



THURSDAY 6th February 2020

09.30 - 10.00 Registration and welcome coffee break

10.00 - 10.30 Opening Ceremony (Room 3)

Session “Evolution and Adaptation”

Chairpersons: Antonella Smeriglio & Simone Di Piazza

Room 3

10.30 - 10.40 **Elena Secomandi** Università di Bologna

“Constitutive and herbivore-induced emission of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) by *Prunus armeniaca* (L.) plants infested by *Capnodis tenebrionis* (L.) beetles”

10.40 - 10.50 **Chiara Daccò** Università di Pavia

“The fungal genus *Trichoderma*: can be useful for the biodegradation of used engine oil?”

10.50 - 11.00 **Claudia Coleine** Università della Tuscia

“Insights into the genome of Antarctic cryptoendolithic black fungi”

11.00 - 11.10 **Elisa Abate** Università di Messina

“Is plant water content a useful tool for predicting the risk of drought-induced mortality?”

11.10 - 11.20 **Luca Giupponi** Università di Milano

“How vegetation analysis can renew soil bioengineering for slope stabilization”

11.20 - 11.30 **Chiara Tonon** Università di Torino

“Hyphal melanisation in microcolonial fungi: a prerequisite for the penetration into marble?”

11.30 - 11.40 **Matteo Chialva** Università di Torino

“The role of the arbuscular mycorrhizal symbiosis on tomato resilience to combined stress: from phenomics to functional genomics approaches”

11.40 - 11.50 **Grazia Cecchi** Università di Genova

“Mycoremediation of heavy metals in the waters of the Port of Genoa (EU Interreg Project V-A Italy France Maritime 2014 – 2020 "GEREMIA - Waste management for the improvement of port waters””

11.50 - 12.00 **Melissa Simiele** Università del Molise

“Assisted phytoremediation of a former mine soil using biochar and iron sulphate: effects on As soil immobilization and accumulation in three Salicaceae species”

12.00 - 12.10 **Silvia Moschin** Università di Padova

“MADS-box genes and development of flower and fruit in *Nymphaea caerulea*: modern traits and old inventions”

- 12.10 - 12.20 **Roberta Ascrizzi** Università di Pisa
"Small functional foods: Phytochemical and nutritional analyses of five Brassicaceae species microgreens"
- 12.20 - 12.25 **Basma Najar** Università di Pisa
"Viburnum tinus L.: investigation on its spontaneous from shoot system"
- 12.25 - 12.30 **Ivonne Chiodaroli** Università di Pavia
"Fungi: a microscopic threat to a museum collection"
- 12.30 - 14.00 *LUNCH*
- 14.00 - 14.10 **Damiano Spagnuolo** Università di Messina
"Porphyra dioica J.Brodie et L.M.Irvine; a first look to a mass cultivation of a European species"
- 14.10 - 14.20 **Saverio Savio** Università di Roma Tor Vergata
"Value-added co-products from biomass of the diatoms Staurosirella pinnata and Phaeodactylum tricornutum"
- 14.20 - 14.30 **Danilo Manzi** Università di Pavia
"Microfungal communities in a paddy irrigation system water and effect of fungicides and mechanical management"
- 14.30 - 14.40 **Carolina Elena Girometta** and **Daniela Ratto** Università di Pavia
"Studies on Hericium erinaceus for a better use of its medicinal properties in central nervous system"
- 14.40 - 14.50 **Andrea Colpo** Università di Ferrara
"Photoprotection in Selaginella martensii Spring (Lycopodiophyta) acclimated to different light regimes"
- 14.50 - 15.00 **Veronica Spinelli** Università di Roma La Sapienza
"What it takes to be a plant growth promoter: characterization of two strains of soil saprotrophic fungi Minimedusa polyspora and Chaetomium globosum"
- 15.00- 15.10 **Erika Bellini** Università di Roma Tor Vergata
"Homeostatic needs and toxicity of metals: characterization of phytochelatin synthase in the liverwort Marchantia polymorpha"
- 15.10 - 15.20 **Sara Romeo** Università di Genova
"Experimental design to assess integrated phytoremediation approach"
- 15.20 - 15.25 **Miriam Bazzicalupo** Università di Genova
"Do you manage it, or do you want help? Effect of self and cross-pollination on the seed set of two Ophrys species"
- 15.25 - 15.30 **Carlo Ugolotti** Università di Pavia
"Characterization and Antioxidant Activity of Sympatric Orchid Species' Essential Oils from two Ligurian localities"
- 15.30 - 15.35 **Cristina Blandino** Università di Catania
"Effect of volcanogenic heavy metals on seed germination of Mt. Etna native plants"
- 15.35 - 15.40 **Cristina Danna** Università di Genova
"Plants, people and traditions in the Gran Paradiso National Park (Western Alps, Italy)"

