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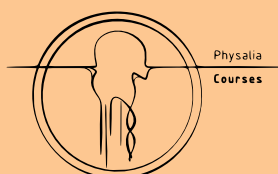


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Participants may register from 14:00 on Sunday, 6 September, at Palazzo Nonfinito, and on the following days at the Novoli Social Sciences Campus, building D6.

Sunday 6 September 2026 Palazzo Nonfinito, Via del Proconsolo 12

14.00-18.00	Crash Course "From sample to sequence: practical genomics across field and lab"
15.00-18.00	GGC annual meeting (Italian Group for Conservation Genetics and Genomics)
18.00-20.00	Welcome Aperitivo

Monday 7 September Novoli Social Sciences Campus, Via delle Pandette 9

09.00-09.15 **Greetings**

PLENARY LECTURE

09.15-10.00 **Evolution through trait loss**
Opening lecture by **Jacintha Ellers**

SYMPOSIUM 1 - HOST-MICROBIOME INTERACTIONS

Chairs: Giovanni Bacci, Camilla Fagorzi

10.00-10.30 **Trained immunity in host-microbiome interactions: an evolutionary perspective**
Invited speaker: **Mihai Netea**

10.30-10.45 **Unveiling the Microbiome Biodiversity and Biogeography of Spontaneous Wine Fermentations through Shotgun Metagenomics**

Danilo Di Francesco; Alessia Tatti; Claudia Maria Oliveira Longa; Gianfranco Anfora; Claudio Donati; Nicola Segata; Raffaele Guzzon; Omar Rota Stabelli

10.45-11.00 **They are what they eat: effects of diet on the gut microbiota of the grey wolf (*Canis lupus*)**

Giulio Galla; Lucia Zanovello; Matteo Girardi; Stefano Casari; Irene Lo Presti; Paolo Pedrini; Giorgio Bertorelle; Heidi C. Hauffe

11.00-11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30-11.45 **Rules of attraction: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* volatile metabolite profiles mediate insect-yeast associations**

Matilda Bellini; Stefano Nenciarini; Monica di Paola; Agnese Gori; Niccolò Meriggi; Michela Pivetti; Beatrice Bernardi; Federico Cappa; David Baracchi; Irene Stefanini; Stefano Turillazzi; Duccio Cavalieri

11.45-12.00 **Microbiome Strain Sharing and Co-diversification across Sympatric Wild Rodents Species**

Gabriele Schiro; Aishwarya Patel; Bret Pasch; Ellie Tierney; Nathan Upham; Taichi Suzuki

12.00-12.15 **Genomic and transcriptomic analysis of the host-coronavirus interactions**

Xuhua Xia

12.15-12.30 **Evaluating habitat health through species-level diet-microbiome interactions in an alpine specialist**

Elena Bariletti; Barbara Crestanello; Piergiorgio Partel; Gilberto Volcan; Simone Larger; Heidi C. Hauffe; Matthias Scholz

- 12.30-12.45 Ecology and evolution of the wine fermentation microbiome revealed by shotgun metagenomics**
Alessia Tatti; Danilo Di Francesco; Luca Turrone; Niccolò Carlino; Aitor Blanco-Miguez; Francesco Asnicar; Nicola Segata; Omar Rota-Stabelli
- 12.45-13.00 De novo assembly of ancient metagenomic data from dental calculus to disentangle the Neolithic transition in Southern Europe**
Patricia Santos; Maria Teresa Vizzari; Andrea Quagliariello; Alessandra Modi; Maria Bellandi; Silvia Ghirotto; Martina Lari
- 13.00-13.15 There is one impostor among us: species boundaries, genomic divergence, and *Wolbachia* absence in the cryptic species *Culex juppi***
Flavio Piras; Valentina Lucchesi; Tereza Manousaki Manousaki; Arianna Puggioli; Roberto Veronesi; Romeo Bellini; Sandra Urbanelli; Valentina Mastrantonio; Daniele Porretta

