



XIV International Symposium on Scale Insect Studies - ISSIS

Catania (Italy) 13-16 June 2016

First Circular

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the International Committee of the International Symposium on Scale Insect Studies - ISSIS, we cordially invite you to participate to the **XIV ISSIS meeting** to be held in **Catania, Italy**, on June **13th - 16th, 2016**.

The meeting is organized by the University of Catania (Italy) and will take place at the facilities of the Dipartimento di Agricoltura, Alimentazione e Ambiente (Di3A) (sez. Entomologia Applicata). It will cover all aspects of scale insect studies, including systematics and morphology, genetics and evolution, zoogeography and faunistic, biology and population dynamics, natural enemies, monitoring and pest management. It is also intended to be an opportunity to bring together people dealing with coccoids and to discuss the most recent research achievements in scale insect studies.

During the meeting a field trip is planned to visit Mount Etna which is one of the UNESCO World Heritage sites. It is the biggest active volcano in Europe and one of the places that you must visit in Italy. It has profoundly modified and influenced the history of the islanders and the development of plant and animal forms, creating an extraordinary diversity of unique natural landscapes in the Mediterranean.

A post-meeting excursion will be potentially organized if enough people will be interested. The trip will include visits to Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto or Ortigia and Siracusa, all in South eastern Sicily.

The **pre-registration form**, available on the web site (<http://www.issis2016.org/registration>), should be filled before **July 15th, 2015**.

Further information about accommodation, registration fees, instructions for preparation of the abstract and the final manuscript, preliminary program for the meeting and excursions will be available in the **second circular**, which is planned to be sent in **October 2015**. Updated information will also be available on the web site <http://www.issis2016.org>.

Looking forward to meeting you in Catania

Sincerely

The local organizers:

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