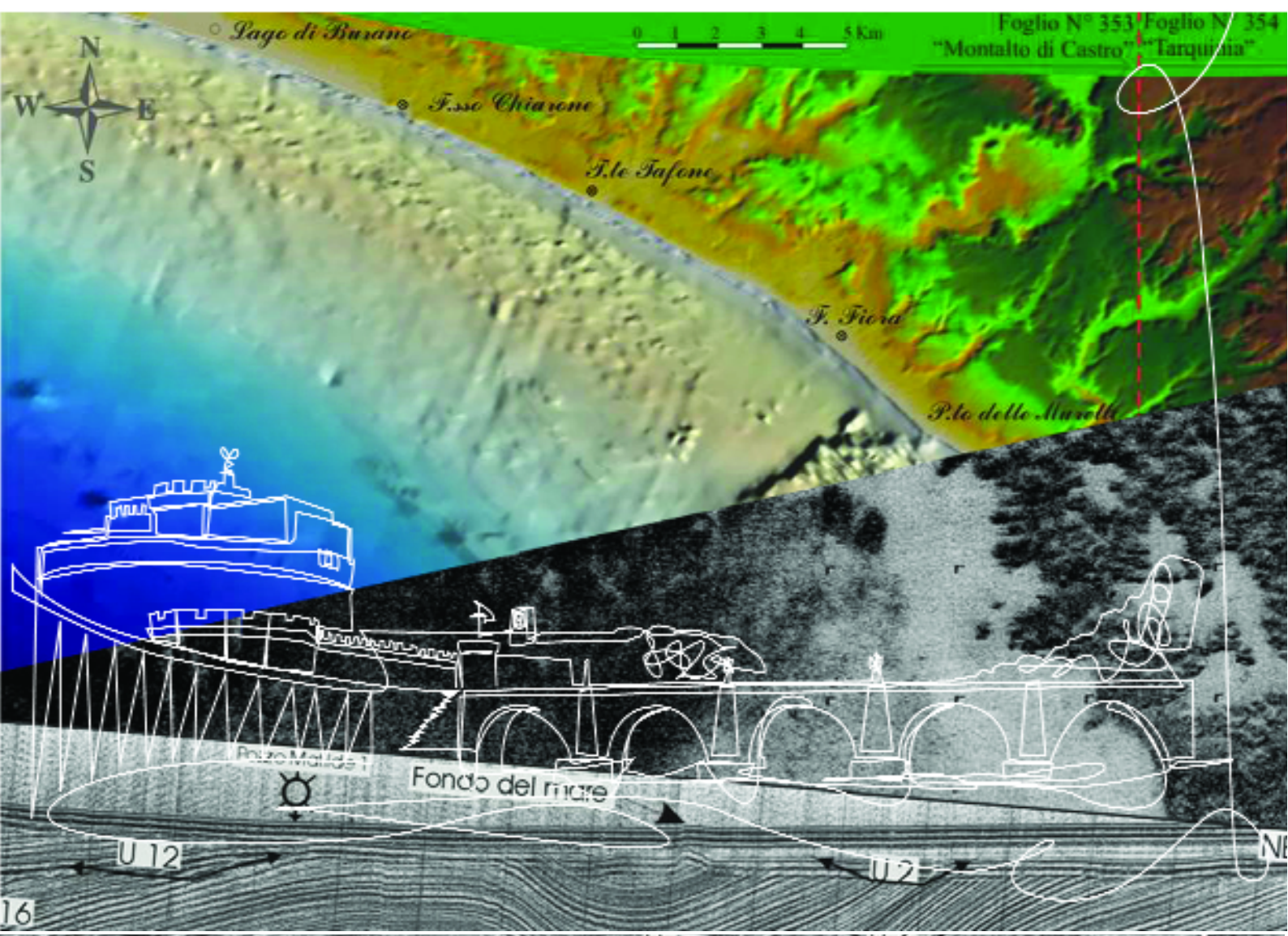


GEOHAB 2013 | Rome Italy

6 - 10 May 2013

Hosted by the Geological Survey of Italy



This is the first circular sent to advertise GEOHAB 2013. All information will be regularly updated on the GEOHAB 2013 website accessible through <http://geohab.org>

