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Sextus Iulius Frontinus and the Water of Rome



International Congress on the History of Water Management and Hydraulic Engineering in the Mediterranean Region
Rome, November 10 - 18, 2018

Dear participants,

The time has come and the preliminary lecture program and the detailed program for the excursions is already available. We will have 38 lectures and ten poster presentations. Please pay particular attention to the time limits when you prepare your lecture. Due to the very compact program which allows no flexibility, we would need to interrupt the lecture as soon as the time limit expires, making a conclusion impossible.

Everybody should bring his poster to Rome and give it to the registration desk upon check in. We will take care of setting it up for you. Note: the poster size is 80 (wide) x 120 (high) cm.

I have to inform you, that even though the program and scheduled excursions are very tight, we want to show you as much as possible, because the sights you will see are very impressive. It is very important that you follow the exact times in the program even if we sometimes do not have much time for discussions. I will send you out later a pdf-file with information about the sights we will visit, so that you can come well prepared to Rome and enjoy the places we go.

Rome is a big city and the traffic is often very heavy so that we sometimes will go to the excursions by Metro. Every evening we have a reception at one of the many institutes in Rome and often we go there with public transportation. As we must be exactly in time with the beginning of these evenings, we have no time for big dinners which are normally very long in Italy. This is the reason why the dinners, except the gala dinners on Sunday November 11 and Saturday November 17, are not included in the conference fee. However, there are a lot of excellent Italian fast food stops, especially around our hotel, where you can quickly find very good food. After the receptions at the institutes everybody returns to the hotel autonomously and you can even stop afterwards in a restaurant for dinner if you like.

In some excursions we will have long walks, but as we are normally in town, so anybody can go back to the hotel by Metro or taxi, if the walking effort is too much.

For the very special visits to the aqueduct park of the Banca d'Italia and for the spring of the Aqua Virgo I urgently need from everyone but at least before **July 30** the kind and the number of the travel document which you will have to take with you to these excursions for identification purposes. These places are not open to the public therefore there are special security requirements.

Another very important fact: As I will retire as of June 30th so please use only my private address and do not write me any longer using the Austrian Archaeological Institute address since they do not support the conference:

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I received information from the travel agency RUEFA, that some participants have not paid the prepayment of the conference fee. I ask you to do this immediately otherwise they will charge you an additional service fee.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

How to reach the Massimo d'Azeglio hotel from Fiumicino Airport

The Massimo d'Azeglio hotel (<http://massimo-dazeglio-rome.hotel-rez.com/index.htm> or <https://www.romehoteldazeglio.it/>) is very close to the Stazione Termini, which you reach very easily by train from the Fiumicino Airport. Follow the train symbol at the airport and you will find ticket machines before you go down the moving staircase. Take a first class ticket to Termini with the Leonardo da Vinci express, which costs 14,- €. Please note that in this train only first class tickets are accepted. If the ticket machines are very busy you will find counter windows before you reach the platforms. The train leaves every half hour and brings you in 22 minutes to the Main railway station in the center of Rome.

At Stazione Termini please take the main exit to the Piazza dei Cinquecento, turn left and cross it from East to West in front of the departures of the busses and you will find the Via Cavour at the first traffic light. Stay on the left side of Via Cavour and you will find the hotel at the corner of the next block.

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(generally used by Ryanair)

In the exit hall: compare departure of shuttles offered by SIT bus, Terravision, and Schiaffini, and buy ticket here (or, if not possible, at the bus). Then go left to leave the building and go straight ahead to the bus stops (of your chosen company).

Departures are every half hour/related to arrivals. The one-way ticket is about 5-6 €, with open-date return ticket you pay less.

A new alternative is to take public bus (ATAC) 520 to Cinecitta, then Metro A to Termini, all for € 1.50.-). For the short way from Termini to the hotel, see above.

Weather conditions

In November the weather in Rome was in former times very bad and rainy. If you look at the general weather forecast for November the temperatures are between 8° and 17° C and November is the month with the most rain at Rome. But as the climate is changing, the last Novembers were very warm and full of sunshine. But be aware that it can be bad especially at the excursions. Please follow the old wisdom: There is no bad weather but bad clothes.

Thin windbreakers will be necessary at the excursions. The nights are frequently rather cool, so that pullovers are usual outside. In any case it is advisable to take along a raincoat or waterproof windbreaker to all the excursions.

What to Bring Along

1. Water Bottle – in town you will find fountains with drinking water, where you can refill your bottles from time to time
2. Good and waterproofed walking shoes for all excursions.
3. Waterproofed rain/windbreakers along with pullover.
4. Of course: camera, sun block, moisturizer, if possible take your own helmet with you,
5. Adequate clothing for excursions and lectures in the hotel (ties would be nice - for female participants similar appropriate attire will be requested).

Guidelines for the lectures and poster presentations

Please be aware that the **time limit of 30 minutes** for each lecture should include time for questions – that means that the lecture should really not be longer than **20 - 25 minutes**. For poster presentations you can present your poster in a short PowerPoint presentation within 8 minutes.

As we have a tight program schedule, we cannot allow any delays, so lectures will be cut short if the general lecture time range expires.

We therefore suggest to concentrate on the essentials of the lecture and poster and ask you to prepare your talks particularly well in regards to time limits.

Please send me your PowerPoint presentation by October 20 on CD to my address (see above) or per WeTransfer www.wetransfer.com to gilbert.wiplinger@gmail.com to guarantee a good presentation with no technical difficulties.

I will send you more information, the abstracts of the lectures and posters, a map and description of the way to the institutes where we will have our evening-receptions and detailed material for the excursions as pdf-files in September.

I'm looking forward to see you soon at Rome.
Best regards



Gilbert Wiplinger
Vienna, June 2018



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