



## 30<sup>th</sup> CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH - REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

Catania, Italy 3-7 October 2022

### ➤ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Catania. The foundation of the city dates back to 729 BC by the Greeks and over the years it has received Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Norman, Swabian, Angevin, Aragonese and Spanish influences that you will find in its architecture. Its current appearance, mainly eighteenth-century, is the result of the reconstruction following the earthquake of 1693, an expression of the **Sicilian Baroque style** which has been declared a **Unesco World Heritage Site**.

### ➤ CONFERENCE'S LOGO

#### LOGO CONCEPT

The logo consists of three elements:

- 1) The elephant, iconic symbol of the territory and of protection against the eruptions of Etna, represents the city of Catania since 1239 and the original statue would have been built during the Carthaginian domination. The monumental work as we see it today was built between 1735 and 1737 by the architect Giovanni Battista Vaccarini . The main element of the Elephant Fountain is its statue, located in the center of the Piazza del Duomo, the sculpture is obtained from a single block of lava rock.
- 2) The dotted semicircle, which surrounds the elephant, represents the "team work" or the representatives of the 53 countries involved in the Conference.
- 3) The sun behind the elephant symbolizes Sicily, which has always been known as the "Land of the Sun"

The pictogram is distinguished by its leaning forward position which is meant to symbolize progress.

### ➤ THE VENUE'S CONFERENCE

Baia Verde Hotel - <https://www.baiaverde.it/>

#### ○ MEETING ROOMS

The Conference will take place in the main Conference Room. It will also be possible to take advantage of the following additional rooms for private meetings, to be booked at the Conference secretariat:

- Sala Verga B 30 seats
- Archimede Room 20 seats
- Sala Pitagora 10 people

#### ➤ GALA DINNER

##### **4<sup>th</sup> October**

A *Gala dinner* is hosted by **WOAH** for participants at Hotel Baia Verde restaurant. The dinner is going to be held at 7.30 pm.

##### **5<sup>th</sup> October**

A *Gala dinner* is hosted by **Italy** for participants at in the wonderful setting of Palazzo Biscari, Catania. (<https://www.palazzobiscari.it/it/>). The dinner is going to be held at 8.00 pm and a transfer is going to be provided. Meeting is at 7.20 pm at the lobby.

#### ➤ CULTURAL VISIT

On 6 October, as scheduled, there will be a technical-cultural visit that will allow you to visit the most representative monuments of the city center. Participants will be divided into groups (A, B, C) and will be accompanied by special guides based on the language of preference indicated in the form . After the lunch break, guests will be taken back to the hotel and then set off again and make a short visit to the magnificent Bellini Theater in Catania <https://www.teatromassimobellini.it/> and attend the general rehearsals of the Symphonic Concert “ *A.Bruckner Sinfonia n.1 in C minor* ” performed by the symphony orchestra of the Bellini Theater.

The evening will end with a "light dinner " in the foyer of the theater.

Comfortable clothing is recommended for the morning visit as the itinerary will take place on foot in the city center. The general program is shown below:

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>place</b>
<b>departure</b>	<i>09:00 am</i>	BAIA VERDE
<b>visit</b>	<i>09:30 am - 13:30 pm</i>	Guided tour of the main monuments in the center of Catania
<b>Lunch (light lunch) + free time</b>	<i>13:30 pm - 03:30 pm</i>	PALACE Platamone
<b>transfer</b>	<i>03:30 pm</i>	Transfer to the BAIA VERDE hotel
<b>Free time</b>	<i>03:30 pm - 05:30 pm</i>	BAIA VERDE Hotel
<b>transfer</b>	<i>05:30 pm - 06:00 pm</i>	BAIA VERDE Hotel → Bellini Theater
<b>Visit</b>	<i>06:20 pm - 07:00 pm</i>	Bellini Theater

	07:00 pm - 08:00 pm	Bellini Theater - Show
Light dinner	08:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Bellini Theater - Foyer
transfer	10:00 pm	Return to the BAIA VERDE Hotel

#### ➤ ALTERNATIVE ITINERARY

For accompanying persons and participants it is possible to reach the splendid castle of Acicastello via a walk of about 2 km from the conference venue and then continue up to the stacks of Acitrezza. Admission will be free for accompanying persons and participants.

See the brochure here for more information:



<https://mdsdrive.sanita.it/s/b1bU7meJ2CmwQG3>



<https://mdsdrive.sanita.it/s/NhWnX40e7sG5H3D>



<https://mdsdrive.sanita.it/s/pUxUFKp3JGN9BsQ>



<https://mdsdrive.sanita.it/s/wQcS42UgwKcKwBU>

#### ➤ COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR TRAVELERS

As travel requirements and restrictions do change on a frequent basis, we also recommend checking your airline's website for requirements to enter Italy (and a connection country, if any), as well as consulting the following sources of information in the weeks leading up to your travel:

<https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/homeNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english>

<https://www.viaggiasesicuri.it/approfondimenti-insights/saluteinviaggio>

#### ➤ MEZZI DI TRASPORTO

<https://www.radiotaxicatania.org/it/>

<https://www.aeroporto.catania.it/in-aeroporto/raggiungere-l-aeroporto/raggiungere-l-aeroporto-in-bus/>

#### ➤ OTHER INFORMATION

L'albergo Hotel Baia Verde propone ulteriori escursioni.

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