefield and visit of the WW1 Sacrarium(military cemetery). Visit at the Memoriale Veneto della Grande Guerra (Great War Memorial). Conference Dinner at a local country house with wine tasting.
- **Day 5 – Friday 28 June** – Scientific sessions 0900 – 1500hrs. IAMG Biennial General Meeting 1500 – 1700hrs.

### Themes

The following themes have been identified as being of significant interest. Other topics may be considered upon receipt of abstract. Potential attendees are encouraged to contact the organizers with thoughts on additional themes.

- Post-conflict reconstruction
- Trafficability and military mobility
- The Alpine operational environment
- Venetian military history
- WW1 era history of northern Italy
- Military tunneling
- Conflict Archaeology
- Geomorphological constraints to warfare
- Military cartography and GIS
- Geospatial intelligence and Remote Sensing
- Modern embedded geologists
- Military fortification and line of defenses
- Borders and boundaries
- Military tourism and monuments
- Geo-military cultural heritage

## Call for Abstracts

Abstract submission to ICMG19 begins on 1 December 2018 and ends on 15 February 2019. The ICGM International Scientific Committee will review all abstracts submitted. Once this is complete authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by 15 March 2019.

Submission of an abstract means that the authors are committed to attending the meeting and presenting the work.

**Papers** presentation is to be in Powerpoint format and should be delivered in 20 minutes. A further 5 minutes will be provided for questions and answers.

**Posters** provide an opportunity for an informal presentation featuring “give and take” with conference attendees. Presenting a poster is also a good way in which to discuss and receive feedback on a work in progress that has not been fully developed into a paper. The topic of a poster presentation is not limited. However, the topic should be relevant to the themes of the conference specified above.

If your poster proposal is accepted, your poster will be displayed in a poster session during the conference. You will be expected to present your poster at that time. At least one author for each accepted poster must register for and attend the conference.

The format for a poster proposal will be published in the website (Link to follow).

### Abstract: Authors Guidelines

**Title:** Times New Roman, 12 pt, bold, centered, arranged on 1-2 lines.

**Authors:** Times New Roman, 11 pt, normal, centered, surname and first name initial (e.g.: Rossi, G.). In the case of several authors, they must be separated by a comma and marked with a number to identify the institution to which they belong.

**Institution Membership:** Times New Roman, 10 pt, normal, centered; at the end, you can write the email address of the corresponding author only.

**Keywords:** Times New Roman, 10 pt, normal, left aligned; up to a maximum of five.

**Text:** Times New Roman, 11 pt, normal, justified, indent paragraph 0.5 cm.

The text, both in US or UK English, must have a maximum length of 3000 characters, including spaces and any bibliographical references. Abstracts must be composed of text only, without figures or tables. No footnotes may be included in the text.

Bibliographic citations must be inserted in the text between round brackets, as follows: author's surname, comma, year of publication. Several papers cited in series must be inserted in chronological order and separated by semicolons (e.g.: Ramsay, 1987; Ramsay & Huber; 1990; Ramsay et al., 2000). The mathematical formulae can also be inserted as an image file (.jpg format).

**Bibliographic references:** The list of literature cited must be in alphabetical order and must include all, and only, the bibliographical references mentioned in the text. References may be made to accepted manuscripts that are actually “in press” in other journals, of which the name and volume are mentioned, and to doctoral theses and master degree theses. Citations of manuscripts in preparation or approval for printing are not allowed. The different bibliographical references must follow the following formats (Times New Roman, 10 pt, normal, justified, first line projecting 0.5 cm):

**Article on a journal:** Baker V.R. (2006) – Water and the evolutionary geological history of Mars. *Boll. Soc. Geol. It.*, 125, 357-369.

**Article on volume/chapter of a book:** Martini I.P., Sagri M. & Colella A. (2001) – Neogene-Quaternary basins of the inner Apennines and Calabrian arc. In: Vai G.B. & Martini I.P. (eds.), *Anatomy of an Orogen: The Apennines and Adjacent Mediterranean Basins*. Kluwer Academic Publisher, 375- 400.

**Volume:** Ramsay J.G. & Huber M. (1987) – The techniques of Modern Structural geology. Volume 2: Folds and Fractures. Academic Press, London, 500 pp.

**Thesis:** Ghinassi M. (2000) – Il passaggio tra la prima e la seconda fase fluviolacustre del bacino del Valdarno Superiore nei pressi di S. Giovanni Valdarno. Unpublished Master thesis, University of Florence, 110 pp.

Journals and their abbreviations must be reported according to the “ISSN List of Title Word Abbreviations” – [LINK](#). In cases of doubt, the authors may quote the title of the journal in full.

### Abstract Submission

Instruction will be published in the ICMG19 website from 1 December 2018 (Link to follow).

### Conference Proceedings

Full and short papers presented in the conference will be considered for publication in a Springer volume (full papers) or in a special volume of ROL – Rendiconti on Line of the Italian Geological Society ([LINK](#)). More information will be given in the ICMG19 website.

