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### SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

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The LXIX Annual SIGA Congress will take place in Roma, Italy, from September 8 to 11, 2026. The venue will be the headquarters of the National Research Council (CNR), Piazzale Aldo Moro 7. The venue is fully accessible. The Congress will include seven sessions and two round tables.

A welcome cocktail will be held on Tuesday, September 8 at 19:00 in the Museum of Classical Art (Gypsoteca), Sapienza University of Rome, Piazzale Aldo Moro 5, within walking distance from the venue.

The annual SIGA assembly, reserved to the SIGA Members, will take place at the Congress venue on Wednesday, September 9, from 17:45 to 19:30. Information on the Assembly programme will be communicated to Members in due time.

The social event will be held on Thursday, September 10 at 20:30 in the Cloister of San Giuseppe de Merode, Via San Sebastianello 3, Roma. On this occasion, the SIGA 2026 Congress Awards will be assigned to the best posters, selected by the SIGA Board. Details on how to reach the site of the social event will be provided in due time.

The complete programme and the list of poster presentations is available on the Congress website <https://www.sigaannualcongress.it/> from July 20.

**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 talks 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://short-url.cc/1zehf> a template slide for the title page with the Congress and SIGA logos is available to the speakers. 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 should be in English. Poster size should be 70 cm wide by 100 cm high. At the link <https://short-url.cc/1tGqm> a template with the Congress and SIGA logos is available to the authors.

Each poster has a number that can be found in the list published on the Congress web site, and also available to participants at the Congress venue. The poster number should be displayed in

the poster. The authors should place their poster in the position labelled with their poster number. Pins or tape for posting will be available on site. Posters should be removed by the authors at the end of the display time as detailed below; any remaining posters will be disposed of.

The posters will be available for viewing by the participants in the dedicated areas. Due to space limitations, there will be two poster sessions organized in two separate, consecutive groups. Therefore, the posters of each session will be displayed for a limited time as detailed in the programme published on congress web site ([www.sigaannualcongress.it](http://www.sigaannualcongress.it)).

Group I will include the poster of Sessions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8.

The Authors of Group I posters are requested to stand at their poster on Wednesday 9 from 16:15 to 17:45.

Group II will include the posters of Sessions 5, 6 and 7.

The Authors of Group II poster are requested to stand at their poster on Thursday 10 from 14:45 to 16:15.

**NEW: Make your poster available online (optional)**

The Authors of poster are invited to upload their posters in pdf format (max 6 Mb) to a shared, read-only cloud folder where all the participants will be able to view them. To upload or view, click "Posters" in the congress website menu bar ([www.sigaannualcongress.it](http://www.sigaannualcongress.it)), select your session (you can check by scrolling the page to find your poster in the list) and then follow the simple instructions. Please note that a personal Google account is required for upload.

The Proceedings of the Congress, with ISBN, will be published on the SIGA website by October 2026 and will contain only the papers actually presented in the oral or poster sessions, and whose corresponding authors registered for the congress.

**SIGA Congress Awards**

SIGA will assign "SIGA 2026 Congress Awards" 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 eligible. The applicants should be registered and have paid the registration fee by 31 July 2026. The Prizes will be awarded on Thursday 10 September 2026, during the social event.

**Allergies and special diets**

Participants are requested to inform the organizers about dietary requirements (food allergies, gluten or lactose intolerance, or vegetarian and vegan preferences). The participants should contact the congress secretariat ([convegno@geneticagraria.it](mailto:convegno@geneticagraria.it)) before August 20.

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

The Congress Secretariat will remain closed from August 8 to 23.

The Secretary

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Organizing Committee

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| DEADLINE REMINDER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p><b><u>31 July 2026</u></b><br/>Last date for registration (at full fee) for candidates to the<br/>“SIGA Congress awards 2026” (non-tenured participants)</p> <p><b><u>20 August 2026</u></b><br/>Last date to inform the organizers about dietary requirements (food allergies, gluten<br/>or lactose intolerance, or vegetarian and vegan preferences)</p> <p><b><u>25 August 2026</u></b><br/>Last date for registration</p> |