Travel information

Arrival at Pisa airport:
Train to Piombino + ferry or jetfoil to Portoferraio

Arrival at Florence airport:
Tram to Santa Maria Novella main train station + bus or train to Piombino + ferry or jetfoil to Portoferraio.

More detailed info is available on the conference webpage.

Accommodation

The following three hotels are within a 15 min walk from the conference venue, and less than 1 min from the beach and the conference dinner restaurant:

Hotel Villombrosa***: 24 rooms, Viale De Gasperi 9,
www.villaombrosa.it/en/
Single room: 65€ per person/night
Double room: 42€ per person /night
Triple and four-people room: 35€ per person/night

Hotel Crystal****: 20 rooms, Via Cairoli 15
www.hotelcrystal.it
Single room: 60€ per person/night
Double room: 45€ per person/night
Triple: 40€ per person/night
Four-people room: 37.50€ per person/night

Hotel Le Ghiaie***: 7 rooms, Viale De Gasperi, 4, through Booking.com

The following hotel is a 3-min walk from the conference venue, and less than 15 min from the beach and the conference dinner restaurant:
Hotel Ape Elbana**: 24 rooms, Salita de Medici, www.ape-elbana.it/

Furthermore, there is a large choice of B&Bs and other accommodation options in Portoferraio. September is still summer holiday time in Portoferraio so we suggest to reserve a room in advance. When booking, mention the ERB conference.

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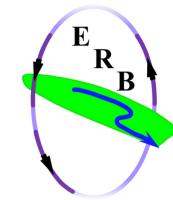Liudmyla Gorbachova, Ukraine

Call for abstracts

All participants are invited to submit an abstract before **31st March, 2020**. The abstracts should be written in English (max. 400 words) following the template provided on the conference webpage. The abstract must be sent to the conference email address and specify the preference for an oral or poster presentation. See the conference website for more detailed information.

Awards

There will be a **contest for the best oral presentation and the best poster**. The contests are open to early career scientists ONLY (bachelor and master students, PhD students, scientists who have received their PhD within the past seven years). The first prize for each contest is a **waived fee** for submission of a manuscript to the open-access journal *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*. The second prize for the oral and poster contests is a **waived fee** for the submission of a manuscript to the open-access journals *Hydrology Research*, and *Journal of Agricultural Engineering* (Scopus-indexed), respectively. The third prize for each contest is a **6-month free access** for a manuscript submitted to and published in *Hydrological Science Journal*.
Moreover, the ERB medal will be assigned to a scientist who actively contributed to research in small catchments and the activities of the ERB. The recipient will give a medal lecture at the end of the first conference day.

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New perspectives on hydrological and ecohydrological processes in small natural and human-impacted catchments

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Conference topics

Small experimental catchments offer invaluable opportunities to observe and study hydrological processes. Despite being time-, energy- and money-consuming, experimental studies carried out in representative catchments are fundamental to advance our understanding of the main hydrological processes and how they may be impacted by human activities.

The 18th biennial ERB conference 2020 aims to gather scientists working in small experimental catchments to **foster communication and collaboration**, **share information** on new monitoring technologies, analysis techniques, and recent scientific findings, and ultimately **promote advancements** in catchment hydrology.

The conference includes the following themes, with a specific focus on small catchments:

• New hydrological and ecohydrological monitoring   techniques;
• Advances in hydrological and ecohydrological modelling;
• Environmental tracers in hydrological and ecohydrological studies;
• Hydrological and ecohydrological processes understanding in arid and humid catchments;
• Hydrological and hydrometeorological extremes;
• Erosion and sediment transport;
• Field work fails and unexpected behaviors;
• Open session on general catchment hydrology.

Tentative program

Wednesday, 23 September 2020
8:30	Registration
9:00–9:30	Conference opening
9:30–11:00	Oral session
11:00–12:00	Coffee break and poster session
12:00–13:00	Oral session
13:00–14:00	Lunch break
14:00–15:30	Oral session
15:30–16:30	Coffee break and poster session
16:30–18:00	Oral session and ERB medal lecture
20:00	Conference dinner

Thursday, 24 September 2020
9:00–10:30	Oral session
10:30–11:30	Coffee break and poster session
11:30–12:30	Oral session
12:30–13:30	Lunch break
13:30–15:00	Oral session
15:00–16:00	General assembly, awards and closure

Friday, 25 September 2020
9:00–14:00	Field trip (lunch included)

Conference venue

The conference will take place in the De Laugier cultural centre in Portoferraio, Elba Island, Tuscany, Italy. Elba is the biggest island (223 km²) of the Tuscan Archipelago, and home to the largest marine park in Europe. It is worldwide known for its crystal clear water, granite rocks and for harboring Napoleon during his exile.

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The building still bears the name of the Napoleonic Official Cesare De Laugier, of Elba origin. The cultural and congress centre is located in a large square with a wonderful view of the rooftops of Portoferraio. On the ground floor there is a Renaissance portico that leads to a patio with a well.

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The conference dinner on Wednesday 23 will be at the Ristorante la Bussola, Via Cairoli n. 2, located just in front of the Ghiaie beach, within 1-min from the three first recommended hotels.
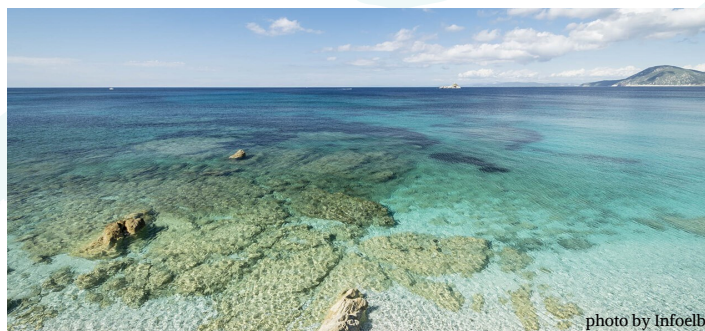

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Field trip

A guided field excursion along an easy track of the National Park of the Tuscany Archipelago is available to all participants. This guided tour is interesting for hydrological, naturalistic, and environmental reasons is available to all participants. The field trip includes a lunch. Hiking shoes are recommended. More information will follow on the conference webpage.

Conference fee

The conference fee includes the conference attendance, the welcome package, coffee breaks and lunches on Wednesday and Thursday, and the conference dinner on Wednesday.

An optional informal pizza dinner will be organised on Thursday evening for those staying until Friday.

Fee (€)	Before 15 May 2020	Before 31 July 2020
Participant	200	250
Student*	100	130
Accompanying person	85	100
Thursday pizza dinner	25	25
Field trip + lunch	50	50

*Proof of status is required

Registration is still possible until September 7th, 2020 but in that case, for logistic reasons, an extra fee of 100 € is required.

Please note that on-site registration and payment is not possible!

Important dates

• October 2019   first conference call
• 31 March 2020 abstract submission
• 30 April 2020   abstract acceptance
• 15 May 2020   early bird registration
• 31 July 2020   final registration

Conference organisation

Local committee:

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