



EXPANDING FRONTIERS IN CROP GENETICS

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

The LXVII Annual SIGA Congress will take place in Bologna from Tuesday 10 to Friday 13 September 2024 in 'Plesso Belmeloro', Università degli Studi di Bologna, via Beniamino Andreatta 8, 40126 Bologna. The venue is located in the city center of Bologna.

The Congress will include seven regular sessions, one memorial session and one workshop. The Annual Members' Meeting will be held in the Congress venue on the afternoon of Wednesday 11 September.

The complete programme and the list of poster presentations will be available in the Congress website <https://sigaannualcongress.it/> by July 31.

The formats of oral and poster presentations should be as follows.

a) **Oral presentations:**

The text of the slides and the presentations should be in English. Invited speakers will have 25 minutes plus 5 minutes of discussion time. Selected talks will have 12 minutes plus 3 minutes of discussion time. Presentations must be in pptx format. At the link <https://t.ly/931W7> a template slide is available for optional use by the speakers as the title page. The aspect ratio of the slides must be 16:9 (widescreen). The speakers must deliver the presentation before the start of the session to the technician in charge.

b) **Poster presentations:**

The text must be in English. The size of the poster should be 70 cm wide by 100 cm high. At the link https://t.ly/cln_U a template is available for optional use by the Authors.

The poster number should be displayed in the poster. The numbers will be given in the list that will be published online by July 31, and also available to participants at the Congress venue. The poster number will correspond to the position to be occupied in the exhibition. Pins or tape for posting will be available on site. Posters should be removed by the authors at the end of the Congress; any remaining poster will be disposed of.

The posters will be available for viewing by the participants in the dedicated rooms throughout the congress. Authors will be asked to be present at their poster at the times that will be reported in the final programme, available at: <https://sigaannualcongress.it/>.

The **Proceedings of the Congress**, with ISBN, will be published on the SIGA website by the end of September 2024 and **will contain only the papers actually presented in the oral or poster sessions, and whose corresponding authors are registered for the congress.**

SIGA Congress Prizes

SIGA will award "SIGA 2024 Congress Prizes" for poster presentations having a non-tenured participant as the first Author. **Only the Authors who applied for participation through the abstract submission form will be admitted.** The applicants should be registered and have paid the registration fee by 31 July 2024. The Prizes will be awarded on Thursday 12 September 2024, during the social event.

Allergies and special diets

To inform the organizers about special dietary needs, the participants should contact the congress secretariat (convegno@geneticagraria.it) **before August 15.**

Guided tour for accompanying persons

SIGA offers to accompanying persons of conference attendees a free guided tour in English of the city center of Bologna, scheduled for Wednesday September 11 from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm. The itinerary includes the following stops: Piazza Maggiore, Via Orefici, 2 towers, Mercanzie; Piazza S. Stefano, Via Farini, Piazza Galvani. Meeting point for participants is in Corte Galluzzi 13/A at the "Succede solo a Bologna" Association infopoint.

Those interested in participating in the tour should inform the Congress Secretariat (convegno@geneticagraria.it) **no later than August 15, 2024.**

For further information please refer to the Congress website: <https://sigaannualcongress.it/> or to the Congress secretariat: convegno@geneticagraria.it.

The Congress Secretariat will remain closed from Saturday 10 August to Sunday 25 August 2024.

SIGA Secretary
Daniele Rosellini

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Silvio Salvi

DEADLINE REMINDER
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>31 July 2024</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Online Registration and full fee payment at http://www.sigaannualcongress.it for non-tenured poster authors willing to participate in the "SIGA CONGRESS 2024 AWARDS"</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>27 August 2024</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Online registration at http://www.sigaannualcongress.it</p>