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R.C.M.N.S. Interim Colloquium
“The Messinian salinity crisis revisited-II”
Parma (Italy), 7th-9th September 2006

THIRD CIRCULAR

INVITATION

We have the pleasure to announce that, in the framework of the R.C.M.N.S. activities, the Interim Colloquium “The Messinian salinity crisis revisited-II” will be held in Parma (Italy) the 7th-9th September 2006.

The Colloquium is organized in collaboration with [GeoSed](#), the Italian Association for Sedimentary Geology.

Following the successful 2004 Colloquium held in Corte, this meeting wishes to offer to the large Messinian community an opportunity for debating all the important themes related to such a complex of paleobiogeographical events, many of them still representing a stimulating challenge for geologists, paleobiologists and paleoceanographers, due to their significance for the comprehension of past and future environmental changes.

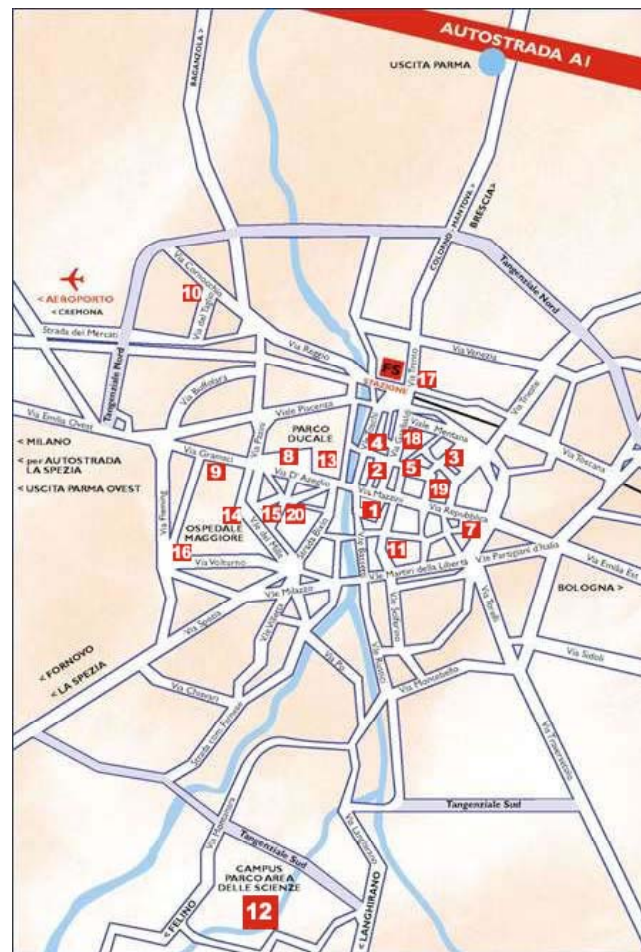
During the last years a large number of papers have been published, many of them offering new data and interpretations for different Messinian topics, in some cases being highly innovative and stimulating. This testifies for a great vitality of the Messinian scientific community and represents a good base for a successful 2006 Edition.

CONGRESS VENUE

The Meeting will be held at the Earth Sciences Department of Parma University, Parco Area delle Scienze 157A, 43100 - Parma - ITALY.

The Earth Sciences Department is located in the University Campus, at the southern end of Parma, which is easily connected by bus to the Railway Station and to the city centre (bus lines 7 and Campus Express, 20-25 minutes).

Lunches of the 7th and 8th September are not included in the registration fee and will be available at the Cafeteria located just in front of the Earth Sciences Department.



CONGRESS SCHEDULE

The general schedule of the meeting is reported in the following table. Detailed and up-to-date information about the Meeting will be found on the Messinian website (<http://www.messinianonline.it>)

Mon 4	Tue 5	Wed 6	Thu 7	Fri 8	Sat 9
pre-meeting excursion in ROMAGNA			Scientific meeting in PARMA		

THURSDAY 7 TH	
8. ³⁰	REGISTRATION
9. ³⁰	OPENING CERIMONY
10. ⁰⁰	SS0 - INTRODUCTION LECTURES
11. ³⁵	SS1 - STRATIGRAPHY OF THE PRE-EVAPORITIC MESSINIAN
13. ¹⁵	LUNCH
14. ³⁰	SS2 - MESSINIAN EVAPORITES AND THEIR MODERN AND ANCIENT ANALOGS
20. ⁰⁰	GALA DINNER

FRIDAY 8 TH	
9. ⁰⁰	SS3 - THE MESSINIAN LAGO MARE AND THE MIOCENE-PLIOCENE BOUNDARY
13. ³⁰	LUNCH
14. ³⁰	SS4 - TECTONIC AND GEODYNAMIC RESPONSE TO THE MSC
19. ⁰⁰	CATHEDRAL AND BAPTISTERY GUIDED VISIT.