- 15.40 - 15.45 **Valeria Fochi** Università del Piemonte Orientale
“*Citrus bergamia* Risso & Poiteau: quality assessment and authentication via PCR-based molecular analysis”
- 15.45 - 16.15 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 16.15 - 16.20 **Elisabetta Naldi** Università di Pavia
“Chemical Composition of Essential Oils from Aerial parts of *Spergula pentandra* L. from Kurdistan-Region-Iraq”
- 16.20 - 16.25 **Alberta Cascini** Università di Genova
“Use of two exotic plant extracts against the venom from *Velella velella* (Cnidaria: Hydrozoa)”
- 16.25 - 16.30 **Simone Belmondo** Università di Torino
“Characterization of polyketide synthases in an ericoid endomycorrhizal fungus using a molecular approach”
- 16.30 - 16.35 **Federica Betuzzi** Università di Genova
“Application of forensic botany to veterinary medicine”
- 16.35 - 16.40 **Gabriele Ambu** Università di Genova
“Medicinal plants used to treat skin diseases in rural villages of Kavrepalanchowk District, Central Nepal”
- 16.40 - 16.45 **Greta D'Apice** Università di Padova
“Morphological characterization of the developing ovules of *Ginkgo biloba* and associated molecular pathways involved in the development of the fleshy sarcotesta”
- 16.45 - 16.50 **Maria Beatrice Castellani** Università di Firenze
“An evolutionary approach for the study of spatial diversity of freshwater macrophytes in Central and Northern Italy”
- 16.50 - 16.55 **Erica Dinatale** Università di Milano
“A possible endophytic symbiont of *Androsace brevis* (Hegetschw.) Cesati (Primulaceae)”
- 16.55 - 17.00 **Michele Maglie** Università di Ferrara
“Co-cultivation of *Tisochrysis lutea* and *Nannochloropsis oculata*: preliminary tests on cultivation medium and starter inoculum variations”
- 17.00 - 17.05 **Andrea Crosino** Università di Torino
“Chitin oligomers extraction from fungal biomass and their use as promoters of arbuscular mycorrhizal symbiosis”
- 17.05 - 17.10 **Massimiliano Rossi** Università di Roma Tor Vergata
“Biotechnological strategies to improve salt stress resistance in *Brassica napus* L.”
- 17.10 - 17.15 **Andrea Rossi** Università del Molise
“Toward understanding differences in lateral root formation from *Arabidopsis* root in primary and secondary structure”
- 17.15 - 17.20 **Ester Rosa** Università di Genova
“Fungal education and outreach aims”

Session “Vegetation science, macroecology and biogeography”

Chairpersons: Marta Carboni & Gabriele Casazza

Room 2

- 10.30 - 10.40 **Alessandro Bricca** Università di Camerino
“*Latitudinal and elevation gradient differently drives species understory coexistence in beech forests of Apennine chain (Italy)*”
- 10.40 - 10.50 **Arianna Ferrara** Università di Camerino
“*How fine-scale abiotic and biotic variations affect taxonomic diversity in abandoned sub-Mediterranean grasslands*”
- 10.50 - 11.00 **Francesco Porro** Università di Pavia
“*Comparative seed germination patterns of alpine plants in the context of climate change*”
- 11.00 - 11.10 **Pilar Hurtado** Universidad Rey Juan Carlos
“*Intraspecific variability is the main driver of functional changes in lichen communities*”
- 11.10 - 11.20 **Elena Eustacchio** Università di Milano
“*High-mountain plant-pollinators interactions: the case of the narrow endemic alpine plant Androsace brevis (Hegetschw.) Ces. (Primulaceae)*”
- 11.20 - 11.30 **Alessio Minici** Università di Milano
“*Videorecordings as an innovative method to investigate the behaviour of arthropods on high altitude plants. The case study of Androsace brevis (Hegetschw.) Cesati (Primulaceae)*”
- 11.30 - 11.40 **Massimo Domenico Novellino** CNR-IGAG
“*Subalpine vegetation changes triggered by mining and livestock husbandry close to a recently excavated medieval settlement (Piani di Sasso, Lombardy Alps)*”
- 11.40 - 11.50 **Claudia D’Ercole** Università di Firenze
“*The effect of exotic plant species on phylogenetic diversity of common reeds communities*”
- 11.50 - 12.00 **Ian Briozzo** Università di Genova
“*Habitat 3170* - Mediterranean temporary ponds (Directive 92/43/EEC): distribution and characterization in Liguria*”
- 12.00 - 12.10 **Marco Varricchione** Università del Molise
“*Temporal Changes In The Floristic Composition, Ecology And Structure On High Mountain Grasslands: Preliminary Observations In The Matese Lter Site (Lter_Eu_It_022)*”
- 12.10 - 12.20 **Emilio Corti** Università di Firenze
“*Different plant communities hosting Ionopsidium savianum (Caruel) Arcang. in Tuscany: taxonomic and functional diversity*”
- 12.20 - 12.30 **Fabio Tolu** Università di Camerino
“*How biyearly mowing and Brachypodium rupestre’s features affects plant community*”
- 12.30 - 14.00 **LUNCH**
- 14.00 - 14.10 **Barbara Valle** Università di Milano
“*Ecological characteristics of plant communities of supraglacial debris and the role of debris-covered glaciers as refugia for cold-stenotherm species*”
- 14.10 - 14.20 **Francesco Rota** Libera Università di Bolzano
“*Quantifying habitat suitability for narrow endemic alpine plant species in the Dolomites (Italy) under predicted climate change*”

