

4th International Conference on Community Ecology

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Programme*

Wednesday / 20 September

Aula Magna Miramare	Room A Miramare	
13:00-14:00	Registration	
14:00-14:30	Opening speech	
14:30-15:15	Plenary talk / Carlos Pérez Carmona (Estonia): Mapping and exploring trait spaces across the tree of life (Chair: G. Bacaro)	
	Pattern of species richness and diversity in terrestrial and freshwater systems (Chair: E. Feoli)	From individuals to macroecology (Chair: E. Tordonì)
15:15-15:30	Enrico Feoli (Italy): Matrices of co-occurrence and their role in the study of ecological communities: one example with red and white spruce forests of the Friulian Mountains.	Marie-Sophie Rohwäder (Germany): Foraging personalities modify effects of habitat fragmentation on biodiversity
15:30-15:45	Duccio Rocchini (Italy): The ecological nitty gritty of the spectral species concept	Eleonora Beccari (Estonia): Environment drives the position of mammalian species in the global spectrum of life histories
15:45-16:00	Yağar Gültekin (Türkiye): Reconfiguring Mountainous Landscapes: Smart Countryside Practises in Bilecik Province	Elisa Marchetto (Italy): Portrayal of spatiotemporal bias and uncertainty in the sPlotOpen database
16:00-16:30	Coffee break (Forefront of Aula Magna Miramare)	
	Pattern of species richness and diversity in terrestrial and freshwater systems (Chair: E. Feoli)	From individuals to macroecology (Chair: E. Tordonì)
16:30-16:45	Valentina Olmo (Italy): Disentangling vegetation cover and structure influence on spectral diversity: insights from a study in North-Eastern Italian forests	Elisa Thouverai (Italy): Mapping diversity: how do environmental heterogeneity patterns change in space and time?
16:45-17:00	Mirjana Šipek (Slovenia): Alien and ancient forest indicator plant species in temperate lowland forests respond differently to fragmentation	Angelo Perilli (Italy): Ocean data analysis to unveil sea turtle behavioural traits
17:00-17:15	Nicodemo Passalacqua (Italy): Surveying pasture communities in diachronic analyses by 3D Models	
17:30-20:00	Welcome reception with Jam session (ICTP Terrace)	

Thursday / 21 September

Aula Magna Miramare	Room A Miramare	Room B Miramare
8:30-9:15	Registration	
09:15-10:00	Plenary talk / Aditee Mitra (UK): Plankton community structure and functioning under climate change – the mixoplankton dimension (Chair: F. Petruzzellis)	
10:00-10:10	Group photo	
10:10-10:30	Coffee break (Forefront of Aula Magna Miramare)	
	Pattern of species richness and diversity in terrestrial and freshwater systems (Chair: F. Petruzzellis)	Biodiversity and ecosystem functioning in marine systems (Chair: P. Lazzari)
10:30-10:45	Alessandro Chiarucci (Italy): Biogeography and conservation meaning of plant species richness in small Mediterranean islands	Luca Polimene (Italy): A model-based, generalised eutrophication index for European Seas
10:45-11:00	Damiano Baldan (Italy): Effects of longitudinal fragmentation on riverine beta diversity: a cross-catchment comparison	Ivano Vascotto (Italy): Comparing different estimation methods for phytoplankton traits: biomass, size, morphology, and their distribution
11:00-11:15	Isabel Cantera (Italy): Succession in soil communities after glacier retreat: replacement versus taxa addition	Luis Amado Ayala Pérez (Mexico): Environmental behavior and fish abundance in some coastal systems of the southern Gulf of Mexico: Temporal integration analysis
11:15-11:30	Simone Giachello (Italy): Regional features shape the ecological succession of soil protist communities in glacier forelands around the world	Krzysztof Obolewski (Poland): Hydrological connectivity a one of key factors in ecological integrity
11:30-11:45	Agnese Marcelli (Italy): A design-based view of species richness estimation	Ilona Zloch (Poland): Biodiversity of marine endoliths
11:45-12:00	Francesco Petruzzellis (Italy): Coordination between water-related traits and the leaf economic spectrum	
12:00-12:15	Jakub Buda (Poland): Are the bacterial and eukaryotic assemblages related to environmental radioactivity on glacier surfaces?	
12:30-14:00	Lunch (ICTP Canteen)	
14:00-14:45	Plenary talk / Catherine Longo (UK): From ocean to plate: community level climate change impacts on sustainable seafood (Chair: S. Libralato)	
	Pattern of species richness and diversity in terrestrial and freshwater systems (Chair: D. Rocchini)	Pattern of species richness and diversity in marine systems (Chair: P. Lazzari)
14:45-15:00	Francesco de Bello (Spain): Differences in trait–environment relationships: implications for Community Weighted Means (CWMs) tests	Eva Álvarez (Italy): A diversity-inspired version of the Biogeochemical Flux Model
15:00-15:15	Giacomo Puglielli (Spain): IT-V net: the iTalian Intraspecific Trait Variability network	Enrico Cecaipoli (Italy): Assessing the contribution of three key habitats to the overall Mediterranean coastal fish diversity: the case study of Calabria
15:15-15:30	Pua Bar (Israel): Spatial heterogeneity effect on meta-community stability of annual plants from an Eastern-Mediterranean coastal dune ecosystem	Bernardo Patti (Italy): Biodiversity temporal patterns in the larval fish community of the Strait of Sicily (Central Mediterranean) and the role of local hydrodynamic processes
15:30-15:45	Gwen Bury (USA): Patterns of forest associated freshwater fish, amphibians, reptiles, mussels, and crayfish at the scale of the conterminous United States.	
15:45-16:15	Coffee break (Forefront of Aula Magna Miramare)	
16:15-17:15	Poster session* (Forefront of Aula Magna Miramare)	
17:15-18:00	Plenary talk / Gábor Lövei (Denmark / Hungary): In praise of the rare species (Chair: F. Jordán)	