SATURDAY 9 TH	
8. ³⁰	SS5 - SCENARIOS OF THE MESSINIAN SALINITY CRISIS
11. ⁵⁰	SS6 - GENERAL DISCUSSION
13. ³⁰	LUNCH
14. ³⁰	CONGRESS CLOSURE

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CONGRESS WEBSITE

<http://www.messinianonline.it>

CONGRESS THEMES

Following Corte's outcomes and final recommendations, the following themes are proposed:

- Chronology of synchronous vs. diachronous events
- Evaporitic deposits: toward new sedimentary and stratigraphic models for primary precipitated and clastic facies
- Mass wasting processes and products along Messinian slopes: triggers, modalities and implications
- Tectonic vs. eustatic signatures on Messinian sedimentary records
- Role of climate and global sea-level changes
- Messinian salt: where, when, how, why?
- The "Lago Mare" event(s): detailed chronology and palaeoenvironmental scenarios
- Biological impact
- The geodynamic context of the Messinian salinity crisis
- Mediterranean water exchanges with the Ocean and the Paratethys
- Consequences of the Messinian Salinity Crisis
- Numerical modelling

REGISTRATION

Registration

Online registration is warmly encouraged to make the Congress organization easier; the registration site will be available within March 15th in the Messinian website (www.messinianonline.it).

A registration form attached to this circular and/or downloadable from the Congress website can be compiled and sent by e-mail, mail or fax to the following address:

RCMNS2006 Secretary

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Congress Registration Fees

€ 100,00

€ 60,00 (student)

Payment

Payment of registration fee and field excursions can be made in Euro (€). Registrations will be confirmed only when payment is received.

Payment can be made only through **bank transfer** to the following account:

Name of account	GEOSD
account number	2004
Bank name	Banca Popolare dell'Etruria e del Lazio via Mazzini 12, 20123 Milano (Mi)
Bank coordinates	ABI: 5390, CAB: 01600, CIN: S, BIC: ARBAIT33137 IBAN: IT96S0539001600000000002004
specify	RCMNS2006 Messinian Parma

Abstract submission

Abstracts can be submitted only by the simple online procedure activated through the Messinian website in the Meeting Registration page.

Abstracts are limited to one A4-size page, text only without figures or tables. Authors are requested to prepare the abstracts using the format of the sample file attached to this circular and downloadable from the Messinian website; once prepared, the abstracts can be uploaded in a RTF or Word format.

Presentations

Language

Authors are invited to present their talk in English. All abstracts should be submitted in English.

Oral presentations

20 minutes (40 minutes for key notes) will be allocated for each speaker, including up to 5 minutes for questions and discussion.

The lecture hall is able to provide all commonly used presentation facilities. Standard presentations are intended through Power Point; speakers are requested to provide their files in a CD or USB memory device within the day preceding the presentation. Speakers intending to use overhead projector or 35 mm slide projector (up to two) are requested to inform the Meeting Organization in advance.

Poster presentation

Posters must not be larger than 100 cm (horizontal) x 150 cm (vertical). Short oral presentations (5 minutes including time for questions) of poster contents will be allocated within the pertinent session.

FIELD EXCURSIONS

The direct common observation of rocks in the field is probably the best way to stimulate positive and constructive discussions. For this reason one pre-meeting excursion in Romagna, Northern Apennines (4th-6th September) is proposed.

Topics touched during the excursion will include:

- primary precipitated and resedimented evaporitic sedimentary facies;
- genetic and stratigraphic relationships between primary precipitated and resedimented evaporites deposits and their implications on larger-scale scenarios of the MSC;
- chronology of Messinian events;
- regional tectonic control on Messinian stratigraphy;
- high-resolution stratigraphy and palaeoecology of Lagomare deposits.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Parma offers a large variety of hotel accommodation. Below is reported a list of hotels with addresses and web links. The asterisk indicates Hotels applying special discounts for University. In order to obtain the discount rates the attendants have only to specify their participation to the RCMNS Meeting.

