



20th European Congress of Herpetology (SEH2019)



Milan, September 2-6, 2019

20th European Congress of Herpetology: first circular.

Dear colleagues,

We are excited to organize the XX European Congress of Herpetology, which will occur 40 years after the foundation of the Societas Europaea Herpetologica, and will take place in Milan, Italy, from the 2nd to the 6th of September 2019.

The congress will be jointly organized by the University of Milan, by the University of Pavia, by the University of Milano-Bicocca and by the Museum of Natural History of Milan.

Italy is a hotspot of richness and endemism for amphibians and reptiles in Europe, but no SEH congresses have been organized in Italy until now. The Milan region hosts a very active community of herpetologists, who will welcome you in the vibrant atmosphere of our city.

We hope that the congress will be a great forum where scientists, conservationists, students and all those interested in herpetology share the results of their most exciting research, look for synergies and find new collaborations.

The Congress will include four plenary lectures, scientific sessions (orals and posters) and workshops. The congress sessions will cover all the aspects of herpetology, from evolutionary biology to ethology, from morphology to ecology and conservation.

Furthermore, confirmed workshops will focus on the following aspects:

- Red list assessment of European amphibians
- Herpetofauna in agricultural landscapes
- Herp hybrid zones
- Islands: from the Sea to the Sky
- Osteology in the XXI century
- Developing a response plan to *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*

The congress will also include the ordinary general meeting of the SEH, multiple social activities, and field trips to spot herps. The official language of the congress will be English.

The congress website (<http://seh-congress-2019.unipv.it/>) will provide all the details about registration and related activities.

Key dates:

- *Second circular and registration open:* 15th February 2019
- *Submission of abstracts and end of reduced registration fees:* 15th May
- *Communication of acceptance:* Before June 15th

Your participation is essential for the success of the event, so please do not hesitate to present your herpetological contributions at the Congress, either as a poster or as an oral communication.

We look forward to see you all in Milan!

The Organizing Committee