

## Third circular January 2010.

Dears colleagues,

You are cordially invited to attend the 10th INTERNATIONAL POLYCHAETE CONFERENCE to be held in LECCE, ITALY from JUNE 20th to 26th, 2010, sponsored by the International Polychaete Association and hosted by the University of Salento (DiSTeBA Department, Lecce). The final venue of the meeting will be at the "Officine CANTELMO" a nice and appropriate open space facility downtown Lecce and close from the Hotel TIZIANO, a major Hotel and Convention Center serving in Lecce, as well as other accommodations (bed and breakfast and other small hotels) provided in the web site ([www.polychaeta.it](http://www.polychaeta.it)).

Up to date (deadline 31st December 2009) we have received about 200 contributions in form of key-lectures, oral communications and posters in all the main topics of the Conference. Thanks to everyone for the effort; we are checking the content of each abstract, preparing a tentative program, and let each of you know the acceptance of your abstract in the due time (1st February 2010), so each can organize and register to the Conference (26th April deadline for fee payment).

We also confirm that many of you are willing to publish their contributions in the Proceedings of the Conference, that will be hosted in the Italian Journal of Zoology (<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/tizoauth.asp>) a well-known international journal, published by Taylor and Francis on behalf of the Italian Zoological Union (Unione Zoologica Italiana; UZI).

We can also confirm now that we can provide several "10th IPC participation fellowships", each one up to a maximum of 800 €, for PhD students, undergraduate students, post-docs and young scientists in general who do not have a permanent position and may need some financial support to attend the Conference. Please, those of you that are interested fill the attached Request form (in word), and send it, together with a short CV to the Conference email address: [polychaeteconference2010@gmail.com](mailto:polychaeteconference2010@gmail.com), specifying in the message that it is a "request for 10th IPC participation fellowship".

Due to fund's limitation, we will try to support and help as many people as we can, trying to contribute for travel or fee/stay expenses, and giving priority to young scientists (up to 36 years old), preferentially from developing and/or emerging countries, who will present any kind of contribution to the Conference, and wont have any other kind support.

### DATES EVENTS AND DEADLINES

1st February 2010: Notification of acceptance for the submitted contributions

**from 15th February to 26th April 2010: Inscription fee payment and booking hotels.**

15 May 2010: Final remarks, abstracts and conference program.

20-26 2010: June Conference in Lecce

26 June 2010: Submission of manuscripts for peer review and publication.

The web page of the conference is available at the site <http://www.polychaeta.it>

### REGISTRATION FEES

The fees have been established in:

**420 € (euro) for delegates**

**310 € (euro) for students and accompanying persons.**

The registration fees include coffee-breaks, lunches, social dinner, mid conference tour and volume of the Proceedings.

After the deadline, from 26th April to 30th May an increase of 100 Euro will occur.

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This deadline is mandatory for those presenting any kind of contribution; in absence of fee payment in the due time, presentation could be excluded from the program.

**For any communication relative to the payment please use only the following e-mail address: [registrationipc2010@polychaeta.it](mailto:registrationipc2010@polychaeta.it)**

### ARRIVAL AND ACCOMODATION

The Brindisi Airport is directly connected by bus to the Hotel Tiziano Congress Centre and also close to the Conferene venue and other accomodations. Daily flights connect Brindisi to Rome and Milano International Airports. Train connections (Eurostar or Freccia Rossa trains) are available to Lecce from Milano, Roma and Napoli. The train Station is located in the city center and, although bus lines are present, every place in Lecce is achievable by 20 minutes walk.

The Tiziano Hotel is that operating with the University of Salento, the prices are from 85 to 110 € for single room, and from 115 to 135 € for double room. Please, when booking mention that you are a participant of the 10th POLYCHAETE CONFERENCE organized by the University of Salento. In alternative, several different hotels and cheaper residences are offered in Lecce and the list is now available on the web site ([www.polychaeta.it](http://www.polychaeta.it)).

### MID-CONFERENCE TOUR

The mid-conference tour will be a travel along of the Salento coastline including the visit of the historic and tourist town of Otranto, the evocative port of Castro Marina, the visit of the Zinzulusa marine cave and a post meridiem resting on the Alimini lake's seashore. Portable lunches will be provided during the tour.

### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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### THEMES:

- A- TAXONOMY
- B- PHYLOGENY
- C- EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY (Development, Evo-Devo, Genetics, Phylogeography)
- D- REPRODUCTION (including life-cycle, life history, physiology)
- E- ECOLOGY (including distribution pattern, biogeography, and all applied aspects)

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