13.15-14.15 Lunch break

SYMPOSIUM 2 - EVOLUTIONARY ROOTS OF BEHAVIOURAL DIVERSITY

Chairs: Lisa Locatello, Federico Cappa, Alessandro Cini

- 14.15-14.45 Cognitive Neuroscience in Miniature Brains - Long-Term Memory and Higher-Order Learning in Honey Bees**
 Embo keynote speaker: **Martin Giurfa**

- 14.45-15.00 At the root of cognitive variation: what fish can tell us**
Elia Gatto; Gaia De Russi; Elena Frigato; Cristiano Bertolucci; Tyrone Lucon Xiccato
- 15.00-15.15 Bumblebees alter their attentional scope under threat revealing convergent emotional responses**
 Luigi Baciadonna; HaDi MaBouDI; **David Baracchi**
- 15.15-15.30 Effects of early-life environmental enrichment on behavioural plasticity in juvenile European lobsters (*Homarus gammarus*)**
Stefano Cavallo; Mattia Loris Bianco; Riccardo De Donno; Gioia Burini; Giacomo Grignani; Claudio Carere; Valeria Mazza; Elena Tricarico
- 15.30-15.45 Alteration of behaviour and gene expression in the Mediterranean green crab (*Carcinus aestuarii*) under intra- and interspecific competition conditions**
Giuditta Codogno; Eleonora Bello; Chiara Vergata; Davide Nespoli; Emma Rocke; Ilaria Pratesi; Elizaveta Vesnina; Lyle D. Vorsatz; Stefano Cannicci; Cristiano Bertolucci; Tyrone Lucon-Xiccato; Sara Fratini
- 15.45-16.00 Behavioral plasticity of the rocky-shore crab *Pachygrapsus marmoratus* in response to artificial light at night and marine heatwaves**
Filippo Chisci; Sara Fratini; Elena Maggi; Cristiano Bertolucci; Stefano Cannicci

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

- 16.30-16.45 Shedding Light on Marine Fish Societies in Dark Mediterranean Habitats: Sociality & Group Living in the Cardinalfish *Apogon imberbis***
Rebecca Branconi; Marian Wong
- 16.45-17.00 Optical black holes enhance the detectability of riflebird displays: multi-level functionality of a visual signal**
Yseult Højja-Brichard; Thomas MacGillavry; Leonida Fusani
- 17.00-17.15 From Darwin's Taste for the Beautiful to Today's Beauty Bias: Research, Public Interest, and Conservation Efforts in European Butterflies**
Mariagrazia Portera; Leonardo Dapporto; Alessandro Cini; Federico Cappa; Claudia Bruschini; Mattia Menchetti

PLENARY LECTURE

- 17.15-18.30 Human Sociobiology: A Half-Century Debate**
 Invited speaker: **Telmo Pievani**

**SYMPOSIUM 3 - PHYLOGEOGRAPHY AND CONSERVATION GENOMICS:
UNDERSTANDING EVOLUTIONARY HISTORY TO SUSTAIN SPECIES RESILIENCE**