- 14.20 - 14.30 **Giovanni Rivieccio** Università di Sassari
"Sustainable management practices in Mediterranean agroforestry systems using the Adaptive Multi-Paddock model (project Life Regenerate - Revitalizing multifunctional Mediterranean agrosilvopastoral systems using dynamic and profitable operational practices - LIFE16 ENV/ES/000276)"
- 14.30 - 14.40 **Magda Zanzottera** Università di Milano
"Functional phytosociology of woody Italian vegetation"
- 14.40 - 14.50 **Eleonora Ciò** Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia
"Palynology to investigate environmental transformations on a long-term perspective in the Po Plain: the case study of the Terramara S. Rosa di Poviglio"
- 14.50 - 15.00 **Tiziana Panichella** Università di Camerino
"The pastoral landscapes of arenaceous substrata in the Monti Sibillini National Park (Central Italy)"
- 15.00- 15.10 **Giovanna Piga** Università di Sassari
"Cross-taxon analysis of vascular plants and ants in a Mediterranean agroforestry system: first results from the project "Innovative beef cattle Grazing systems for the Restoration of Abandoned Lands in the Alpine and Mediterranean mountains" (iGRAL-AGER2)"
- 15.10 - 15.20 **Luigi Cao Pinna** Università di Roma Tre
"Plant invasions in the Mediterranean basin"
- 15.20 - 15.30 **Chiara Vallese** Università di Bologna
"Exploring dynamics of high elevation vegetation under changing climate"
- 15.30 - 15.40 **Francesco Pio Tozzi** Università del Molise
"Beach litter ecological effects along the Central Adriatic coast of Italy"
- 15.45 - 16.15 COFFEE BREAK
- 16.15 - 16.20 **Andrea De Toma** Università di Roma Tre
"Alpine shrub encroachment in the central Apennines: current patterns and temporal trends"
- 16.20 - 16.25 **Silvia Giulio** Università di Roma Tre
"Realised niche shift of invading Euphorbia paralias"
- 16.25 - 16.30 **Lucia Lenzi** Università di Bologna
"Pollinator diversity and efficiency in apple orchards in Emilia-Romagna"
- 16.30 - 16.35 **Chiara Toffolo** University of South Bohemia
"Patterns of vegetation succession at broad geographical scales: the time is ripe for comparative studies and meta-analyses"
- 16.35 - 16.40 **Diana Sciandra** Università di Milano
"Long-term changes in Carex curvula community composition; preliminary results on Orobian Alps"
- 16.40 - 16.45 **Marta Barberis** Università di Bologna
"Nectar trait variability in Aegonychon purpurocaeruleum (L.) Holub"
- 16.45 - 16.50 **Flaminia Mariani** Università di Roma Tre
"Experimental evidence of the consumption of the invasive alien duckweed Lemna minuta by herbivorous larvae of Cataclysta lemnata. Are we facing a potential biocontroller?"
- 16.50 - 16.55 **Valentina lesari** Università di Camerino
"Effect of grassland's mosaic structure and dynamism on the habitat suitability for the Alectoris graeca singer male in a central Apennine pastoral landscape"

- 16.55 - 17.00 **Dario Azzaro** Università di Catania
“Diversity of succulent species in the native flora of Sicily”
- 17.00 - 17.05 **Chiara Calise** Università di Genova
“A morphological and phytosociological comparison between *Jacobaea persoonii* e *Jacobaea incana* in the Ligurian Alps”
- 17.05 - 17.10 **Alice Misuri** Università di Firenze
“Investigations on ecology and distribution of *Senecio inaequidens* DC. in Tuscany”
- 17.10 - 17.15 **Silvia Piccinelli** Università dell’Insubria
“Responses of rock glacier vegetation to climate change”
- 17.15 - 17.20 **Alice Dalla Vecchia** Università di Parma
“Strengths and weaknesses of the use of functional traits in recent studies on macrophytes”
- 17.20 - 17.25 **Carla Pappalardo** Università di Catania
“Ecology and germination of orofite endemo-vicariants of Sicily”
- 17.25 - 17.30 **Martina Bottoni** Università di Milano
“ETHNOBOTANIC SURVEY: THE “BACKSTAGE” Research experience told through difficulties, human relationships and funny moments”



