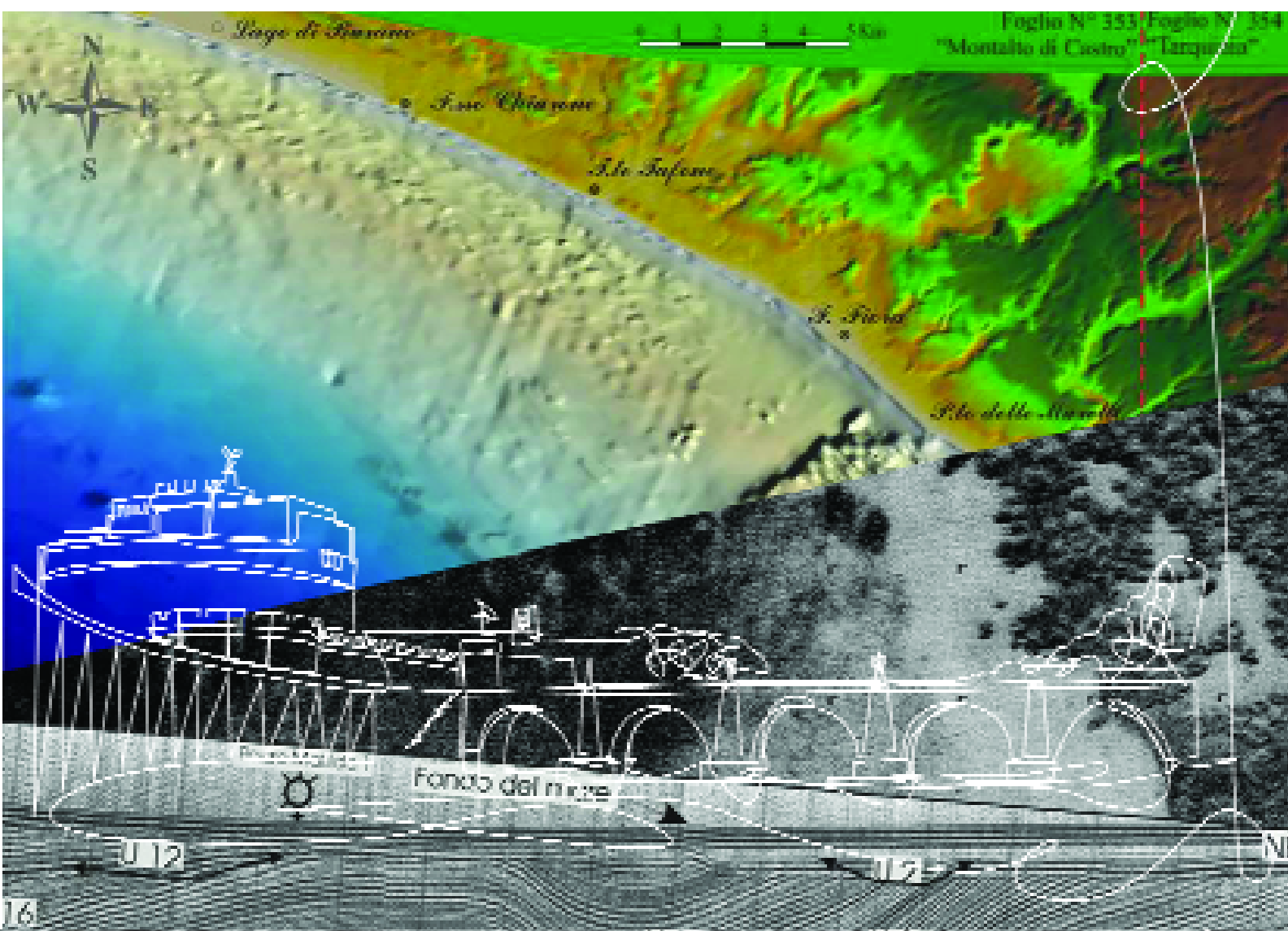


GEOHAB 2013 | Rome Italy

6 - 10 May 2013

Multidisciplinary and multiscalar approaches
to habitat mapping

Hosted by the Geological Survey of Italy



GEOHAB (Marine Geological and Biological Habitat Mapping) annual forum brings together 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. After more than 10 years since its start, the GEOHAB conference comes for the first time to the Mediterranean. It is hosted by the Geological Survey of Italy – ISPRA together with the Institute for Coastal and Marine Environment – CNR. This event offers a great opportunity to participate in a stimulating and exciting meeting.