Chairs: Livia Tolve, Giulia Fabbri

09.00-09.30	From Ancient Bottlenecks to Modern Populations: Genomic Consequences of Demographic Change Invited speaker: Mirte Bosse , talk given by Jolijn Erven
09.30-09.45	A treasure in the forest: the high diversity and structuring of the alpine longhorn beetle <i>Rosalia alpina</i> in Italy Lorenzo Gargini ; Vincenzo Buono; Alessandra Maria Bissattini; Alessandro Campanaro; Alice Lenzi; Silvia Gisondi; Alessio De Biase; Emiliano Mancini
09.45-10.00	Genomic phylogeography reveals a hotspot of <i>Luciola</i> fireflies on Western Mediterranean islands Elisa Serafini ; Andrea Chioocchio; Daniele Canestrelli
10.00-10.15	Demographic responses of wild bees to the Anthropocene: a global comparative genomic approach Beatrice Colombo ; Paulo M. Sousa; Atilla Çelikgil; Belinda Kahnt; Nicola Tommasi; Davide Maggioni; Andrea Galimberti; Panagiotis Theodorou
10.15-10.30	Second-chance speciation in the Clouded Apollo butterfly: genomic and chemical evidence of reproductive isolation Claudia Bruschini ; Josep Lancho-Silva; Loukia Spilani; Valéria Marques; Vlad Dinca; Marko Mutanen; Markus Franzén; Dean C Adams; Leonardo Dapporto; Roger Vila
10.30-10.45	Small Populations, Lasting Signatures: Demography and Genetic Load in the Insular Endemic Butterfly <i>Hipparchia sbordonii</i> Sebastiano Fava ; Dona Kireta; Marco Gargano; Paolo Gratton; Alessio Iannucci; Claudio Ciofi; Marco Gerdol; Giorgio Bertorelle; Emiliano Trucchi
10.45-11.00	Gene presence/absence variation reveals the evolutionary history of the Australian blue mussel <i>Mytilus planulatus</i> Dona Kireta ; Daniela Eugenia Nerelli; Amaro Saco; Enrico Bortoletto; Samantha Howitt; Umberto Rosani; Cynthia Riginos; Marco Gerdol
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-11.45	Chloroplast capture in forest trees: evidence from Mediterranean oaks and alders and evolutionary implications Alexis Marchesini ; Paola Pollegioni; Marco Cosimo Simeone; Claudia Mattioni
11.45-12.00	A target-capture approach for genomic insights into the postglacial expansion of the Italian endemic amphibian <i>Bombina pachypus</i> Leonardo Girlanda ; Sebastiano Fava; Alessio Iannucci; Roberto Biello; Andrea Chioocchio; Daniele Canestrelli; Claudio Ciofi; Emiliano Trucchi; Giorgio Bertorelle
12.00-12.15	Whole-genome analyses uncover population structure and evolutionary processes in leatherback turtles across ocean basins Alessia Cherin ; Marta Pascual; Keilor E. Cordero Umaña; Carlonia Fernández-Maldonado; Silvia Giralt; Ana Liria-Loza; Adolfo Marco; Pilar Santidrian Tomillo; Alfredo López; Sibelle Torres Vilaga; Sarah Maria Vargas; Jesús Tomás; Cinta Pegueroles; Carlos Carreras
12.15-12.30	Reconstructing complex demographic histories in reef sharks using a metapopulation ABC framework and sex-specific genomic contrasts Carolyn Dahms; Paolo Momigliano
12.30-12.45	Population Puzzles: Understanding the Genetic Structure and Health of Recently Diverged Galapagos Giant Tortoise Lineages Sampurna Roychoudhury ; Rachel Gray; Alexander Ochoa; Joshua Miller; Kathryn Elmer; Simon Maddock; Adalgisa Caccone; Evelyn Jensen
12.45-13.00	Mitogenomic phylogeography of the grey wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>): ancient and contemporary data clarify the phyletic relationships across wolf populations and canine clades Giuseppe Emanuele De Pasquale ; Marco Galaverni; Federica Mattucci; Edoardo Vell; Elisabetta Cilli; Sara Ravagni; Daniele Battilani; Paolo Ciucci; Cristiano Vernesi; Diana Lobo; Raquel Godinho; Astrid Vik Stronen; Morteza Naderi; Elena Fabbri; Romolo Caniglia

13.00-13.15	From immunity to diet: potentially adaptive loci in the Apennine brown bear Elisa Desiato ; Roberto Biello; Giorgio Bertorelle; Silvia Fuselli
13.15-13.30	Genomic vulnerability at the brink of extinction: genetic load in the giant deer <i>Megaloceros giganteus</i> Mikkel-Holger S. Sinding; Marco Gargano ; Zihe Li; Emiliano Trucchi; Patrick Arnold; Kevin G. Daly; Valeria Mattiangeli; Sergei Kliver; David Duchene; Daniel Wegmann; Andreas Fueglistaler; Federica Alberti; Greg Gedman; Kathleen Morrill Pirovich; Brandi Cantarel; Iva Kovacic; Joseph Nesme; Lisen Li; Nicola S. Heckeberg; Nigel T. Monaghan; Wilfried Rosendahl; Doris Doeppes; Victoria E. Mullin; Patricia Pečnerová; Rupinder Kaur; Christian Carøe; Sarah S. T. Mak; Love Dalén; Wen Wang; Eline D Lorenzen; Beth Shapiro; Daniel G Bradley; Michael Hofreiter; M. Thomas P. Gilbert; Michael V. Westbury
13.30-14.30	Lunch break
16.00-19.30	Poster Session at Palazzo Nonfinito, Via del Proconsolo 12
21.00-22.30	Outreach Event (in Italian) at "Cinema La Compagnia", Via Cavour 50/r

