We are pleased to announce the third International Congress on Stratigraphy, which will be held in Milano (Italy), 2-5 July 2019.

Following the first edition of this congress, held in Lisbon (Portugal) in 2013 and the second edition organized in Graz (Austria) in 2015, the third edition of STRATI has been assigned by the International Commission on Stratigraphy (ICS) to Italy, a country with a long historical tradition in Stratigraphy since the 17th century. Some milestones in the history of Stratigraphy were added in Italy by outstanding scientists such as Niels Stensen and Giovanni Arduino. Moreover, a wide variety of extraordinary stratigraphic successions and settings, often preserved in breath-taking natural environments, can be visited in Italy.

The topics of the congress will range from the Precambrian to the Holocene and will include all the stratigraphic techniques. The congress will provide the opportunity to discuss the recent developments in the study of the stratigraphy of the volcanic areas, Antarctic and Arctic sedimentary successions and ice caps, as well as of crystalline rocks. We also invite specialists from georesources exploration and hydrogeology to present their most advanced contributions to subsurface stratigraphy.

As in previous editions, the congress will also host meetings of the ICS and of its Subcommissions to debate topics and problems in updating and improving the geological time scale.

We thank you in advance for your attention and hope to welcome many of you in Milan in July 2019!

The General Chairs of the Congress
Marco Balini and Elisabetta Erba

Congress website: www.strati2019.it
VENUE

The congress will be held in the prestigious venue of the Università degli Studi di Milano, Via Festa del Perdono 7, located in the old “Ca’ Granda” (literally “the Big House”). It is a striking historical complex in the heart of the city, located only a seven-minute walk from the famous Piazza del Duomo and easily reachable by public transportation. The University's main campus, a former hospital built between 1456 and 1472, consists of the most historically and artistically significant buildings in Milano.

THE CONGRESS VENUE:
Università degli Studi di Milano,
Via Festa del Perdono 7,
20100 Milano

LOCATION

Milano is a city with an eclectic spirit that can please everyone: those who seek for art and those who prefer food, recreation or business. Located in North Italy, Milano is often referred to as the Italian “capital of industry, commerce, finance, fashion and design”. The history of the town dates back to Roman times. Such a long history is well documented by monuments and churches. Milano was also visited by several artists, especially during the Middle Age and the Renaissance, whose masterpieces are preserved in several Museums. The most representative monument is the Duomo, the highest expression of the Italian Gothic. The quality of accommodation and tourist attraction in Milano and the excellent transport links with most Italian and European towns, will make this event very interesting for the international audience.

ORGANIZATION

The congress will be organized by the Commissione Italiana di Stratigrafia (CIS)-Società Geologica Italiana (SGI) and the Department of Earth Sciences “Ardito Desio” of the University of Milano. The organizational framework for the congress is presently as follows:

Congress website: www.strati2019.it
General Chairs:
Marco Balini, Università di Milano, Italy
Elisabetta Erba, Università di Milano, Italy

Scientific Committee:
Adele Bertini, Peter Brack, William Cavazza, Mauro Coltorti, Piero Di Stefano, Annalisa Ferretti, Stanley C. Finney, Fabio Florindo, Fabrizio Galluzzo, Piero Gianolla, David A.T. Harper, Martin J. Head, Thijs van Kolfschoten, Maria Marino, Simonetta Monechi, Giovanni Monegato, Maria Rose Petrizzo, Claudia Principe, Isabella Raffi, Lorenzo Rook.

Organizing Committee:
The Organizing Committee is composed by members of the Department of Earth Sciences “Ardito Desio” and of the Società Geologica Italiana.
Lucia Angiolini, Cinzia Bottini, Bernardo Carmina, Domenico Cosentino, Fabrizio Felletti, Daniela Germani, Fabio M. Petti, Alessandro Zuccari.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The scientific program is intended to give space to researches through all stratigraphic fields, methodologies and applications. In order to achieve this scope, the following themes have been identified:

T1. History of Stratigraphy
T2. Stratigraphic tools
T3. Erathemes, Systems, Series and Stages
T4. Stratigraphy of carbonates and carbonate platforms
T5. Stratigraphy of volcanoes and of volcanic areas
T6. Antarctic and Arctic
T7. Stratigraphy and geological mapping
T8. Subsurface stratigraphy
T9. Geochronology and time scales
T10. Stratigraphy in crystalline rocks
T11. Open theme

CALL FOR SCIENTIFIC SESSION PROPOSALS

We invite the whole community of stratigraphers to propose sessions within the above themes. All the proposals will be collected via the website of the congress www.strati2019.it. Deadline for the submission of the scientific session proposals is 31st July 2018.
The session proposals will be examined by the Scientific Committee for optimization. The list of the accepted sessions and the resulting Scientific Program, will be published on the congress website and announced within the second circular. The final Scientific Program will be defined after the submission of the abstracts.

**MEETING AND WORKSHOP PROPOSALS**

We encourage the ICS Subcommission and INQUA Commission Chairs to submit proposals for business meetings to be held during the congress. We also invite the submission of workshop proposals on specific stratigraphic topics. Submission is via the website of the congress www.strati2019.it. **Deadline for the submission of the meeting and workshop proposals is 31st July 2018.**

**LANGUAGE**

English will be the official language of the meeting and field trips.

**REGISTRATION FEES**

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*Participants will enrol the SGI starting from the date of registration to the congress to the end of 2019
**Participants having paid their annual membership fee for 2018 to the Società Geologica Italiana (SGI)
***Reduced rate for students and retired persons
Registration fee includes morning and afternoon coffee breaks and lunches. Details for payment will be available in the second circular.

**HOW TO TRAVEL TO MILANO AND ACCOMMODATION**

Milano can be easily reached by train and by plane (three international airports are located in the surrounding of the city). The venue of the congress is very easy to reach through a dense network of surface and underground/subway transportation. Detailed information on transportation, accommodation and tourism in Milano are provided in the congress website.

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FIELD TRIPS

Field trips will be organized on a national scale; they will be led by most experienced specialists. A complete list with detailed information on the field trips will be provided in the second circular.

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadlines:
- Scientific session proposals: 31st July 2018
- Meeting and workshop proposals: 31st July 2018
- Registration: from 15th June 2018
- Payment of the registration fee: after the release of the 2nd circular

The second circular will be distributed in October 2018 and will provide information about approved scientific sessions, abstract submission, social program and field trips, including related deadlines and fees.

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