FRIDAY 7th February 2020

Session “Sistematic and Conservation”

Chairpersons: Claudia Turcato & Karl Duffy

Room 3 Albergo dei Poveri

- 09.30 - 09.40 **Jacopo Calevo** Università di Torino
“A multidisciplinary molecular approach for the conservation of the endangered *Orchis patens*”
- 09.40 - 09.50 **Michele Lussu** Università di Cagliari
“A synopsis of Sardinian studies: why is it important to work on island orchids?”
- 09.50 - 10.00 **Veronica Ranno** Università di Catania
“*Betula aetnensis*: thermal and water potential thresholds of regeneration by seed for a narrow endemic high mountain Mediterranean birch”
- 10.00 - 10.10 **Lucia Varaldo** Università di Genova
“The role of protected areas and translocations in preserving Italian endemic species in the face of future climate change”
- 10.10 - 10.20 **Federico Biagioli** Università della Tuscia
“Management and conservation of Showcaves: Study of microbial biodiversity to evaluate the anthropic impact”
- 10.20 - 10.30 **Gianmarco Tavilla** Università di Catania
“Conservation of endemic and rare vascular flora in the areas around Messina: current status and protection proposals”
- 10.30 - 10.40 **Tiberius Jimbo** Papua New Guinea Forest Research Institute
“Exploring the Diversity of *Psychotria* (Rubiaceae) in Lowland and Montane Rainforests in Papua New Guinea”
- 10.40 - 10.50 **Marta Inglisa** Università della Tuscia
“Cryptoendolithic eukaryotic diversity of Helliwell Hills, Victoria Land (Continental Antarctica)”
- 10.50 - 11.00 **Niccolò Forin** Università di Padova
“Molecular characterization and taxonomic revision of types of the genera *Xylaria* and *Rosellinia* belonging to the Pier Andrea Saccardo mycological collection”
- 11.00 - 11.30 COFFEE BREAK

- 11.30 - 11.40 **Rebecca Michela Baiguera** Università di Pavia
“Culture collection of Italian wood decay fungal strains for the development of mycelium-based materials”
- 11.40 - 11.50 **Giacomo Mei** Università Politecnica delle Marche
“Differences in taxonomic and ecology traits between *Ehrharta erecta* Lam. and *Ehrharta delicatula* Stapf (Poaceae)”
- 11.50 - 11.55 **Giancarlo Angeles** Università di Perugia
“Application of IUCN Red Listing Criteria at the Regional Levels: A Case Study with Boletales in Umbria (central Italy)”
- 11.55 - 12.00 **Dario Gisotti** Università di Genova
“Critical issues in the compilation of a check-list of macrofungi”
- 12.00 - 12.05 **Luca Di Nuzzo** Università di Firenze
“Influence of ants on lichens beta-diversity and functional traits”
- 12.05 - 12.10 **Federica Mostardi** Università della Tuscia
“Survey of culturable fungi in Antarctic cryptoendolithic communities in Victoria Land”
- 12.10 - 12.15 **Anna Corli** Università di Pavia
“Coexistence of intensive rice production and *Marsilea quadrifolia* in the organic rice farms of the Po Valley”
- 12.15 - 12.20 **Carlo Maria Cusaro** Università di Pavia
“Proposal of Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) application within limited territories”
- 12.20 - 12.25 **Francesco Venice** CNR - Istituto per la Protezione Sostenibile delle Piante
“Discovery and Characterization of *Pycnoporellus fulgens* from an unmanaged forest in the Biogenetic Nature Reserve of Vallombrosa within the LIFE MycoRestore Project”
- 12.25 - 12.30 **Lidia Nicola** Università di Pavia
“The biodiversity of soil microfungi in Colombia”
- 12.30 - 12.35 **Arianna Marengo** Università di Torino
“*Ptilostemon casabonae* (L.) Greuter: phytochemical and biomolecular intra-specific variability of a little known endemic Mediterranean plant”
- 12.35 - 12.40 **Alessandro Infuso** Università di Torino
“LIFEorchids (LIFE17NAT/IT/000596): propagation and dissemination”
- 12.45 - 14.00 LUNCH
- 14.00 - 15.30 Tour of the Botanical Garden
- 15.30 - 17.00 “How to survive in the post-doc jungle”
A chat to draw inspiration from experiences in the field of research, freelance and scientific divulgation
- 17.00 - 17.30 Conference Closure