RATING	NAME ADDRESS TELEPHONE	SINGLE SHARED BATHROOM	SINGLE ENSUITE	DOUBLE SHARED BATHROOM	DOUBLE ENSUITE	BREAKFAST
**** C	Grand Hotel De la Ville L.go Calamandrei, 11 tel. 05210304 Fax 0521030303 info@grandhoteldelaville.it		€270,00		€320,00	INCLUDED
****	Starhotel du Parc * V.LE PIACENZA 12/C TEL. 0521292929 FAX 0521292828 DUPARC.FR@STARHOTELS.IT		€199,00		€307,00 TRIPLE €361,00	INCLUDED
****	Hotel Verdi * VIA PASINI 18 TEL.0521293539 FAX 0521293559 INFO@HOTELVERDI.IT		€150,00		€220,00	€12,00
**** C-R.S.	Palace Hotel Maria Luigia* VIALE MENTANA 140 TEL. 0521281032 FAX 0521231126 RESERVATIONSML@SINAHOTELS.IT		€176,00		€242,00 TRIPLE €291,50	€18,00
**** C	Hotel Stendhal * VIA BODONI 3 TEL. 0521208057 FAX 0521285655 PARMA@JOLLYHOTELS.IT		€128,00		€210,00	INCLUDED
**** C	Park Hotel Toscanini* V.LE TOSCANINI 4 TEL. 0521289141 FAX 0521283143 INFO@HOTELTOSCANINI.COM		€135,00		€195,00	INCLUDED
**** F	Hotel Villa Ducale* VIA DEL POPOLO 35/A TEL. 0521272727 FAX 0521780756 INFO@VILLADUCALEHOTEL.COM		€150,00		€300,00	INCLUDED
**** F	Hotel Parma & Congressi Via Emilia Ovest, 281/a tel. 0521676011 Fax 0521675642 INFO@HOTELPARMAECONGRESSI.IT		€155,00		€200,00 TRIPLE €220,00	INCLUDED
*** F	Express by Holiday Inn Via Naviglio Alto, 50 tel. 0521270593 Fax 0521772821 info@parma.hiexpress.it		DOUBLE AS SINGLE €170,00		€180,00 TRIPLE €210,00	INCLUDED
*** F	Albergo Il Gufo LOCALITÀ RONCOPASCOLO-VIA CHIESA 35 TEL. 0521647304		€60,00		€85,00 TRIPLE €110,00	INCLUDED
*** F	Arte Hotel Via Mansfield, 3 (traversa di Via San Leonardo) tel. 0521776926 Fax 0521776723 info@artehotel.com		€80,00		€130,00	INCLUDED
*** R.S.	Astoria Executive Hotel* VIA TRENTO 9 TEL. 0521272717 FAX 0521272724 INFO@PIUHOTELS.COM		€120,00		€180,00	INCLUDED
*** C	Albergo Brenta * VIA G.B.BORGHESI 12 TEL. 0521208093 FAX 0521208094 PRENOTAZIONI@HOTELBRENTA.IT		€55,00		€85,00	€5,00
*** C	Albergo Button * B.GO SALINA TEL.0521208039 FAX 0521238783 HOTELBUTTON@TIN.IT		€72,00		€97,00 TRIPLE €115,00	€9,00
*** F	Dado Hotel * VIA MOLETOLO 90/A TEL. 0521271500 FAX 0521272600		€62,00		€88,00	INCLUDED
*** H	Hotel Daniel* VIA GRAMSCI 16 TEL. 0521995147 FAX 0521292606 INFO@HOTELDANIEL.BIZ		€110,00		€140,00	INCLUDED
***	Albergo Principe* VIA EMILIA EST 46 TEL. 0521493847 FAX 0521242106 INFO@HOTELPRINCIPEPARMA.IT		€90,00		€120,00 TRIPLE €145,00	INCLUDED