VENUE

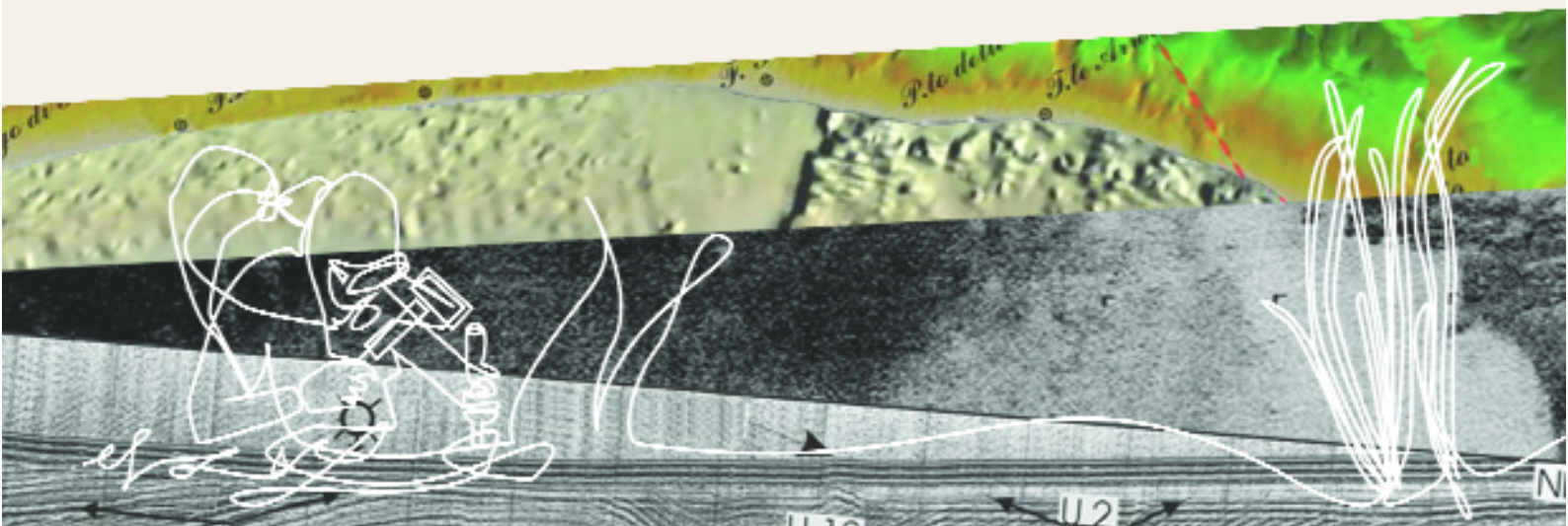
The 2013 GeoHab conference will take place at the Italian National Research Council (CNR) Headquarters, from the 6th to the 10th of May, 2013. The building is located next to the “Sapienza” Rome University, in piazzale Aldo Moro, 7, 15 min. walk from the central Termini Railway Station.

THEMES

The scientific themes of the GEOHAB 2013 conference are

- **Multidisciplinary and multiscale approaches to habitat mapping**
- 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

As usual GeoHab 2013, will also welcome oral and poster presentations covering a wide range of other aspects relevant to research and applications associated with marine habitat mapping.



WORKSHOP

There will be a pre-conference workshop on Monday May 6th on the topic "Multibeam Backscatter – State of the Technology, Tools & Techniques".

(Registration fee 50,00 € includes lunch and coffee-breaks. Number of participants is limited. Registrations will be considered on a first come first served basis. Please, register early in order to avoid disappointment.)

FIELD TRIP

A one day field trip will take place on Friday May 10th. We will see the geology and geomorphology of the northern Latium coastal areas and inland volcanic structures and visit the fascinating old town of Tuscania.

(Registration fee 50,00 € includes lunch. Number of participants is limited. Registrations will be considered on a first come first served basis. Please, register early in order to avoid disappointment.)