Wednesday 9 September Novoli Social Sciences Campus, Via delle Pandette 9

SYMPOSIUM 4 - HUMAN EVOLUTION Chairs: Silvia Ghirotto, Stefania Vai	
09.00-09.30	Unlocking the Past: Twenty Years of Paleogenomics Invited speaker: David Caramelli
09.30-09.45	Family Ties and Population Structure in a Copper Age Collective Burial: The Case of Corna Nibbia Maria Teresa Vizzari ; Linda Pratesi; Margherita Vanni; Irene Dori; Francesco Savarino; Alessandra Modi; Giovanna Pizziolo; Domenico Lo Vetro; Marco Baioni; Tommaso Mori; Jacopo Moggi Cecchi; David Caramelli; Stefania Vai; Silvia Ghirotto
09.45-10.00	Crossing the Sea: a paleogenomic perspective on the main Italian Mediterranean islands Margherita Vanni ; Rajiv Boscolo Agostini; Linda Pratesi; Maria Teresa Vizzari; Alessandra Modi; Laura Flore; Chiara Barbieri; Vitale Sparacello; Carla Calò; Paolo Francalacci; Luca Sineo; Marco Sazzini; David Caramelli; Stefania Vai; Silvia Ghirotto
10.00-10.15	Marcus Venerius Secundio: a molecular portrait of a uniquely preserved individual from Pompeii Francesco Savarino ; Alessandra Modi; Maria Teresa Vizzari; Patricia Santos; Valeria Amoretti; Llorenç Alapont Martin; Ruairidh Macleod; Massimo Osanna; Mark G. Thomas; Costanza Cannariato; Stefania Vai; Silvia Ghirotto; Gabriel Zuchtriegel; David Caramelli
10.15-10.30	Genomic Threads of Indigenous Americans: Reconstructing Population Dynamics and Environmental Adaptation in Panama, Peru, and Ecuador Nicola Rambaldi Migliore ; Yemko Pryor; Daniel Rivas Alava; Alessandra Modi; Dean Herman Tineo; Marco Rosario Capodiferro; Maribel Tribaldos; Rosalinda di Gerlando; Gary Sorasio; Tomás Mendizábal; Nicole Smith-Guzmán; Chiara Barbieri; Bethany Aram; Martina Lari; Ornella Semino; David Caramelli; Leonor Gusmão; Jorge Motta; Fabricio Gonzalez-Andrade; John Lindo; Alessandro Achilli
10.30-10.45	Reassessing Quinzano 1 (Verona): a morphometric investigation of Neanderthal affinities in a human occipital fragment. Tommaso Mori ; Antonio Profico; Alessandro Riga; Massimo Saracino; Nicoletta Martinelly; Jacopo Moggi-Cecchi; Irene Dori
10.45-11.00	Taung's Hidden Smile: The Morphology of Permanent Teeth Revealed a Century Later Tommaso Mori; Carrie Mongle; Frederick Grine; Jacopo Moggi-Cecchi
11.00-11.15	The evolutionary roots of war and peace Hugo Meijer
11.15-11.45	Coffee break

