



The Global Control of FMD

Tools, Ideas and Ideals

Erice, Sicily

14-17 October 2008

EuFMD Open Session

Where the world's technical specialists on FMD get together

Please check our website at <http://www.fao.org/ag/eufmd.html> for further details.

Please note that in "upcoming events" tag you will find relevant information such as rules and requirements in order to write abstracts.

UPDATE



OBJECTIVES

- science based debate on tools and options to improve FMD control
- exchange and debate: diverse ideas, evolving new approaches
- agree ideals and principles for effective action against endemic FMD
- ensure scientific basis of international strategy against FMD is exposed to scrutiny

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

- stimulating mix: presentations, debates, meeting points => ideas for new work and action
- international experts review recent experience and advances, and their relevance for solving constraints to FMD control.

Dear all,

the good news - we have received over 120 intentions to present to the Session this year - a huge level of interest from across the world - and **all** can be accommodated in the program.

The bad news - most submissions will need to be as **poster** presentations - the Scientific Committee is working on the timetable to accommodate as many **oral presentations** as possible - and we will communicate to you the selection/program within the next 7-10 days.

This newsletter gives an update on

- New deadlines
- Movie/video-clip competition
- Posters
- Accommodation: we only hold accommodation to the end of August so **MAKE YOUR BOOKING WITHOUT DELAY**
- How TO REACH...
- Discover...
- Corporate social responsibility

NEXT DEADLINE



The **new deadlines** are:

Hotel: 30th August 2008
Abstracts: 31st August
Full Papers: 3rd October
Ppt presentations: 3rd October

MOVIE/VIDEO clip COMPETITION



Do you realise that there are almost no movies/videoclips online (e.g. You-Tube) on FMD? We aim to change this - to encourage understanding of the work of people on FMD around the world - from field experiences, control issues, to your aspirations, ideas and lab actions to improve FMD control. The best will be screened at the Conference in Session breaks - so go ahead and express yourself and your work!



Ideas: take clips on cell phones or home movie cameras of yourself or your team at work. Show the world what you do!
Link to themes of the meeting: what are your constraints, what needs to be done to improve the situation? tell us by expressing it in a clip of 30 seconds to 2 minutes!
What do livestock keepers say about FMD control? record short clips and post-them online!

The clips can be posted directly onto You-Tube with the title EuFMD-Erice2008 and your topic title (for instance, Eufmd-Erice2008Global Fmd control). Please also send us the link so we may create a catalogue and keep track of all the videos

For the competition videos must be sent by **3rd October**.

**You do NOT need to attend the Session to qualify for a prize. This is open to all.
THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR THE MOST VOTED VIDEOS !**

POSTERS



Poster size should be in **A0 standard** poster portrait format

ACCOMODATION and REGISTRATION



BGE Eventi is the agency in charge of accommodation and logistics.

Please check the agency's website at:

http://www.bgeventi.com/fao_erice/fao_erice.html to proceed with your definitive registration and hotel reservation.

Please contact BGE Eventi at erice.eufmd@bgeventi.com for any further information.

Registration to the Conference is compulsory and has to be sent to BGE Eventi & Congressi no later than **30 September 2008**

Registration fee: € 250,00 (VAT INCLUDED)

Individual accompanying person fee: € 100,00 (VAT INCLUDED)

**It is advisable to reserve your accommodation as soon as possible.
Room availability is guaranteed within 30 August 2008**

After 30 August 2008 bookings and fares on request.

Expected arrival date of participants: 13th October. There will be a **welcome cocktail** on the evening of 13th October.

BGE will confirm your hotel reservation once your deposit is processed.

Please, ensure that a copy of the bank transfer details is attached to your Registration Form. Documents may be sent as a scan.

HOW TO REACH ERICE



You may land at [Palermo](#) or [Trapani](#). Low cost companies also operate at both airports. From Milan and Rome, you may directly fly to Sicily.

We are building a visual [map](#) of Erice. You will find information related to airports, hotels and cultural aspects of the local destination at: <http://maps.google.co.uk/maps/>

DISCOVER ERICE



Erice is a typical medieval walled village. According to Tucidide, some escaping Trojans arrived in Sicily and together with Sicanian people they founded both Erice and Segesta.

Segesta was the political and military centre and Erice the religious one. During the Arabian and the Norman reign in Sicily, the well-fortified Erice served as a shelter for the inhabitants of Trapani.



Castle of Venus-Erice





Greek temple-Segesta



Salt pan-Trapani

In Erice you may visit the Castle of Venus, the Cyclopean Walls (800 B.C.) and the Gothic Cathedral (1300 A.D.). You may also admire Antonello Gagini's Annunciation at the Cordici Museum.

There is a striking view on the Aegadian islands and Salines from the cable car that connects Erice to Trapani.

Other masterpieces of ancient civilization in the neighbourhood: Motya (Phoenician), the Aegadian Islands theater of the decisive naval battle of the first Punic War (264-241 B.C.)

Also worth visiting are the Greek archaeological sites such as Selinunte or Segesta with its Greek theatre, built into the side of the mountain.

Splendid beaches can be found at San Vito Lo Capo, Scopello, and Comino, and a wild and rocky coast around Monte Cofano: all at less than one hour's drive from Erice.

At S.Vito Lo Capo you can visit the "Tonnara del Secco" a tuna-processing plant, working since IV B.C.

Local products include tuna fish, salt, mullet roe wine and "Genovese", masterpiece of the local pastry art.

Specific Erice's handicrafts are particular carpets, called "Trappite" and decorated pieces of pottery.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



Bringing hundreds of people to Erice has an environmental impact which we recognize. So we are working with the local organizers on ways to reduce or offset the impacts -from recycling to offsetting carbon emissions. We do not expect to be carbon-neutral, but we hope you are in support of our efforts -more details in next newsletter!