



**International Cooperative Programme on Effects of
Air Pollution on Natural Vegetation and Crops**

An invitation to participate in the

**39th Task Force Meeting of
The ICP Vegetation**

Rome, Italy

**National Council of Research,
Piazzale Aldo Moro, 7**

Tuesday 17 - Thursday 19 February, 2026

*Information about the meeting, travel details and a registration form are included
in this document. The final programme will be distributed in January 2026.*



**UK Centre for
Ecology & Hydrology**

39th Task Force Meeting of the ICP Vegetation 17-19 February 2026

Meeting venue

The 39th Task Force Meeting (TFM) of the ICP Vegetation will be held at the National Council of Research, Piazzale Aldo Moro, 7 <https://www.cnr.it/en>

Other information about Rome can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vp7j3J_C10s

<https://www.rome.net/top-10>

Accommodation, meals and costs

No rooms have been reserved in hotels by the local organizers. Participants are responsible for their own room reservation, by phone, email or by logging onto the hotel's web sites.

We recommend the following hotels close to the National Council of Research and close to the city center of Rome.

-Ateneo Garden Palace, Via dei Salentini, 3, 00185 Roma RM

-Hotel Laurentia, Piazza dell'Immacolata (Largo degli Osci 63)

Registration

Registration is by registration form by **31st January 2026**.

A package deal has been arranged and it includes lunches and the refreshments during coffee breaks (February 17 and 18, 2026), the conference dinner and an excursion to Castelporziano on February 19th. The cost of this package is £160 (approximately 175 Euros). Dinners not specified above are not included.

A reduced package deal **excluding** the excursion (i.e. lunches and the refreshments during coffee breaks February 17 and 18, 2026, and the conference dinner) is available for £115 (approximately 125 Euros).

The package fee payment must be done in advance, and participants are responsible for paying any additional bank transfer fees. The deadline for payment is 31st January 2026. Payments in cash or by card during the meeting are not permitted.

Visa

Citizens of EU countries and the Schengen area do not need a visa to enter Italy.

You can find the list of countries whose citizens do not need a visa to visit Italy on the official website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

If you are a citizen of a country that requires a visa to enter Italy, please refer to the same website for detailed information on the visa application process and required documents.

For participants who need a visa, we will prepare a visa invitation letter to support your application, confirming your participation and registration for the event.

Travel information

Rome is the capital city of Italy. You can reach Rome through Rome Fiumicino Airport (Leonardo da Vinci International Airport), located approximately 30 km from the city center. The official Fiumicino Airport website provides real-time updates on flight arrivals here:

<https://www.adr.it/web/aeroporti-di-roma-en/pax-fco-arrivals>

Buses from Fiumicino Airport to Rome city center offer frequent daily departures at prices starting from €6, providing a convenient and affordable way to travel. The route covers approximately 30 kilometers, and the average journey duration is about 45–60 minutes, depending on traffic. The first buses usually depart around 5:00 AM and the last ones around 11:00 PM, giving travelers flexibility to fit their schedules.

You can check timetables and book tickets here:

<https://www.romeairportbus.com/>

Train services are also available. The Leonardo Express connects Fiumicino Airport directly to Roma Termini Station in just 32 minutes, with departures every 15–30 minutes. Tickets cost €14.

More information: <https://www.trenitalia.com/>

Taxi services from Fiumicino Airport to central Rome have a fixed fare of €50, including luggage, for all destinations within the Aurelian Walls (city center).

Posters and presentations

There will be opportunities for participants to give an oral presentation or present a poster. Oral presentations will generally be 20 min (15 min presentation + 5 min discussion).

Poster size maximum A0 (poster stand size is 850 x 1200 mm).

Authors are requested to indicate their preferred oral/or poster presentation on the registration form.

One-page **ABSTRACTS** will be published in an abstract book. The book of abstracts will be circulated to all participants before the meeting in pdf format and made available on the ICP Vegetation website (<http://icpvegetation.ceh.ac.uk>).

Authors should prepare their abstracts and e-mail them by **31st January 2026 to Felicity Hayes** (fhay@ceh.ac.uk)

For further details or any queries, please do not hesitate to contact:

Felicity Hayes (fhay@ceh.ac.uk) (Chair ICP Vegetation)

or

Local organisers (alessandra.demarco@enea.it, cristina.leonardi@cnr.it)

Draft Programme

Tuesday, 17 February 2026

- 08:30** .Late registration and putting up posters
- Session 1:** **09:00 – 10:45** Plenary session
- 09:00** Welcome address
- 10:45 – 11:30** Coffee/tea and poster viewing (with authors at poster)
- Session 2:** **11:30 – 13:00** Two parallel sessions: Ozone and Moss survey
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- Session 3:** **14:00 – 15:30** Two parallel sessions: Ozone and Moss survey
- 15:30 – 16:00** Coffee/tea and poster viewing
- Session 4:** **16:00 – 18:00** Two parallel sessions: Ozone and Moss survey

Wednesday, 18 February 2025

- Session 5:** **08:30 – 10:30** Two parallel sessions: Ozone and Moss survey
- 10:30 – 11:00** Coffee/tea and poster viewing
- Session 6:** **11:00 – 13:00** Two parallel sessions: Ozone and Moss survey
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- Session 7:** **14:00 – 16:00** Final plenary session
- 19:30** **Conference diner**

Thursday, 19 February 2025

An **excursion** will be organized to Castelporziano (with Silvano Fares), this is a Mediterranean ecosystem whose high ecological value has been noted at an international level (UNESCO) and where scientific work relating to air quality has been occurring for many years.

Conference Topics

Parallel sessions:

There will be several parallel sessions on ‘Ozone’ and ‘Moss survey’. Depending on papers offered, the following topics are likely to be presented and discussed:

Ozone (and nitrogen):

- Application and new developments of flux-based methodology and critical levels of ozone for crops, forest trees and (semi-)natural vegetation;
- Updates required to Scientific Background Document B for Chapter 3 of the Modelling and Mapping Manual;
- New developments in ozone and nitrogen impacts on vegetation
- Progress with revising critical levels for NO_x

Moss survey:

- Results of the moss survey on heavy metals, nitrogen and POPs (at national and regional scale);

- New developments and applications of mosses as biomonitors of heavy metal, nitrogen, POPs and microplastics pollution;
- Scientific Background Document for the moss survey

Both sessions:

- Outreach activities in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA), Asia and other regions (e.g. Africa, South-America);
- Collaboration with other subsidiary bodies of the Convention, including other ICPs and EMEP Centres/Task Forces.