GEOHAB (Marine **G**eological and Biological **H**abitat Mapping) annual forum brings together 80-120 geologists, biologists, acousticians, statisticians, spatial analysts and environmental managers from around the world who are developing new methods and procedures to link remotely sensed data with seafloor geology and marine biology within a geo-spatial environment. GEOHAB provides a truly multidisciplinary and exciting forum for the exchange of knowledge and ideas that underpin sustainable ocean management. Because of the small number of delegates and the focused topics, the GEOHAB conferences are organised as an informal, single-stream session, which encourages dialogue between delegates and exhibitors.

VENUE: The 2013 GeoHab conference will be hosted by the Geological Survey of Italy from the 6th to the 10th of May, 2013, at the Italian National Research Council (CNR) Headquarters, within easy walking distance of all major facilities.

GeoHab 2013 welcomes oral and poster presentations covering a wide range of aspects related to habitat mapping.

THEMES:

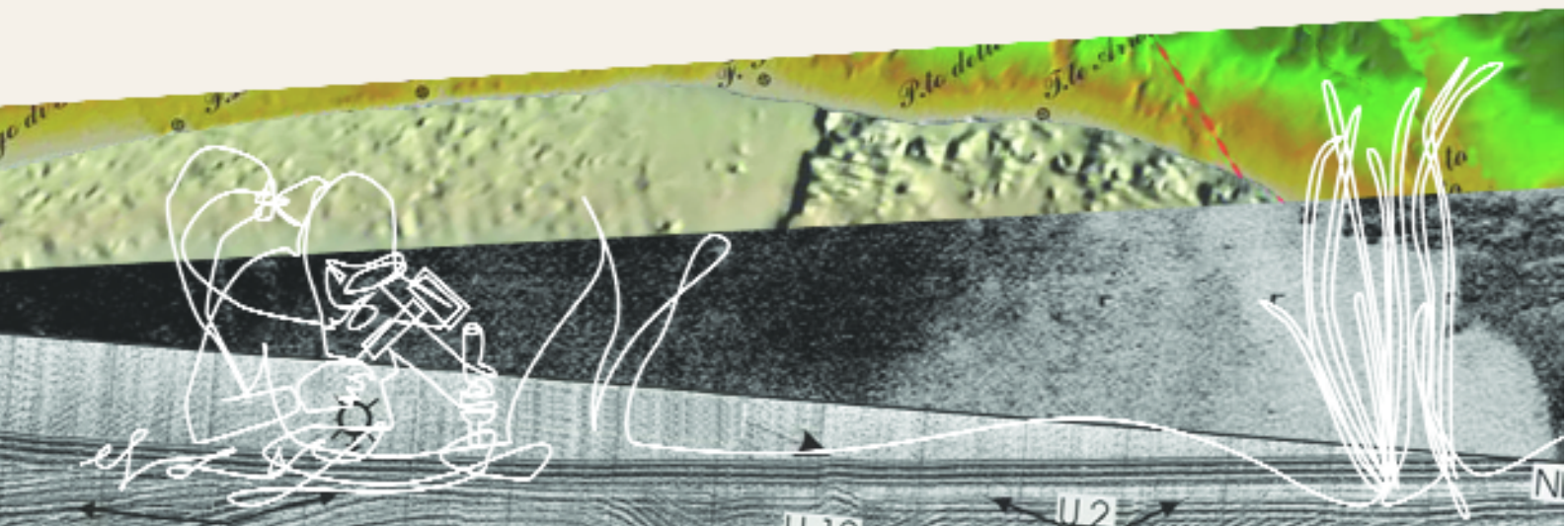
The main theme of this year's conference is

“MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND MULTISCALAR APPROACHES TO HABITAT MAPPING”

Additional key themes will depend on abstract submission but could include:

