

## **COMLAND MEETING AND FIELD TRIP IN SARDINIA, ITALY – 2012**

### ***LAND DEGRADATION IN MEDITERRANEAN ENVIRONMENTS: CAUSES, PROCESSES AND MANAGEMENT***

October 13-19, 2012

SECOND CIRCULAR



#### **COMMISSION ON LAND DEGRADATION AND DESERTIFICATION INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL UNION**

##### **Description**

Land degradation has long been a fundamental issue within Mediterranean environments. Sardinia provides ample opportunities to examine different types of land degradation and associated management strategies, and will be the focus of this COMIAND field meeting. Although Mediterranean environments will be featured on the field trip and in specific themes of paper sessions, we also solicit papers from a range of subfields related to the topic of land degradation or land management. Papers are welcome which address the topic using any methodological approach, including historical and process based studies. Papers will be further divided according to thematic and/or methodological approaches based on the range of abstract submissions. The meeting begins with a greeting and overview Saturday evening (Oct. 13) in Cagliari. A full day of paper sessions scheduled for Sunday (Oct. 14). The field trip will depart Monday (Oct. 15) for southern and central Sardinia and returns to Cagliari Friday (Oct. 19).

##### **CRITICAL DATES**

**March 15, 2012** – Deadline for expression of interest in participating to the Meeting and Field Trip (for practical considerations the Organizers need to know in advance the approximate number of participants) (see the attached form).

**May 15, 2012** – Deadline for submission of abstracts.

**June 15, 2012** – Deadline evaluation of abstracts and letter of acceptance mailed to authors.

**June 30, 2012** – Deadline for registration.

See **First Circular** for itinerary, field stops, and map of locations

<https://webspace.utexas.edu/hudsonpf/comland/index.html>

## **REGISTRATION**

The Conference and Field Trip registration fee is 700,00 euro. The registration fee includes Conference costs in Cagliari, one dinner in Cagliari, and all Field Trip expenses (all hotels, in double room, and meals, as well as any minor expenses such as entrance fees, field trip guide, etc...). Accommodation costs in Cagliari are not included.

The payment will be by electronic bank transfer (account details will be made available shortly). Participants will be responsible to pay any fees for electronic bank transfer. A copy of the bank transfer should be sent to [avacca@unica.it](mailto:avacca@unica.it).

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## **VENUE**

Sardinia is one of the largest islands in the Mediterranean Sea and the city of Cagliari is located in the southern part of the island. An ancient city with a long history, Cagliari has seen the rule of several civilizations (Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantine Empire, Vandals, Republic of Pisa, Crown of Aragon, Austrian Habsburgs, House of Savoy, Italy) due to its strategic position in the Mediterranean Sea. Heavily bombed in 1943 during the Second World War, today Cagliari offers a broad range of cultural, social, and sporting activities and tourist attractions.

## **TRANSPORTATION TO CAGLIARI**

### **By plane**

Several Alitalia and Meridiana daily flights link Cagliari (Elmas International Airport) with the most important Italian cities. Low cost flights are provided by Ryanair (from Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland and Spain), airberlin.com (from Austria, Germany and Spain), germanwings.com (from Austria, Germany and Switzerland), TUIfly.com (from Germany), Easyjet (from UK, France, Germany and Switzerland) and Edelweiss (Switzerland).

The ARST buses link the Elmas airport to Cagliari and vice versa, from 6.00 in the morning until late at night.

### **By ferry**

If you prefer to arrive by ferry, you can get to Cagliari from the following ports with Tirrenia:

- Trapani (Sicily) - Cagliari
- Civitavecchia (Rome) - Cagliari
- Naples - Cagliari
- Palermo (Sicily) - Cagliari

## **ACCOMODATION**

The city and the surrounding have a range of accommodation options available and rooms will be secured at a number of hotels to suit varying budgets. More information regarding accommodation options and booking procedures will be made available shortly.

## **WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Weather averages for Cagliari in October are as follows (but you know the meaning of average weather in the Mediterranean, so pay attention and be prudent!!!):

Average temperature        19°C  
Average low temperature    14°C  
Average high temperature   23°C  
Average rainfall              56 mm

In the Ogliastra region (days 4 and 5 of the Field Trip) average temperatures in October are 2-3°C lower than in Cagliari and average rainfall is about 20 mm higher than in Cagliari.

#### **ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

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#### **ABSTRACTS** (maximum 500 words)

Abstracts (in English) should be submitted via e-mail to [avacca@unica.it](mailto:avacca@unica.it) by May 15, 2012, according to the attached format.