SYMPOSIUM 5 - THE EVOLUTION OF ECOLOGICAL DIVERSIFICATION: MECHANISMS, INTERACTIONS, AND OUTCOMES

Chairs: Elisabetta Bianchi, Andrea Chiochio, Ivan Scotti

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| 11.45-12.15 | Diversity in plant hydraulic traits across scales: evolutionary constraints and adaptive potential
Invited speaker: Maurizio Mencuccini |
| 12.15-12.30 | The Budbreak Variations: Differential genetic and environmental control of bud break between populations and years in European beech
Andrea Modica: Lauren Clément; Isabelle Lesur Kupin; Christophe Plomion; Catherine Bodénès; Grégoire Le Provost; Sylvie Oddou-Muratorio; Katrin Heer; Marie Mirouze; Marie-Christine Carpentier; Bartosz Ulaszewski; William Marande; Jean-Marc Aury; Simone Duprat; Corinne da Silva; Benjamin Noël; Corinne Cruaud; Karine Labadie; Joëlle Amselem; Johann Confais; Hadi Quesneville; Jean-André Magdalou; Olivier Panaud, and Ivan Scotti |
| 12.30-12.45 | The INTERACT project: Understanding evolution of common bean plant-plant interactions.
Francesca Francioni: Alice Pieri; Chiara Santamarina; Giacomo Conti; Giulia Frascarelli; Michael Mol; Chiara Zanolli; Giacomo Lora; Alain Julio Mbebi; Elena Maria Italiani; Giordano Neigre; Laura Nanni; Elisa Bellucci; Marzia Rossato; Zoran Nikoloski; Massimo Delle Donne, Roberto Papa, Elena Bitocchi |
| 12.45-13.00 | Demographic inference from genomic and ecological data uncovers Human linked decline in Squamata reptiles
Marcella Sozzoni: Davide Nespoli; Hannah Lois Owens; Juraj Bergman; Claudio Ciofi; Carsten Rahbek; Alessio Iannucci; Anna Brüniche-Olsen |
| 13.00-13.15 | Extreme phenotypic divergence within swimming distance: whole-genome insights into insular <i>Podarcis siculus</i>
Emanuele Berrilli: Guannan Wen; Robin Pranter; Ivan Prates; Daniele Salvi; Tobias Uller; Nathalie Feiner |
| 13.15-13.30 | The Cost of Being Pink: Translating an Evolutionary Trade-Off into a Conservation Strategy for the Galápagos Pink Land Iguana (<i>Conolophus marthae</i>)
Gabriele Gentile: Giuliano Colosimo; Marco Gargano; Lorenzo Garizio; Simon Goodman; Alessia Leonetti; Cecilia Paradiso; Paolo Gratton; Julia Lopez-Delgado |
| 13.30-14.30 | Lunch break |
| 14.30-14.45 | Evolutionary Pathways of Semiochemical Adaptations across Cuckoo Bee Clades
Francesca Romana Dani: Matteo Annessi; Martino Maggioni; Oana Catalina Moldoveanu; Andrea Ferrari; Carlo Polidori; Andrea Di Giulio |
| 14.45-15.00 | Niche breadth and dispersal in spiders: a comparative landscape-genomics approach across 13 co-distributed species from the Canary Islands.
Leonardo Platania: Víctor Noguerales; Daniel Suárez; Antonio Pérez; Heriberto López; Brent Emerson |
| 15.00-15.15 | Bet-hedging and life cycle diversification in <i>Eucypris virens</i> (Crustacea: Ostracoda) facing unpredictable environments
Federica Castagnoli: Nicolò Bellin; Valeria Rossi |
| 15.15-15.30 | Eco-evolutionary dynamics of range expansion: how genomic and ecological factors drive colonisation success and failure in marine snail
Roberto Biello: Beatrice Sammarco; David Carnelet; Axelle Cormont; Gaia D'Angelo; Luciano Bosso; Roger Butlin; Kerstin Johannesson; April Blakeslee; Anja Westram; Bingqian Han; Luca Mizzan; Maria Magalhães; Rui Faria; Lisa Locatello; Andrew Chang; Andrea Benazzo. Francesca Raffini |
| 15.30-15.45 | Ecotype-specific salivary gland expression associated with trophic specialization in the corallivorous gastropod <i>Coralliophila meyendorffii</i>
Simone Guerriero: Marco Oliverio; Giulia Fassio; Emiliano Mancini; Serena Leone; Marco Gerdol; Samuele Greco; Sebastien Dutertre; Maria Vittoria Modica |
| 15.45-16.00 | Visual adaptation in deep-sea octopods: compensatory evolution of rhodopsin in a single-opsin visual system
Giacinto De Vivo: Minglei Ma; Giobbe Forni; Andrea Luchetti; Fabio Crocetta; Marjorie Liénard; Salvatore D'Ániello |
| 16.00-16.30 | Coffee break |
| 16.30-18.00 | Society meeting and new board election |
| 20.00-23.00 | Social Dinner at "Giardino dei Semplici", Via Pier Antonio Micheli 3 |

