



**15th International Symposium
on
Environmental Pollution
and its Impact on Life
in the Mediterranean Region
October 7 to 11, 2009
Bari - Italy**
with focus on
**Environmental Threats in the Mediterranean Region:
Problems and Solutions**

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First Announcement

Previous symposia were held in Athens, Greece (1981), Crete, Greece (1983), Istanbul, Turkey (1985), Kavala, Greece (1987), Blanes, Spain (1989), Como, Italy (1991), Antibes, France (1993), Rhodes, Greece (1995), Sorrento, Italy (1997), Alicante, Spain (1999), Limassol, Cyprus (2001), Antalya, Turkey (2003), Thessaloniki, Greece (2005) and Seville, Spain (2007).

The Executive Committee of MESAEP has the pleasure to present a warm invitation to attend the 15th International MESAEP Symposium that will be held in Bari, Italy, from October 7 to 11, 2009.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the symposium are to offer opportunities for scientists of different countries to:

- exchange recent results related to environmental pollution processes and their effects on natural resources, public health and economy in the Mediterranean region
- discuss current scientific, technological and legal issues to avoid or reduce the degradation of the Mediterranean environment
- provide suggestions and recommendations to regulatory authorities on environmental quality and safety in the Mediterranean and other neighboring countries.

MAIN SUBJECTS

The General Theme of the Conference is:

“Environmental Threats in the Mediterranean Region: Problems and Solutions”.

This overarching theme will be discussed in sessions dealing with the following specific topics:

- Agricultural, domestic and industrial wastes
- Soil quality and pollution by metals, pesticide residues and other chemicals
- Soil degradation and desertification
- Water quality and pollution
- Outdoor and indoor air quality and pollution
- Intercompartmental element fluxes
- Crops and food quality and pollution
- Environment and human health
- Animal health risks
- Climate changes and effects on the ecosystem and human health
- Biodiversity
- Sustainable mobility
- Renewable energy use to combat pollution
- Natural and artificial radioactive pollution

All of the above topics will be addressed in an interdisciplinary manner, including aspects of science, technology, policy and education.

ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The program of the symposium will include plenary and keynote lectures, and voluntary oral and poster presentations. Oral and poster contributions will be regarded as scientifically equivalent in the program. Selected posters will be invited to be presented briefly in full audience sessions. All presentations (oral and posters) should be in English.

PAPERS PUBLICATION

For both oral and poster contributions, a one-page abstract should be submitted by e-mail, as an attached file, to the following address: symp09@mesaep.org not later than March 31, 2009.

The Abstract should be arranged as shown on the [pdf example](#) or the Word file. The book of abstracts will be printed before the opening of the Symposium and distributed to all participants upon registration at the Symposium.

Poster or oral presentations will be accepted if at least one of the authors is registered and present at the symposium.

The Steering Committee of the Symposium will notify the authors on the acceptance and on the form of presentation by May 31, 2009.

All papers presented at the symposium will be eligible, upon refereeing, for publication in the peer reviewed international journal FRESINIUS ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN (FEB), the official journal of MESAEP.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Welcome reception
- General Assembly of MESAEP
- Gala Dinner
- Social and cultural events

REGISTRATION FEES

	MESAEP Members	Non members	Students	Accompanying persons
Before June 30, 2009	350	450	180	150
After June 30, 2009 or on-site	400	500	220	180

The registration fee includes the final program, the book of abstracts, access to the hospitality desk, coffee and refreshments during the symposium, the welcome reception, social and cultural events (excursion fee not included) and Certificate of participation (on request). Accompanying guests will be entitled to all the above receptions and activities.

The Gala dinner will cost 60 € and the excursion will cost 60 € for each participating person.

Please use the recommended on-line registration on the homepage of MESAEP:
<http://www.mesaep.org/mesaep/symposium-2009-bari-italy/registration-form/>

DEADLINE SCHEDULE

March 31, 2009	Registration on-line and e-mail Submission of Abstracts
May 31, 2009	Notice to Authors on the acceptance and form of presentation
June 30, 2009	Payment of early registration fee
October 7-11, 2009	Symposium, on-site registration and Submission of Full Papers for publication

SYMPOSIUM LOCATION

The city of Bari is located in Southeastern Italy on the sunny and warm Adriatic coast, in the Region of Puglia of which is the regional capital. Bari counts around 400,000 inhabitants and is a very active commercial and touristic port featuring several daily ferry connections with Greece, Albania, Montenegro and Croatia. The city features an old medieval area rich in renowned monuments, including the romanic Basilica of San Nicola and the Cathedral of the 10th-11th century, several other churches and buildings of various styles, narrow streets and small squares permeated by a suggestive ancient atmosphere, and several small restaurants, pubs and bars.

The active and crowded city centre surrounds the old city featuring long strait streets, several buildings of the 18th-19th century, including the central University building, the Ateneo, and elegant shops for all needs, restaurants of all types, pubs and bars. A typical feature of Bari is the impressive boulevard along the seashore (Lungomare), about 2-km long, with the old small harbor where still are small fishing boats.

The modern, wider city surrounds the city centre, and includes the scientific Campus of the University of Bari, buildings hosting several other University Faculties and Research Institutes, and the Polytechnic of Bari.

The beaches south and north of the city are renowned for their fine white sands often surrounded by pine woods and cliffs of calcareous rock.

The province of Bari and the region of Puglia offer a number of beautiful towns, both on the coast and on the hills, rich of culture, monuments and architectural features, and an agricultural land rich of centuries-old olive trees, vineyards and orchards.

The Symposium will take place at the Palace Hotel in the city centre. The 2nd circular will include detailed information on the venue and the facilities available to participants.

ACCOMODATION

Rooms at a favorable price have been reserved at the Palace Hotel (Symposium venue) and other central hotels. The 2nd circular will include detailed information on hotel reservation and transportation.

VISA

Visa is required for some countries. Please check with the Italian Consulates or the official representatives of the Italian Government in your country. No visa is required for citizens of the European Union and several South-Mediterranean countries.

FELLOWSHIPS

A limited number of fellowships will be available for young scientists from Balkan, Asian and African countries upon specific request, and on the basis of their CV and the scientific quality of the paper submitted.

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