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*** F	Farnese International Hotel* Via REGGIO 51/A TEL. 0521994247 FAX 0521992317 INFO@FARNESEHOTEL.IT		€120,00		€180,00	INCLUDED
***	Residence Hotel Via EMILIA EST 250 TEL. 0521242862 FAX 0521242869 IN@HOTELRESIDENCEPARMA.COM		€115,00		€170,00 TRIPLE €225,00	INCLUDED
*** C	Residence Liberty* P.LE SALVO D'ACQUISTO 15 TEL. 0521227100 FAX 0521283903 INFO@PIUHOTELS.COM				€115,00 €170,00	
*** H	Residence Parmigiano Via MENCONI 13 TEL. 0521986565				€75,00	
***	Corte della Vittoria Via Emilia Ovest, 63 tel. 0521944358 Fax 0521945619 info@cortedellavittoria.it				€175,00 €195,00	
*** C	Savoy Hotel* Via XX SETTEMBRE 3 TEL. 0521281101 FAX 0521281103 INFO@SAVOYPARMA.IT		€100,00		€130,00	INCLUDED
***	Hotel Dell'Oca Via EMILIO LEPIDO 237/A - S.PROSPERO TEL. 0521640033 FAX 0521640533		DOUBLE AS SINGLE €65,00		€90,00	INCLUDED
*** C	Hotel Torino * Via A. MAZZA 7 TEL. 0521281046 FAX 0521230725 INFO@HOTEL-TORINO.IT		€83,00		€125,00	INCLUDED
*** F	Albergo Tre Ville Via BENEDETTA, 97/A TEL. 0521775309 FAX 0521775245 H.TREVILLE@TIN.IT		€160,00		€160,00	INCLUDED
** H	Amorini Via GRAMSCI 37 tel. 0521983239 Fax 0521983239	€35,00		€55,00	€70,00	
** R.S.	Moderno Via A.CECCHI 4 TEL. 0521772647	€50,00	€65,00	€70,00	€80,00	€7,00
* C	Lazzaro Borgo XX Marzo, 14 tel. 0521208944 – 3331344483 Fax 0521385600	€35,00	€42,00		€60,00	
* R.S.	Leon d'Oro V.LE FRATTI 4 TEL. 0521773182	€35,00		€55,00		
* H	Sole (il) Via GRAMSCI 15 TEL. 0521995107	€36,00		€60,00		
	Ostello and camping AIG PARCO DELLA CITTADELLA TEL. 0521961434 OSTELLOCITTADELLA@LIBERO.IT	€10,00 PER PERSON HOSTEL YHI		CAMPING €7,00 PER PERSON	€11,00 TENT PITCH OR SPACE FOR CAMPER	
	Locanda Delle colonne Via MAFALDA DI SAVOIA, 17/A TEL. 0521924368 (RECEPTION OPEN FROM 7.00 AM TO 1.00 PM AND FROM 7.00 PM TO MIDNIGHT)	€25,00 PER PERSON				INCLUDED
C	Residenza S.Illario B.go Bosazza, 13 - 43100 Parma Tel. 0521/220711 - Fax 0521/220720 e-mail: residenza@unipr.it http://www.unipr.it/Centri/SantIllario/					

BED & BREAKFAST						
	Bed & breakfast "Maria Pia" Via TOSCANA,40 TEL. 0521271141 FAX 0521271141		€32,00 DOUBLE AS SINGLE		€60,00	INCLUDED
	Bed & Breakfast "A casa di amici" Via Orlandi, 25 tel. 0521484715 Fax 05210521484715	AUGUST CLOSED	€40,00 DOUBLE AS SINGLE		€70,00	INCLUDED
	Bed & breakfast "Dei 2 mondi" Via Barilli, 5 tel. 3402544445 INFO@2MONDI.COM	CLOSED JULY AND AUGUST	€80,00 DOUBLE AS SINGLE		€100,00 TRIPLE €130,00	INCLUDED

C	Bed & breakfast "Il giardino nascosto" Borgo Felino, 17 TEL. 0521236886/236083 - 3298867718 – 3484731331 - FAX 0521238771 ILGIARDINONASCOSTO@VIRGILIO.IT		€80,00 DOUBLE AS SINGLE		€85,00	INCLUDED
	Bed & breakfast "Annamaria" Strada Madonnina Gigli, 17 – Loc. Marore tel. 0521245127 - 3474358630	AUGUST CLOSED	€42,00		€74,00	INCLUDED
	Bed & breakfast "Ombre Rosse" Strada Quingenti, 115 – Loc. San Prospero tel. 0521645451 – 3382952114 Fax 0521289575		€70,00 DOUBLE AS SINGLE		€110,00	INCLUDED

SOCIAL EVENTS

A Gala Dinner will be organised on September 7th, free of charge for all the Meeting participants.

In the late afternoon of September 8th, at the end of the scientific sessions, a guided visit to the Parma's Cathedral and Baptistery will be organised for all the interested Meeting participants.

Parma, July 31th, 2006