SYMPOSIUM 6 - EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY WITHOUT BORDERS

Chairs: Alessio Iannucci, Sara Fratini

- 09.00-09.15** **The evolution in locomotion adaptations in the *Lynx* lineage: a geometric morphometrics approach**
Samuele Frosali; Jury Antonelli; Saverio Bartolini-Lucenti; Joan Madurell-Malapeira; Lorenzo Rook
- 09.15-09.30** **The mixed flavour of the herpetofauna of Madagascar**
Angelica Crottini
- 09.30-09.45** **A new phased assembly of the Antarctic spiny plunderfish provides novel insights into the evolution of the notothenioid radiation**
Jacopo Martellosi; Ksenia Krashennikova; Amy Denton; Thomas Mathers; Jonathan M. D. Wood; Richard Durbin; Nova Fong; David L. Bentley; Melody S. Clark; Iliana Bista
- 09.45-10.00** **From genes to fiber: uncovering the molecular and biomechanical basis of silk production in the webspinner *Embia thyrenica*.**
Giobbe Forni; Roberto Biello; Mark Blaxter; Astrid Boehne; Claudio Ciofi; Simona Corneti; Janice S. Edgerly; Jessica Fiori; Paolo Fontana; Paul Frandsen; Gabriele Greco; Lorenzo Guzzetti; Caroline Howard; Thomas Marcussen; Mirko Martini; Elisa Michelini; Liliana Milani; Matteo Montagna; Rita Monteiro; Chiara Natali; Rebekah Oomen; Roberta Randi; Marcella Sozzoni; Torsten Struck; Cecilia Tanzi; Nicola Tommasi; Marta Villa; Ruizhong Yuan; Paolo Gabrielli; Andrea Luchetti
- 10.00-10.15** **Beyond the shell: genomic divergence between colour morphs reveals immune-related adaptation in Adriatic Pacific oysters**
Nicoletta Favale; Daniela Summa; Giuseppe Castaldelli; Elisabetta Mamolini; Morena De Bastiani; Elena Tamburini; Chiara Scapoli
- 10.15-10.30** **A congruent solution to mosquito phylogeny based on multiple genome-scale datasets and analytical conditions**
Mattia Baricordi; Andrea Silverj; Jacopo Martellosi; Alba Marino; Chiara Albertini; Lino Ometto; Andrea Luchetti; Omar Rota Stabelli
- 10.30-10.45** **Evolutionary drivers of transposable elements accumulation in swallowtail butterflies and passerine birds**
Alba Marino; Pelle Scholten; Eliette Reboud; Bérénice Lafon; Marie-Ka Tilak; Fabien Condamine; Annabelle Haudry; Anna-Sophie Fiston-Lavier; Benoit Nabholz
- 10.45-11.00** **The neurosecretory brain-gut axis evolution and function: from regulome and cell identity to cellular crossOther**
Periklis Paganos; Maria Lorenza Rusciano; Olga Zueva; Salvatore D'Aniello; Rossella Annunziata; Giovanna Benvenuto; Maria Ina Arnone
- 11.00-11.15** **Molecular evolution of Hexamerins-encoding genes (storage proteins) in pollen-feeding *Heliconius* species (Nymphalidae)**
Matteo Marchetti; Francesco Cicconardi; Marco Gargano; Emiliano Trucchi; Stephen H Montgomery; Giovanni Di Muccio; Erika Pinheiro de Castro