Friday / 22 September

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08:30-09:15	Registration	
09:15-10:00	Plenary talk / Lynne Shannon (South Africa): From species to ecosystems: exploring community-based indicators as the missing link in marine assessments (Chair: E. Gissi)	
10:00-10:30	Coffee break (Forefront of Aula Magna Miramare)	
	Ecological networks and food webs (Chair: F. Jordán)	Biodiversity and ecosystem functioning in terrestrial ecosystems (Chair: G. Bacaro)
10:30-10:45	András Hidas (Hungary): Uncovering causality in ecological networks by interaction asymmetry	Michele Torresani (Italy): Exploring biodiversity patterns in forest ecosystems using LiDAR remote sensing data: unravelling the influence of forest height heterogeneity
10:45-11:00	Daniele Bellardini (Italy): Plankton and fish community changes investigated by environmental DNA metabarcoding at spatio-temporal scales along the Campania coast (Italy)	Alessandro Bricca (Italy): Above- and belowground traits along a stress gradient: trade-off or not?
11:00-11:15	Igor Celic (Italy): Ecosystem approaches to support quantitative assessment of fisheries undergoing certification processes	Lucia Doni (Italy): The flora diversity under taxonomic, phylogenetic and functional trait aspects of sub- and alpine semi-natural grassland habitats
11:15-11:30	Elisa Donati (Italy): Spatial multi-criteria analysis based on the results of a food web model: application to a marine Natura 2000 site	Maurizio Zotti (Italy): Fairy ring fungi regulate species coexistence in grasslands
11:30-11:45	Ferenc Jordán (Italy): Aggregating food webs: algorithms, functioning and expertise	Rasheed Adeleke (South Africa): Interplay between bacterial community assembly and climate variables with respect to maize-soy bean rotational system
11:45-12:00	Guido Occhipinti (Italy): Stochastic noise effects over plankton communities	Roberto De Carolis (Italy): Lichen mycodiversity in Antarctica reveal the key role of thallus structure as suitable niche for diversity
12:00-12:15	Natalia Serpetti (Italy): PLASTIC-WEB: Tracing microplastics up the EU marine food webs	Hana Soualha Alila (Algeria): Butterflies species abundance dynamics and Distribution of Souk Ahras Forest (North east of Algeria)
12:30-14:00	Lunch (ICTP Canteen)	
14:00-14:45	Plenary talk / Thulani Makhhalanyane (South Africa): Drivers of bacterial and viral communities in the Southern Ocean (Chair: J. Grilli)	
	Ecological networks and food webs (Chair: F. Jordán)	Biodiversity and ecosystem functioning in freshwater ecosystems (Chair: K. Patonai)
14:45-15:00	Befiat Iglesias (Spain): Influence of seasonal variability on the trophic structure of pelagic communities	Gor Gevorgyan (Armenia): Investigation of phytoplankton dynamics in mountain Lake Sevan, Armenia
15:00-15:15	Joana Brito (Portugal): A simulation-based approach to assess the stability of marine food-webs and inform Good Environmental Status	Katalin Patonai (Italy): What makes an invader successful? Niche differentiation of four invasive mysid species.
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15:30-15:45		
15:45-16:15	Coffee break (Forefront of Aula Magna Miramare)	
16:15-16:30	Conclusive remarks, Awards	

