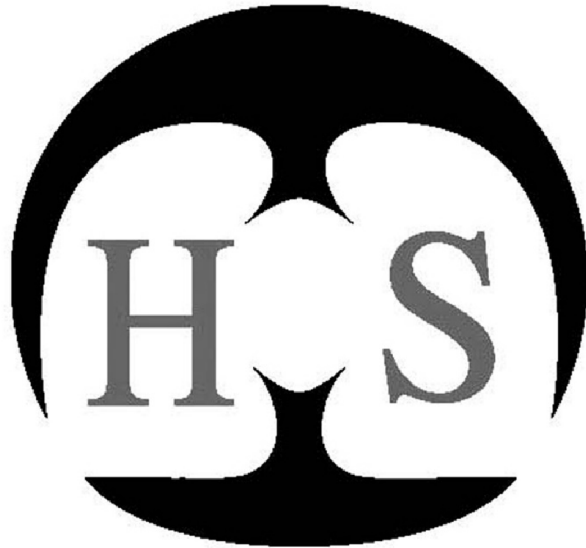


THE 8TH WORKSHOP
OF THE HYDROZOAN SOCIETY



HYDROZOAN SOCIETY

Dedicated to the Study of Hydrozoan Biology

Ischia (Italy)
20-27 June 2015

ANNOUNCEMENT

October 2014

Organized by: the Hydrozoan Society and the Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn of Naples.

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A. AIMS OF THE WORKSHOP AND TOPICS

The HS Workshop is aimed at enhancing and improving the interactions among the participants offering the best environment to promote interactions of scientists from different disciplines, with competences from taxonomy and systematics, trophic and behavioral ecology, physiology, population genetics, genomics and transcriptomics, developmental biology, evolution. Therefore the workshop represents the opportunity to share with the other researchers the recent advances in each hydrozoan topic. This exchange of information will lead to integrate and improve the knowledge of this taxon.

Contributions may cover any aspect of hydrozoan biology, in its widest sense including systematics, ecology, evolutionary biology, physiology, molecular/cell and developmental biology. Methodological contributions are welcome if they are particularly relevant to hydrozoans. Contributions should not merely consist of faunal lists.

B. ABSTRACT SUBMISSION (please use Attachment 1 containing the Submission Form and the abstract example)

Deadline for submission of abstracts is **31st January 2015**. Acceptance of abstracts will be announced by **three weeks from submission date**. Abstracts together with the submission form must be sent by email to the Organizing Secretariat (hsworkshop.ischia2015@gmail.com).

All abstracts must be in English, using metric units. Please use 12-point ARIAL font type. Do not indent paragraphs. Between sentences use a single space. Between lines use single line spacing. The title of the abstract must be in caps and must not exceed 200 characters spaces included.

Authors' name: last name followed by initials. Separate each author's name by a comma.

Affiliations: Institution, city, country

Email address: corresponding author only.

The body of the abstract should consist of a fully-justified text of max 350 words. An informative abstract should provide concise background information, methodology, key findings and major conclusions.

C. MEETING SCHEDULE.

The successful workshop formula includes talk sessions and ample time for other activities. These include round table discussions, practical research (including joint projects), fieldwork etc. A comfortable conference room equipped for computer projections is available at the Hermitage Hotel (<http://www.hermitageischia.it/>) where the Workshop will be held.

Poster presentations (100 cm high x 70 cm wide) will be encouraged to promote discussion and interaction among the participants.

D. LABORATORY FACILITIES.

A basic laboratory will be equipped to promote cooperative work and exchange of experience among participants.

Laboratory facilities will include provision of filtered seawater, binoculars and compound microscopes, preservation liquids (alcohol, formaldehyde), magnesium chloride, plastic bowls, pipettes, Petri dishes, microscope slides and cover slips, paper tissues.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own laboratory tools (forceps, scissors, scalpels, needles etc.).

E. SAMPLING FACILITIES.

A provision of hydrozoans collected by plankton tows or by diving will be organized.

Please notice that participants planning to dive needs their own diving certificates, proof of insurance covering them for diving and a valid medical check indicating they are medically fit for diving. Please contact the Organizing Secretariat regarding diving issues (skills, diver certificates, diving insurance) by 31st May 2015 in order to organize your diving.

Snorkeling activity will be possible, since the hotel is at few minutes by walk from the seashore (average sea surface T = 22 °C).

F. ACCOMMODATION.

We encourage all participants to stay together in the same location:

HERMITAGE HOTEL

Visit <http://www.hermitageischia.it/>

Workshop participants will benefit of a reduced price.

Bed and Breakfast per person, per day

90 € (double room - single use)

70 € (single room)

55 € (double room)

44 € (triple room)

Half board supplement (beverages included) 25 € per person, per day.

Free access to thermal pools.

Free Wi-Fi will be available in the conference room and in the hall of the hotel.

We strongly recommend booking of your accommodation at the Hermitage Hotel, because of its wonderful location, good restaurant and the great opportunity to gather all HS members together. In addition, please consider that the booking of all participants at the Hermitage Hotel will allow us to limit the organizing costs and save money to be used for grants.

Restaurants, food shops and pubs are all around at walking distance from the hotel. Keep in mind you would not pay less than 20 euro at a sit-down restaurant for a pizza and drink, or 35-40 euro for a traditional Italian three-course meal.

Please notice that, given the high flow of tourism to Ischia and the special price obtained for HS members, we need to book our rooms well in advance. Therefore, the deadline for booking is **20th January 2015**. The rooms should be booked directly to the Hotel Hermitage contacting Mr. Eduardo Borrelli (e.borrelli@fabahotels.it). Please note that a down payment of 30% will be requested.

G. REGISTRATION AND FEES. (please use Attachment 2 containing the Registration form)

The workshop fees are:

Students (bachelor, master, PhD)	270€
Senior participants	430€

Deadline: **31st December 2014**

Late inscriptions – Possible by 28th February 2015 (additional 100€ surcharge)

All payments must be in Euros and done by bank transfer. NO CHEQUES, NO CASH will be accepted. DO NOT SEND MONEY BY REGULAR MAIL.

Below details of bank account for registration fees:

UniCredit

Agency Ancona Tavernelle (02422)

IBAN: IT90F0200802627000103422821

Entitled to Comitato organizzatore del 8th Hydrozoan Society Workshop

BIC CODE (coincide with SWIFT): UNCRITM1Q22

Please specify in the bank transfer: <YOUR NAME> - HS 8th WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

The organization asked for endorsement from several public and private entities. Depending on the amount of the obtained financial contribution, we plan to assign **grants** to students and scientists without permanent position.

H. INVITATION LETTER.

An invitation letter is available on request.

I. COLLECTION OF OLD PICTURES.

To celebrate the 30 years of the HS foundation, we are collecting the pictures taken during previous workshops:

1985: Ischia, ITALY

1991: Blanes, SPAIN

1994: Roscoff, FRANCE

1998: Bodega Bay, California, USA

2003: Langebaan, SOUTH AFRICA

2007: Plymouth, UNITED KINGDOM

2010: Porto Cesareo, ITALY

If you have pictures, please send them to hsworkshop.ischia2015@gmail.com together with the name of showed people and your comments.

Looking forward to see you in Ischia next year

Best regards

Stefania Puce