



14th – 16th June
National Meeting on Hydrogeology

AGENDA

Day 1	Wednesday 14th June	
08:30		Registrations
09:00		Opening Session
09:30		Keynote – Dr David Macdonald, British Geological Survey. <i>The development of Malta's Groundwater Monitoring Framework</i>
10:00		Coffee Break - Poster Session
10:30		Session 1 - Policies and Practices to Protect Groundwater
		Conveners: Dr Sefania Stevenazzi/Dr Ondine Gaerty
	10:30	Keynote: Dr Isaac Ojea Jimenez, DG Environment, European Commission. <i>The EU Policy Framework for the protection of Groundwater</i>
	11:00	Oral Presentations
13:30		Lunch - Poster Session
14:30		Keynote – Dr Dario Masante, Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. <i>EDORA - European Drought Observatory for Resilience and Adaptation. Relevance to Groundwater Management.</i>
15:00		Session 2 - Special Session on Hydrogeological Studies in Malta
		Conveners: Dr Sergio Rusi/Manuel Sapiano
	15:00	Keynote: Dr Ariel Thomas, University of Malta. <title tbc>
	15:30	Keynote: Dr Yongcheol Kim, KIGAM. <i>The challenge of developing a freshwater-salt water interface monitoring network on the islands of Malta.</i>
	16:00	Oral Presentations
16:45		Coffee Break
	17:15	Oral Presentations
18:15		Poster Session and Social Event

Day 2	Thursday 15th June	
09:00		Keynote: Prof Eriberto Eulisse, Executive Director · Global Network of Water Museums. <i>The potential contribution of ancient water cultures to groundwater management in achieving the SDGs.</i>
09:30		Session 3 - Emerging Challenges to Groundwater Quantity and Quality

		Conveners: Dr Claudio Arras/Dr Julian Mamo
	09:30	Keynote: Prof. Christoph Schuth, Technical University of Darmstadt. <i>Emerging Challenges to Groundwater Status</i>
	10:00	Oral Presentations
	11:00	Coffee Break
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13:00		Lunch - Poster Session
	14:00	Oral Presentations
	16:15	Coffee Break
16:45		Session 4 - Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems
		Conveners: Dr Maria Filippini
	16:45	Keynote: Dr Tiziana Di Lorenzo, IRET-CNR. <i>Diversity, traits, services, vulnerability, and conservation of groundwater ecosystems.</i>
	17:15	Oral Presentations
18:45		Towards EuroKarst 2024 – Marco Petitta
18:50		Concluding Session
20:00		Conference Dinner

Day 3	Friday 16th June	
09:00		Technical Site Visits
12:00		Visit to the Hagar Qim Neolithic Temple Complex, followed by light lunch. A shuttle to the airport will be provided at 14:00hrs directly from the Site Visit.