### Conference Committee

- President – Giovanni Luigi Fontana
- Secretary – Aldino Bondesan
- Members:
  - Edward Rose
  - Peter Guth
  - Drew Craig

- Roberto Francese
- Marco Mondini
- Paolo Plini
- Monica Celi
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The Conference Committee will be supported by the Council of the Association, comprising:

- The Association President – Cdr (Dr) Hennie Smit (South Africa)
- The Association Secretary – Maj Drew Craig (UK)
- Representative from ICMG 2015 – Annapolis, USA – Prof Peter Guth
- Representative from ICMG 2017 – Stellenbosch, South Africa – Cdr (Dr) Jacques Bezuidenhout

### **Post Conference Excursion (5 days): *Italian Alps from WW1 to Cold War***

During the tour participants will visit the battlefields, museums, memorials and cemeteries of the Italian Alps and Piave frontline. The tour includes several WW1 glacial 'White War' sites, including high mountain emplacements (up to 3,000 m asl), mine warfare sites, fortresses, military tunnels, and the largest Memorials and Military Museums of Northern Italy. Most of the battlefields are in the Dolomites, probably the most famous mountains of the alpine range which is in turn reflected in its status as a [UNESCO World Heritage area](#).

### **Provisional Program**

- **Day 1 – Saturday 29 June** – Transfer from Padova to Trento. Cogollo del Cengio war track; Thunder Base (Cold War American base); War Museum of Rovereto; overnight in Trento.
- [Museo della Grande Guerra di Rovereto](#).
- **Day 2 – Sunday 30 June** – transfer from Trento to [Marmolada Glacier](#). Cableway to Mount Marmolada. Serauta defensive Italian positions (field excursion). [Passo Fedaia War Museum](#). Overnight in Cortina d'Ampezzo.
- **Day 3 – Monday 1 July** – Transfer from Cortina d'Ampezzo to Lagazuoi. Cableway to [Lagazuoi](#) high mountain Descent by cableway or by foot through a system of WW1 galleries and fortifications. Visit of the [Forte Tre Sassi museum](#). Overnight in Cortina.
- **Day 4 – Tuesday 2 July** – Transfer from Cortina d'Ampezzo to Monte Piana open air museum. 4x4 mountaintrip to Italian and Austroungarian fortifications. Visit to the 3 Cime di Lavaredo and [Monte Croce Comelico Pass](#). Overnight in Auronzo di Cadore.
- **Day 5 – Wednesday 3 July** – Transfer from Auronzo di Cadore to the Cold war bunkers at Savogna. Then, [Redipuglia](#) (Biggest WW1 Memorial; [Memorial of Redipuglia](#) . Transfer to Caorle beach or to Trieste.
- **Day 6 – Thursday 4 July** – Transfer to the Venice International Airport, to Venice and to Padova.

The excursion organizers would like to highlight that many of these sites are at altitude and cover rugged, mountainous terrain. Therefore, those with medical conditions are responsible for seeking medical guidance prior to participation.

It is also up to individual participants to ensure a proper mountain equipment and that travel insurance is adequate to cover these activities.

### Key Dates

- First circular: May 2018
- Second circular: November 2018
- Third circular: January 2019
- Abstract submission deadline: 15 February 2019
- Abstract acceptance notification: 15 March 2019
- Early registration deadline: 15 April 2019
- Late registration deadline: 15 May 2019
- Fourth and final circular: May 2019

### Pre-register now!

Send an e-mail to [icmg19italy@gmail.com](mailto:icmg19italy@gmail.com) to pre-register and receive all the following information.

The conference web site will be very soon on line. You will be informed when the final registration and fee payment procedure will be published on the conference website.

### Conference and Post Conference Excursion Fees

The following is just an estimation of the conference and field trip fees. The final fees will be published in December, when the registration procedure will be active.

Early registration (starting from 1st December 2018 to 15 April 2019)

- Conference fee (all days): **550 EUR (estimated cost)**
- Single day conference fee:
  - 24 June: **100 EUR (estimated cost)**
  - 25 June: **100 EUR (estimated cost)**
  - 26 June – Mid conference field trip: **180 EUR (estimated cost)**
  - 27 June – Conference & Field trip: **170 EUR (estimated cost)**
  - 28 June – Conference & General Assembly: **100 EUR (estimated cost)**
- Post conference Field Trip – Dolomites: **1300 EUR (estimated cost)**

The fee doesn't cover any costs of accommodation and travelling to/from Padova.

The fee covers all the lunches, coffee breaks, entrance to museums, icebreaker (Sunday), mid-conference trip (Wednesday to Venice), off site conference at the Great War Memorial in Montebelluna (Thursday) and the conference dinner (Thursday),

## Visa Policy

Only the keynote speakers get the official invitation from the organizers.

All the other ICMG19 participants receive the confirmation of registration for the conference (after the registration is completed).

**Participants are individually responsible for getting visas if necessary for travel to Italy.** All the information about the process of receiving visa can be found here: [LINK](#)

The list of visa-free countries (citizens of such countries are not required to be in possession of a visa when entering Italy for less than 90 days) is available here: [LINK](#)