



VIII National Congress of *SOCIETAS HERPETOLOGICA ITALICA*

September 22-26, 2010, Chieti, Historical Museum of Biomedical Science.

Second 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 22nd to 26th September 2010. The event organiser is the Abruzzo-Molise Section of S.H.I.

Organizing Committee:

Luciano Di Tizio (president); Luca Brugnola (vice president); Angelo Cameli (secretary / treasurer); Marco Carafa; Maurizio D'Amico; Anna Rita Di Cerbo; Nicoletta Di Francesco; Vincenzo Ferri; Anna Loy; Mario Pellegrini.

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Preliminary Program

Wednesday September 22nd, 2010: 5.00-7.00 pm Secretariat opening and posters posting, *Lectio magistralis*.

Thursday September 23rd, 2010: 8.15-9.00 am participants' registration; 9.00-9.30 am Opening of the Congress and Authority's greeting; 9.30-11.00 am reports; 11.00-11.20 am coffee break; 11.20 am-1.00 pm reports; 1.00- 2.00 pm Buffet lunch; 2.00-5.00 pm reports; 5.00-5.20 pm coffee break; 5.20-7.00 pm reports.

Friday September 24th, 2010: 9.00-11.00 am reports; 11.00-11.20 am coffee break; 11.20 am-1.00 pm reports; 1.00-2.00 pm buffet lunch; 2.00-5.00 pm reports; 5.00-5.20 pm coffee break; 5.20-7.00 pm NATIONAL SHI MEETING and then SOCIAL DINNER (in a characteristic restaurant).

Saturday September 25th, 2010: 9.00-11.00 am reports; 11.00-11.20 am coffee break; 11.20 am-1.00 pm reports; 1.00-2.00 pm buffet lunch; 2.00-5.00 pm reports; 5.00-5.20 pm coffee break; 5.20-7.00 reports.

Sunday September 26th, 2010: final trip to the Nature Reserve Valle dell'Orfento: meeting in Chieti at 7.30 am, leaving at 7.45, end at 12.30 and coming back to Chieti at 1.30 pm.

Secretariat:

- For subscriptions, please contact Angelo Cameli at the following contact details: shiabruzzo2010.iscrizioni@gmail.com (phone. 347.4787103 - skype: angelocameli)
- Short notes must be submitted to Anna Rita Di Cerbo and Marco Carafa at: shiabruzzo2010.contributi@gmail.com

Additional information can be provided by Luciano Di Tizio at: shisezioneabruzzo@yahoo.it (phone: 348.8130092)

Deadline, Registration fee

Deadline for both subscription to the Congress and submission of the scientific contributions is May 31st, 2010.

Registration fee is 70 € for S.H.I. member and 90 € for not S.H.I. member; **PAY ATTENTION:** after May 31st, 2010 the registration fee will be 150 €.

Please, send your registration module to the Organizing Secretary (mail: shiabruzzo2010.iscrizioni@gmail.com).

Scientific contributions will be sent to the Scientific Secretary (mail: shiabruzzo2010.contributi@gmail.com).

The possible participation to the social dinner on September 24th has to be written in the subscription form. (The probable fee is between 30 and 35 €, and it has to be paid during the Congress).

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 registration form
- Remember to sign "VIII Congresso Nazionale SHI" as description of payment

Preliminary scientific program outline

The following sessions are planned:

- ecology and ethology
- conservation and issues related with alien species
- atlas and faunistic
- veterinary medicine
- taxonomy, phylogenesis and biogeography
- morphology and physiology
- museology and paleontology
- methodology and data analysis
- non-european fauna
- marine turtles

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.

Presentations

All the contributions, communications and posters, should be submitted as short note, no later than May 31st, 2010, in definitive form. They will be subject to a peer-review process. Authors will receive notification of acceptance within June 30th, 2010. The Organizing Committee together with the Scientific Committee will decide the final presentation format of the accepted works. However, the Authors are invited to choose the most suitable format (communication or poster) while sending their work.

The scientific short note must be sent to shiabruzzo2010.contributi@gmail.com **no later than May 31st, 2010**. It can be drafted in English or in Italian, with a brief summary translation (max 1.200 letters, spaces included) into Italian (if the short note is in English) or in English (if the note is in Italian). The short notes submitted will be evaluated for acceptance by at least two referees. The Abstracts will be published in a comprehensive book handed out to all the participants together with the Congress Program and other items.

The **Congress proceedings** containing all the Short notes will be sent no later than the second week of December 2010 to all participants, by traditional post. If necessary, the Authors could make further corrections of their short notes within 30 days after the end of the Congress.