11.15-11.45 **Coffee break**

PLENARY LECTURE

11.45-12.30 **From evolutionary genetics to practical benefit: Ideas, tools, and action to bolster coral reefs against heat waves**
 Cavalli-Sforza lecture by **Stephen Palumbi**

12.30-13.15 **Awards ceremony**
 SIBE prize, best talks and best poster awards
 Dr. Darwin Award presented by **Giacinto Libertini** with the talk:
The case of *Helicobacter pylori*: the consequences of the alteration of an internal ecosystem

13.15-13.30 **Closing remarks**

13.30-14.30 **Lunch break**

Parallel Events

CRASH COURSE

From sample to sequence: practical genomics across field and lab

"Nothing makes sense in NGS except in the light of a good DNA extraction"
-Desperate PhD student -

Curious to pick up a few tricks from the wet lab side of genomics? Then this crash course is for you!

**Join us on September the 6th at
Palazzo Nonfinito, Via del Proconsolo
12, Firenze from 2 to 6 p.m.**



G.G.C. ANNUAL MEETING

The Italian Group for Conservation Genetics and Genomics (G.G.C.) invites you to join an informal meeting with open discussions and updates on the group's latest research and activities.

**Join us on September the 6th at
Palazzo Nonfinito, Via del Proconsolo
12, Firenze, from 3 to 6 p.m.**

We look forward for you to take part to an engaging conversation among researchers passionate about biodiversity and conservation.



Parallel Events

WELCOME APERITIVO

Kick off SIBE 2026 in style!

Join us on September the 6th
at Palazzo Nonfinito, Via del
Proconsolo 12, Firenze, from 6 to 8
p.m.

Start the conference on the right foot, make
new connections, and get ready for the
exciting days ahead!

Welcome Aperitivo

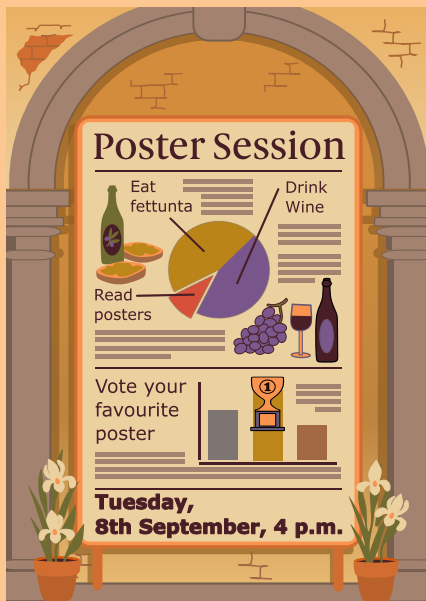


Sunday, 6th September, 6 p.m.

POSTER SESSION

An entire afternoon dedicated to posters,
conversations and new ideas, served with
fettunta and a glass of wine. Meet our early
career researchers and don't forget to vote
for your favourite poster!

Join us on September the 8th at
Palazzo Nonfinito, Via del Proconsolo
12, Firenze, from 4 to 7:30 p.m.



**Tuesday,
8th September, 4 p.m.**

Parallel Events

OUTREACH EVENT: "BOTANICA QUEER"

Step into a theatrical garden of lights, sounds, and stories, guided by Demetra, who will bring science to life in a fun and welcoming way.

Join us on September the 8th at
"Cinema La Compagnia," Via
Cavour 50/r, Firenze, from 9 p.m. to
10.30 p.m.

During the event, the "Silvia Paolucci" Outreach Award will be presented.

The show will be in Italian, participation is free and open to everyone, invite your friends!

Botanica Queer

Tuesday, 8th September, 9 p.m.



SOCIAL DINNER



The SIBE 2026 Social Dinner will be a truly special occasion, a unique opportunity to dine in one of Firenze's most charming venues: the Botanical Garden.

Join us on September the 9th at
Firenze Botanical Garden "Giardino
dei Semplici", Via Pier Antonio Micheli
3, Firenze from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Participants who confirmed their attendance will receive a dinner invitation at registration. By showing this invitation, they may enter the Botanical Garden from **6:00 p.m.**