

4th EUROPEAN BIOCHAR WINTER SCHOOL

“Biochar applications: current developments and future perspectives”

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The aim of the School is to coordinate European Biochar research, bringing together researchers, stakeholders and potential users from EU and candidate countries. The School connects scattered European Biochar research to enable quick implementation of intelligent material flow management systems, to maintain or improve soil quality while efficiently sequestering carbon in the long-term.

SCHOOL PROGRAMME

9 February 2015

11.00 – 13.00	Registration and Poster attachment
13.00	lunch
14.30 – 16.00	Welcome, Introduction to the School, Trainees presentation
16.00	coffee break
16.30 – 18.00	oral presentation

10 February 2015

09.00 – 10.30	oral presentation
10.30	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	oral presentation
12.30	open discussion
13.00	lunch
14.30 – 16.00	oral presentation
16.00	coffee break
16.30 – 18.00	oral presentation

11 February 2015 (oral presentation from Trainees)

09.00 – 10.30	oral presentation
10.30	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	Poster sessions
12.30 – 13.00	open discussion
13.00	lunch
14.30 – 16.00	Laboratory experience
16.00	coffee break
16.30 – 18.00	Laboratory experience
20.00	School dinner

12 February 2015

9.00 – 10.30	oral presentation
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	oral presentation
12.30	open discussion
13.00	lunch and departure

Meeting Venue

Department of Agricultural and Forest Sciences
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Registration to the School

The number of Trainees is limited to 24 PhD students/post docs. Trainees are entitled to receive a fixed Grant. Trainee grants do not necessarily cover all expenses related to attending the Training School. The Trainee Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the Grantee. Different grants amount can be attributed to each trainee.

To attend the School Students have to send the request to pellegrino.conte@unipa.it and to vitoarmando.laudicina@unipa.it with:

- your curriculum vitae (CV) and explaining why you want to participate, what you expect to get out and how you are going to use the information and experience that you gain (1 page, 12 pt, times new roman)
- an abstract (1 page, 12 pt, times new roman).

CV and abstract will be used to select the trainees if more than 24 requests will be received.

Poster and abstract presentation

Deadline for abstract submission is 15 January 2016. Abstract should not exceed one word page (single spaced, times new roman 12 pt) and authors' names and affiliations should be indicated. Six abstracts selected by the Coordinators will be presented by their applicants (12 min presentation + 3 min of discussion). Applicants will be informed about the selection at least one week before the starting of the School.

Abstract should be sent as word file to pellegrino.conte@unipa.it and to vitoarmando.laudicina@unipa.it. All the Trainees are also invited to prepare a poster (80 (w) x 100 (h) cm).

Trainers of the School

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GENERAL INFORMATION

How to reach Palermo

The Falcone e Borsellino Airport is about 35 km far from Palermo.

(<http://www.gesap.it/index.php?livello=Gesap&sezione=189&lang=en>)

To reach Palermo from the Airport and vice versa:

by Bus

Autolinee Prestia e Comandè (The bus is outside the Airport Arrivals Area – right side). Step off the bus at the Terminal Central Station (last stop). The bus timetable is:

- from the Airport first trip 05.00 - from 6.30 to 23.30 - every half hour - last trip 00:15
- from Palermo - first trip 4.00 last trip 22.30 - every half hour

One-way ticket price: € 6.30

Return ticket: € 11.10

by Taxi

The airport's taxi service is in operation from 06.00 to 24.00 and the taxi rank is to be found outside the Arrivals Area. Fares from the Airport to Palermo (Central Station) and vice versa is about € 40.

Accommodation

Trainees and Trainers are invited to book themselves the room.

B&B and Hotel near the meeting venue:

- Hotel del Centro <http://www.hoteldelcentro.it/>
- Hotel Athenaeum www.albergoathenaeum.it
- B&B Casa Marconi
http://www.bb30.it/bed_and_breakfast/bed_and_breakfast_Casa_Marconi_Palermo_BB9540.ht
- B&B Ulisse <http://www.ulissepalermo.it>
- B&B Porta Nuova
http://www.bb30.it/bed_and_breakfast/bed_and_breakfast_Porta_Nuova_Palermo_BB17465.htm
- B&B L'Arabo e il Normanno <http://www.laraboeilnormannobb.com/>