Attachment: registration form

The instructions to contributors are prepared according to the Journal Acta Herpetologica (<http://www-3.unipv.it/webshi/images/files/Actaherpetologica-Istruzioni.pdf>) with some editorial differences.

The instruction to draft the Short notes which will be published as Congress proceedings.

Title and Authors (Titolo e Autori)

The title should be brief and informative. It should appear left justified on the top of this page, in bold with font size 14.

The author's name should be left justified, in small letters except than for the first letter, in capitals. Second and supplementary names must be simply given as capital initials. Affiliation(s) and address(es) of the author(s) should follow the names, with a number indicating the membership. The name and address of institution should be in italics with font size 12.

Abstract (Riassunto)

The abstract should be in Italian if the main text is in English or in English if the main text is in Italian.

It can be no more than 1.200 letters, spaces included, 1.5 spaced, and should state the major points of the paper as clearly and concisely as possible without the need for reference to the text and without citation of references. The word "**Abstract**" must be written in bold, followed by a point.

Keywords (Parole chiave)

The term "**Keywords**", must be written in bold, and followed by a point, followed by 4 key words, separated from each other by commas, that identify the major aspects of the manuscript.

Main text (Testo principale)

Maximum total length 6 typewritten pages (each page containing 2000 letters, spaces included) with References, Tables and 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.

The text should **not** be subdivided in chapters or sections (Introduction, Material and Methods, Results, Discussion), as it is a **Short note**. However, we recommend the Authors to follow this logical order when draft their manuscript.

Tables (Tabelle)

Each table should be typed, 1.5 spaced, in the text (not in a separate page), where the Authors consider it more appropriate. The legend for a table should follow the table number (e.g., Table I. Measurements of specimens of *Salamandrina terdigitata*), and should be on the same pages as the table. Within the table, only the initial letter of the first word should be capitalized (e.g., "Adult males"). Ruled lines should be avoided. Footnotes (indicated by symbols *, or, 1, 2, 3, etc.) may follow a table when detailed information is needed.

Figures (Figure)

Figures (in .tif or .jpg format) larger than 29 × 21 cm cannot be accepted. When several drawings or photographs are to be reproduced as one figure, they should be mounted and printed in the desired arrangement and each of them should be lettered (A, B, C, etc.). Figure legends, each beginning with a fully capitalized abbreviation and a consecutive number (e.g., Fig. 1. Dorsal (A) and lateral (B) views of holotype of), should be typed in 1.5 spaced and grouped together on a separate sheet with one line of space between them. In the text, "Figure" should be also abbreviated, but with only the initial letter capitalised (e.g., Fig. 1).

Numerals (Numeri)

Numbers of 10 or larger should be typed as Arabic numerals except at the beginning of a sentence. Numbers one to nine should always be spelled out unless they precede units of measurement (e.g., 5 mm), are designators (e.g., experiment 3), or are separated by a figure dash (e.g., 5-7 individuals). The 24-hour clock is used to indicate times of day (e.g., 1900 h); dates should be given by day, month, year in this order (e.g., 5 July 2002). Decimals should not be naked (e.g., 0.5, not .5).

Abbreviations (Abbreviazioni)

Weights and measures follow the International System of Units (SI), and such abbreviations should be used throughout the manuscript. Abbreviations without being defined at first usage include: x (mean), n (sample size), N (chromosome number, but see below for the use to refer to "north latitude"), no. (number), yr (year[s]), mo (month[s]), wk (week[s]), h (hour[s]), min (minute[s]), s (second[s]), P (probability), df (degrees of freedom), SD (standard deviation), SE (standard error), NS (not significant), l (liter), kg (kilogram), g (gram), m (meter), cm (centimeter), mm (millimeter), μm (micron), C (degrees Celsius), a.s.l. (above sea level; given as, e.g., 100 m a.s.l.), °, ' and "degrees, minutes, and seconds in geography, respectively), N, S, E, and W (north and south latitudes, and east and west longitudes, respectively, but only when preceded by values with appropriate geographical units; e.g., 15°25'N, 121°43'E). Other abbreviations, such as SVL (snout-vent length), Myr (million years),

and MyrBP (million years before present), can also be used, but define them at first usage. To indicate the sexes, pls do not use the astrological symbols but the extended (male[s], female[s]) or the abbreviations (M, MM, F, FF).

