
European PhD Network "Insect Science" - XVII Annual Meeting

Firenze, 18-20 November 2026

c/o CREA - Centro di Ricerca per la Difesa e la Certificazione, Firenze

REGISTRATION OPENING

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

The 17th Annual Meeting of the European PhD Network in "Insect Science" will take place from the afternoon of Wednesday, November 18, to noon on Friday, November 20, 2026.

This international event is a well-established tradition for doctoral and post-doctoral researchers in entomology and related disciplines. It is organized by the Società Entomologica Italiana (SEI), the Accademia Nazionale Italiana di Entomologia (ANIE), and the Council for Agricultural Research and Economics - Research Centre for Plant Protection and Certification (CREA).

The meeting will be held in person at the "Aula Zocchi" Auditorium, located at CREA – Research Centre for Plant Protection and Certification, Via Lanciola 12/a, Cascine del Riccio, Firenze.

Sessions will be organized based on the abstracts submitted, reflecting a wide array of topics within insect science. Each participant is invited to present the results of their research - whether planned or in progress - through:

- Regular oral presentations (10–15 minutes, depending on the number of speakers), or
- Short talks (3–5 minutes).

Please carefully read the abstract submission guidelines below before preparing your abstract.

The deadline for abstract submission is October 22, 2026.

Participation is limited to 80 attendees, based on the capacity of the "Aula Zocchi" meeting room. In the case of over-registration, places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration Fee:

130 € VAT included (regular fee - deadline October 29, 2026)

The registration fee includes access to the scientific sessions, congress materials, coffee breaks, and lunch.

Payment by Bank Transfer

After submitting the [REGISTRATION FORM](#), you may proceed with payment via bank transfer:

Account Holder: Event Planet srl / Bank: Banca Intesa San Paolo

IBAN: IT48R0306903516100000009448 - BIC/SWIFT: BCITITMM

Important: Please include the attendee's full name + "PhD Meeting 2026" in the payment description

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday 18 November 2026

- 14:00 **Registration**
- 14:25 **Welcome address**
- 14:30 **Senior scientist lecture:** Daniele Bruno – University of Insubria
Unlocking the potential of *Hermetia illucens* bioconversion through midgut physiology
- 15:00 - 16:30 **Oral Presentations** (regular & short talks)
- 16:30 **Coffee break**
- 16:50 - 18:00 **Oral Presentations** (regular & short talks)

Thursday 19 November 2026

- 09:00 **Senior scientist lecture:** Rachele Nieri - University of Trento
New approaches to insect pest management in cultural heritage
- 09:30 - 11:00 **Oral Presentations** (regular & short talks)
- 11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 - 13:00 **Oral Presentations** (regular & short talks)
- 13:00 **Lunch**
- 14:30 **Senior scientist lecture:** David Baracchi – University of Firenze
A multidimensional approach to understanding emotions in insects
- 15:00 - 16:30 **Oral Presentations** (regular & short talks)
- 16:00 **Break**
- 16:50 - 18:00 **Oral Presentations** (regular & short talks)

Friday 20 November 2026

- 09:00 - 10:30 **Oral Presentations** (regular & short talks)
- 10:30 **Break**
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Oral Presentations** (regular & short talks)
- 12:00 **Senior scientist lecture:** Francesco Pennacchio – University of Napoli
Insect Multitrophic Interactions for Sustainable Plant Protection
- 12:30 **Discussion on PhD education and future careers and meeting closure**

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Please note that the programme will be finalized after the closure of the abstract submission process and according to the number of presentations to be included. Therefore, it may be subject to changes in scheduling and timing.

The final programme and updates will also be published on <https://www.accademiaentomologia.it/scuole/>.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please book your accommodation in Firenze and take into account the bus to reach Centro CREA-DC: [line 36](#) – direction “Galluzzo” that departs from Stazione Orti Oricellari; you should get off at the last stop “Cascine del Riccio” and walk for 300 mt.

Looking forward to meeting you in November.

Best wishes, the organizers
*Gianfranco Anfora, Morena Casartelli,
Francesca Romana Dani, Giuseppino Sabbatini Peverieri.*

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RULES FOR THE PRESENTATION OF ABSTRACTS

REGULAR AND SHORT PRESENTATION

Abstracts for both regular and short oral presentations must be submitted as a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) by **October 22, 2026**, via email to marina.morra@eventplanetgroup.com.

The file name must correspond to the surname of the first author.

Please ensure that your abstract fully complies with the formatting guidelines below. Only abstracts that adhere to these requirements will be considered for acceptance and inclusion in the scientific program.

Please prepare your abstract according to the following guidelines:

- **Page format:** A4, Calibri font
- **Title (first line):**
 - Calibri, 14 pt, bold, centered
- **Second line:**
 - Leave blank
- **Authors (third line):**
 - Initial of the first name followed by the surname (e.g., **J. Smith**)
 - If there are multiple authors and/or different affiliations, indicate affiliations using superscript numbers after each author's surname (e.g., **J. Smith¹, A. Rossi²**)
 - Underline the name of the corresponding author
 - Calibri, 14 pt, left-aligned
- **Affiliations (fourth line):**
 - Indicate the corresponding superscript number, followed by the institution, department (if applicable), and country
 - Format: **Xxxx University – Department, Country**
 - Calibri, 12 pt, italic, left-aligned
 - Separate multiple affiliations with semicolons
 - Do not include email addresses or postal addresses
- **Fifth line:**
 - Leave blank
- **Abstract text:**
 - Calibri, 12 pt, justified
 - No first-line indentation
 - No spacing between paragraphs
 - Maximum length: **250 words**
 - Do not include section headings, references, undefined abbreviations, tables, figures, or images