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The virtuous path

from water scarcity to water efficiency

International conference and exhibit - March 21, 2018

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Final circular

The local guests, Labyrinth of Franco Maria Ricci and University of Parma, in cooperation with the United Nations Commission for Hydrology of the World Meteorological Organization, World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) of UNESCO, Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research and Po River Basin District Authority are honored to announce the first edition of the *Labirinto d'Acque International Conference* that will be held at the Labyrinth of Franco Maria Ricci near Parma on the occasion of the UN-Water World Water Day celebrations.

Presentation of the conference

The *Labirinto d'Acque 2018* International Conference will be the first in a series and will be repeated every other year. The international leading actors will be recurrently convened in the labyrinth to address the challenge of the century: the global water crisis and its connections with climate change, sustainability, innovation.

The International Conference of March 21, held in the Labyrinth of Franco Maria Ricci (www.labirintodifrancomariaricci.it), is followed by three days, March 22, 23 and 24, 2018, of cultural events open to the public (www.labirintodacque.it/program) that represent the Italian focal point for the UN-Water World Water Day celebrations.

The March 21 conference is a networking event devoted to water efficiency spanning the continuum between research and practice. Researchers, practitioners, public institutions, and industry are invited to showcase the latest science, technology and best practice in the water sector at large. The conference includes:

- ✓ High-level **symposium** (morning) on water resources, aimed to report on the state and future prospects, organized jointly with:
 - UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
 - UN Commission for Hydrology of the World Meteorological Organization (CHy-WMO)

- World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) of UNESCO
 - Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA).
- ✓ Oral **presentations** (afternoon) on innovation and water efficiency, organized jointly with the Po river basin district Authority, Interregional Agency for the Po river and Emilia-Romagna regional Agency for environment and energy.
- ✓ Whole-day **exhibit** (parallel session) run by participants on the theme of the conference.

Language - English

Conference program - March 21, 2018

09:00 *Registration, start of exhibition*

10:00 **Opening of the conference**

Welcome speeches

10:30 *Coffee break*

11:00 **Keynote speech**

Monique Barbut - *Executive Secretary of the UNCCD*

11.30 Symposium - Water resources: state and outlook

Alessandro Bratti - *Secretary General ISPRA*

Patrizio Bianchi - *Assessor Regione Emilia-Romagna*

Silvano Pecora - *Vice President CHy WMO*

Michela Miletto - *Deputy Coordinator WWAP of UNESCO*

13:00 *Lunch*

14:00 **Innovation for water efficiency**

14:00 **Exhibition**

Browsing the lively exhibition run by participants

15:00 **Oral presentations**

Frontier research and practical solutions for water efficiency

17:30 *End of the conference, closure of the exhibition.*

Conference web page <http://www.unipr.it/labirintodacque>

Abstract submission and conference proceedings

Participants are invited to submit one-page abstracts on the topic of the afternoon session: 'innovation for water efficiency' for acceptance and selection of oral presentations.

The manuscripts simply have to provide the title, authors in full and their affiliation and email. The text, doc-file not exceeding one page - figures included, must be sent to the conference secretariat: euwatercenter@unipr.it.

Deadline for abstract submission: Friday, March 9, 2018

Authors will be notified for acceptance by March 13, 2018.

Accepted abstracts rewritten as short articles, together with the symposium presentations, will compose the Conference Proceedings to be digitally published in an indexed journal.

Editorial instructions for article preparation will be attached to the acceptance mail.

Deadline for short article transmission: March 31, 2018.

Conference exhibition

Participants have the opportunity to share innovative, pragmatic, and sustainable solutions in research, practice, and management of water in natural environments, agriculture, towns and industry.

Conference registered participants are entitled to arrange their exposition space for free on a first come, first served basis. The organizers provide a desk 1.5-2.0 meters long equipped with chairs, back panel and electrical outlet. Be an exhibitor, book your exposition space!

Preparation and rules: <http://www.unipr.it/labirintodacque> (file: *conference/exhibition*)

Deadline for booking exposition space: March 12, 2018.

Registration and payment

The March 21 conference is a no-profit, self-funded event, in which participants contribute € 150,00 per person to organizational costs. It includes: coffee break and lunch, participation in the symposium and oral session, exposition space (first come first served) and electronic publication of short articles.

Registration takes place in two steps: fill the participant form and make payment after receiving email instructions. Registration is effective only after payment.

To register please visit the web page: <http://www.unipr.it/node/19973>

On-site registration will only be possible in case of available seats.

Registered participants will be given their payment receipt and certificate of attendance at the conference reception desk.

Attend the morning symposium

The inauguration of the conference and the symposium to be held in the morning are open to the general public that will be registered separately by the Labyrinth of Franco Maria Ricci. To register separately send an email to prenotazioni@labirintodacque.it.

Accommodation

The hotels in the Parma - Fidenza - Salsomaggiore Terme area are relatively close to the labyrinth of Franco Maria Ricci. It is suggested to book as soon as possible. For direct booking see the list of recommended hotels on <http://www.unipr.it/labirintodacque> (file: *conference/hotels*)

Upon request, accommodations can also be arranged by the conference secretariat.

Conference secretariat - information

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