

Advanced School on Biological Control
within the initiatives linked to the “Premio Filippo Silvestri – Giovani”

Perugia - Bevagna, 30 September – 2 October 2026

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

- Target participants: PhD students, post-doctoral researchers and early-career scientists in entomology
- Max number of participants: 15
- Registration fee: 100€ (including coffee breaks, two lunches and round-trip transportation from Perugia to Bevagna on 2 October)
- Please register here: [registration form](#)
- Deadline for registration: 31 August 2026

This short School provides an up-to-date overview of the biological principles, ecological mechanisms and practical implementation of modern biological control. The programme will combine keynote lectures, case studies, practical sessions and interactive workshops delivered by leading Italian and international experts, with a focus on the theory and application of classical, conservation and augmentative biological control.

The complete programme will be released in the coming weeks.

Provisional programme

Wednesday, 30 September (full day) – Perugia (Department of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences - DSA3, University of Perugia)

- Biology, ecology and behaviour of entomophagous insects
- Classical biological control: principles, case studies and regulatory aspects
- Theoretical framework of biological control
- Practical laboratory session on parasitoid identification

Thursday, 1 October (full day) – Perugia (DSA3, University of Perugia)

- Current challenges in biological control: conservation, augmentative and classical approaches
- Diversity and applications of natural enemies
- Practical workshop on AI-assisted scientific workflows for biological control research

Friday, 2 October (half day) – Bevagna (Teatro Francesco Torti and Museo Civico di Palazzo Lepri)

- Premio “Filippo Silvestri – Giovani” ceremony
- Public outreach activities