*Poster session (21 September 2023 / 16:15-17:15, Forefront of Aula Magna Miramare)

Biodiversity and ecosystem functioning	Effects of global changes
1. Francesco Dattilo (Italy): Functional diversity shapes plankton trophic webs in a changing sea	12. Melissa R. Gerwin (Australia): Exploring the abiotic context-dependency of plant-plant interactions using climate change experiments
2. Simone Libralato (Italy): Ecosystem approach to spatial multispecies management of small scale fishery and the community effects on the Adriatic Sea resources	13. Thomas Mieczan (Poland): The effect of experimentally simulated climate warming on the microbiome of carnivorous plants – a microcosm experiment
3. Eugenia López-López (Mexico): Fish assemblage of a tropical coastal lagoon in the Gulf of Mexico facing anthropic and climatic stressors: Life history changes along last half century	Resilience, stability and health of ecological communities
4. Monika M. Szymańska - Walkiewicz (Poland): Effect of floodgate construction on phytoplankton structure in a coastal lake (short-term vs medium-term)	14. Gemma Chiapparelli (Italy): Influences of Landscape Diversification on Vegetational Communities Quality: Multi-scale Analytical Insights on Highly Simplified Agricultural Landscapes
5. Natalia Mrozińska (Poland): Structure of the benthic fauna with special reference to the larvae of the Chironomidae in the coastal aquatic ecosystems of the southern Baltic Sea	Patterns of species richness and diversity
6. Marlyna Bąkowska-Hopcia (Poland): The influence of hydrological connectivity of coastal lakes with the sea on the structure of the periphyton inhabiting the reed Phragmites australis (Cav.) Trin. ex Steud	15. Flora Vajna (Hungary): Grassland restoration has contrasting effects on plants, spiders and pollinators
7. Ayansina Segun Ayangbenro (South Africa): Rhizosphere microbial community and functional diversities of two soybean genotypes	16. Andrea Čerevková (Slovakia): Soil nematode communities of Ponická Cave and its vulnerability to pollution
8. Mikolaj Mateja (Poland): Changes in the structure of the macrobenthic community caused by long-term restoration of Lake Rudnickie Wielkie	17. Cristina Fiera (Romania): Response of soil biota to soil characteristics and management practices in forests and meadows of Romanian Carpathians
9. Paolo Lazzari (Italy): Novel biogeochemical model implementation to investigate plankton community ecology	Conservation biology
Ecological networks and food webs	18. Gabriella Süle (Hungary): The effect of rare mowing and flower sowing on pollinators and wildflowers in public spaces
10. Barbara Zorica (Croatia): Pelagic Food Web in the Middle Eastern Adriatic: Insights from Stable Isotope Analysis	19. Magdalena Pogorzelec (Poland): Critical periods for plants during the reintroduction process - a case study of the endangered species Salix lapponum L. in Eastern Poland
11. Karolina M. Czechowska (Poland): Modeling invasion of marine species in Mediterranean ecosystems: approaches for challenging the (poor) plasticity of functional type-based food web models	Statistical ecology
	20. Jacinto Elias Sedeño-Díaz (Mexico): Mapping and change analysis in vegetal cover of mangrove community by means of Landsat imagery in a Ramsar site in Atlantic Mexican Slope

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