References (Bibliografia)

The reference section following the main text should begin with the major heading, **References** (or **Bibliografia**) in bold with font size 11, and list all and only the publications cited in the manuscript in alphabetical order according to the senior authors' surnames, all with font size 11. When there are several papers by the same senior author with various co-authors, they must be listed in alphabetical order by second and subsequent authors, regardless of the number of authors. When there are several papers of a same author(s) they have to be arranged chronologically. Following are examples for the format and order of listing of references.

Andrén, C., Nilson, G. (1983): Reproductive tactics in an island population of adders, *Vipera berus* (L.), with a fluctuating food resource. *Amphibia-Reptilia* **4**: 63-79.

Arntzen, J.W. (1999): *Chioglossa lusitanica* Bocage, 1864 - Goldstreifensalamander. In: *Handbuch der Reptilien und Amphibien Europas*, Bd.4/1, Schwanzlurche (Urodela) I, p. 301-321. Grossenbacher, K., Thiesmeier, B., Eds, Aula-Verlag, Wiesbaden.

Bocquet, C., Générmont, J., Lamotte, M. (1977): Les problèmes de l'espèce dans le règne animal. Tome 2. *Mém. Soc. zool. Fr.* **39**: 1-381.

Boulenger, G.A. (1889): Catalogue of the Chelonians, Rhynchocephalians, and Crocodiles in the British Museum (Natural History). British Museum, London.

Leviton, A.E., Gibbs, R.H. Jr. (1988): Standards in herpetology and ichthyology. Standard symbolic codes for institution resource collections in herpetology and ichthyology. Supplement no. 1: additions and corrections. *Copeia* **1988**: 280-282.

Moody, S.M. (1980): Phylogenetic and historical biogeographical relationships of the Genera in the Family Agamidae (Reptilia: Lacertilia). Unpublished doctoral dissertation. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Web references are not accepted, unless the journal or book to which the author(s) make(s) reference is only published online. Specific cases shall be considered individually. In the text, references to papers by one or two authors should give their surnames; papers with more than two authors are referenced by the first author's surname followed by "et al." (e.g., Rossi et al., 1980). Strings of references should be placed in chronological order. When there are two or more references published in a same year, they should be arranged in alphabetical order. Two or more references by the same senior author (for papers by one or more than two authors) or by the same senior and junior authors (for papers by two authors) with the same year of publication should be designated by lowercase letters: e.g., (e.g., Rossi et al., 1992 a, b). See above for example of listing of such citations in References.

For references that are in the course of publication (e.g., already accepted for publication, but not published yet), cite "in press" (or "in stampa" in the case of short notes in Italian) in the place of publication year and leave the place of page numbers blank. References of unpublished master's theses and unpublished doctoral dissertations are not encouraged, but are allowed when their citations are definitely needed (see above for example of listing of such references in References). The other manuscripts that are neither "in press" nor published should not be cited either in the text or in References.

Personal references or unpublished data could be included in the text, with the abbreviation "pers. comm." (for English papers), or with "com. pers." (for Italian papers).

We will consider only short notes sent together with the registration form and the fee payment details.

Official languages

Italian and English. No translation facilities are provided.

Accommodation

Attached you'll find different accommodation possibilities (Hotels, B&B, etc) in Chieti and , please try to book per time and to agree directly with the hosting management the accommodation details. Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee has an agreement with "Grande Albergo Abruzzo" Hotel (phone 087141940, it's better to book as soon as possible and specify the participation to the SHI congress) it's 200 metres far from the University Museum.

Those are the costs:

- Overnight stay in single room and breakfast Euro 50,00 a day;
- Half pension in single room Euro 60,00 a day;
- Overnight stay in double room and breakfast Euro 40,00 per person a day;
- Half pension in double room Euro 50,00 per person a day;
- Overnight stay in three beds room and breakfast Euro 35,00 per person a day;
- Half pension in three beds room Euro 45,00 per person a day;

Students are advised to ask for housing also to "Villaggio Universitario" (the second one in the hotel list).

It's possible to see a map at the web address www.shiabruzzomolise.it/Congress to have an idea of the distances between the hotels and the Congress offices.

For pieces of information and logistic help: Angelo Cameli (phone 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*

Useful contact details: Gruppo La Panoramica. Web site:

<http://www.gruppolapanoramica.it> Ufficio

Info point: 0871 348685.

ARPA (Autolinee Regionali Pubbliche Abruzzesi). Web site: <http://www.arpaonline.it>
telephone exchange: 800 762 622;

Taxi service Chieti: Piazzale Marconi, Phone. 0871560800.

Radiotaxi Cometa: 085- 4176; mail info@taxicometa.it (you can book in advance the trip from Pescara train station to Chieti).

Attachment:

1. Registration form
2. List of hotels

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