- National Seabed Mapping Programs
- Predictive Habitat Modeling
- Geoscience Characterization of the Seabed for Environmental Assessment of Marine Renewable Energy Activities
- Habitat mapping in geologically complex areas, with examples from the Mediterranean Sea
- Linking science to marine policies for conservation. Experience and forthcoming strategies
- Advances in Technology and Methodology for Mapping Habitats
- Deep-Sea Habitats
- Quantifying change in benthic habitats

WORKSHOP: a hall is available for the 6th of May in case anybody wishes to propose and organize a workshop



IMPORTANT DATES

2012

December 2nd Circular

Registration and Submission of abstracts open on GeoHab 2013 website

2013

28th February

Closing date for Abstracts and early bird registration

1 st April	Deadline for late registration
6 th May	Pre-conference workshop
6 th May	Registration opens followed by an icebreaker
7 th May	Oral and poster presentations
8 th May	Oral and poster presentations and Conference Dinner
9 th May	Oral and poster presentations and GeoHab AGM
10 th May	Excursion

REGISTRATION FEE

Information will be made available in the near future on the GeoHab 2013 website and will be provided in the 2nd circular.

ACCOMMODATION

Information on accommodation and a list of recommended hotels will be available on the GeoHab 2013 website (through <http://geohab.org>).

Please note that delegates are responsible for making their own reservations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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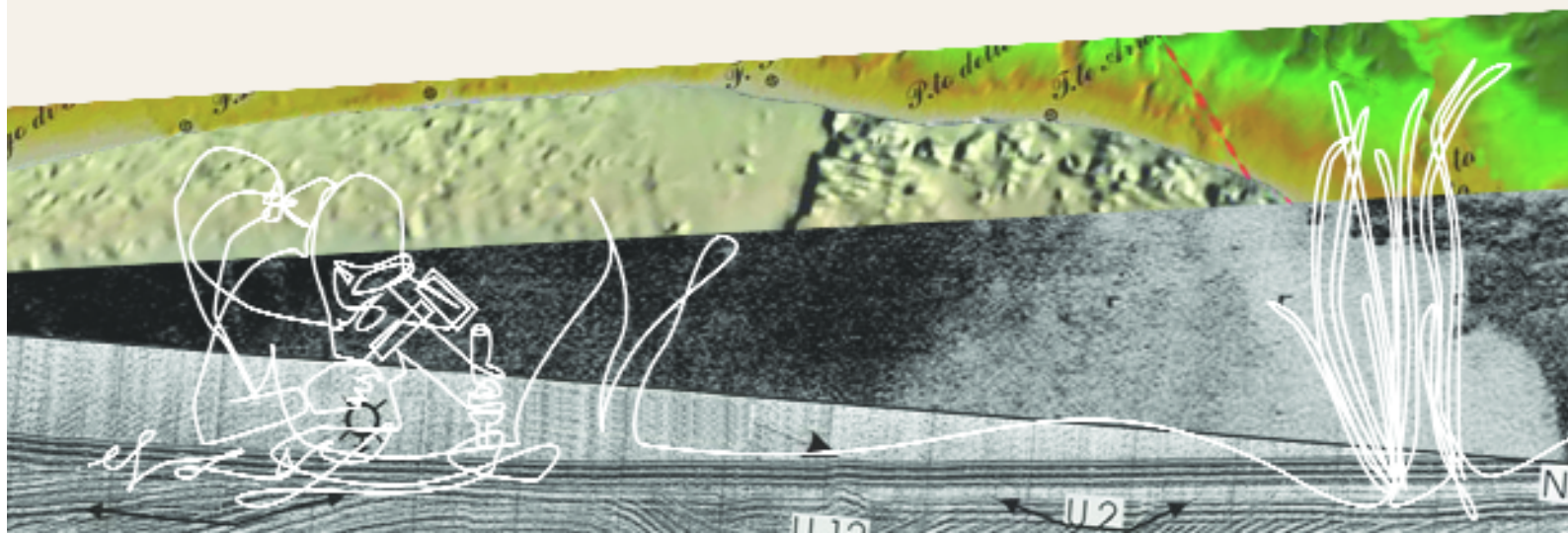
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