ACCOMPANYING PEOPLE

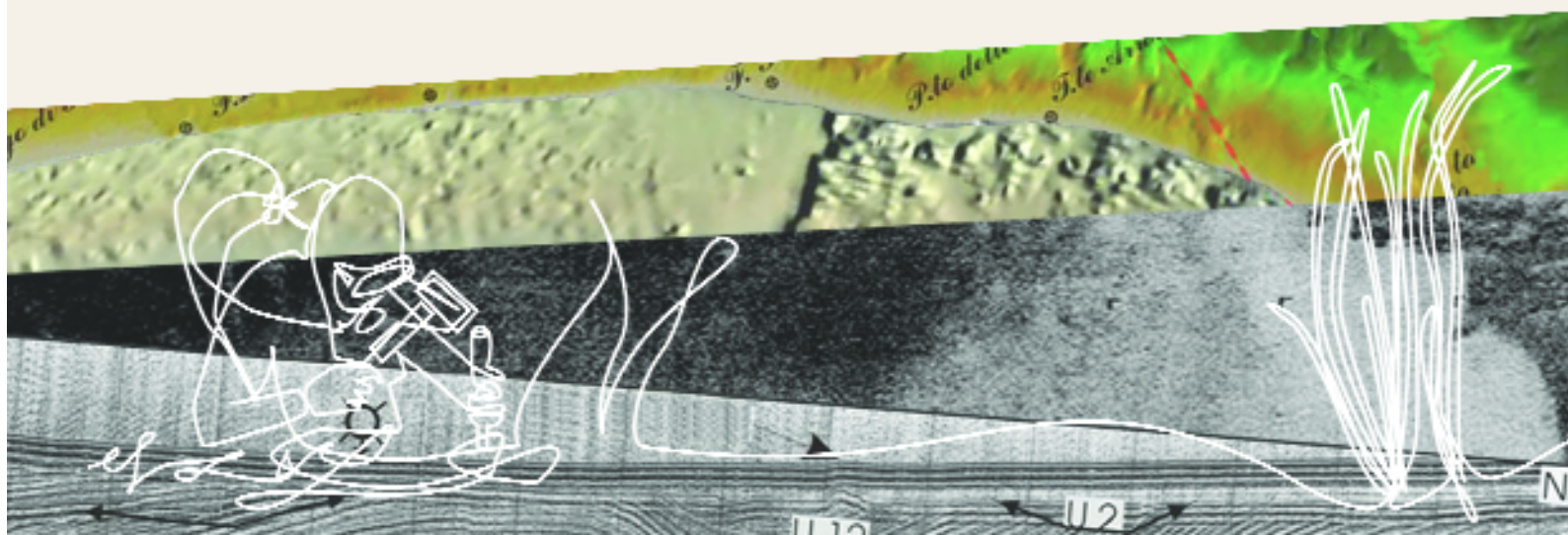
Tours for accompanying people will be available in case a minimum number of participants is reached. Check the website for descriptions and prices.

SOCIAL EVENTS

There will be an icebreaker party on Monday May 6th following the workshop (accompanying people are invited) and a conference dinner on Wednesday May 8th (accompanying people are welcome; dinner tickets are 60 € each).

IMPORTANT DATES

December 2012	Registration and abstract submission open
28th February 2013	Closing date for Abstracts and early bird registration
1 st April 2013	Closing date for pre-conference registration
6 th May 2013	Pre-conference workshop
6 th May 2013	Registration opens followed by an icebreaker
7 th May 2013	Oral and poster presentations
8 th May 2013	Oral and poster presentations and Conference Dinner
9 th May 2013	Oral and poster presentations and GeoHab AGM
10 th May 2013	Field trip



REGISTRATION FEE

Early bird registration fee is 220 € (late registration 250 € after February 28th); early bird registration for students is 180 € (late registration 200 € after February 28th). Registration fee includes lunches and coffee-breaks on the three days of the scientific sessions as well as the ice-breaker.

To register and pay fill out the registration form on the GEOHAB 2013 website and follow the instructions for payment by either credit card or bank transfer. Special requirements can be specified (allergies, food or else).

Exhibitors are welcome. See sponsorship invitation.

For updates concerning the conference and associated events, more details and all documents check the GEOHAB 2013 website <http://www.geohab2013.it>.

(All amounts are expressed in €)	Early bird registration (before February 28 th)	Late Registration
Participants	220,00	250,00
Students	180,00	200,00
Workshop	50,00	50,00
Field trip	50,00	50,00
Conference dinner	60,00	60,00

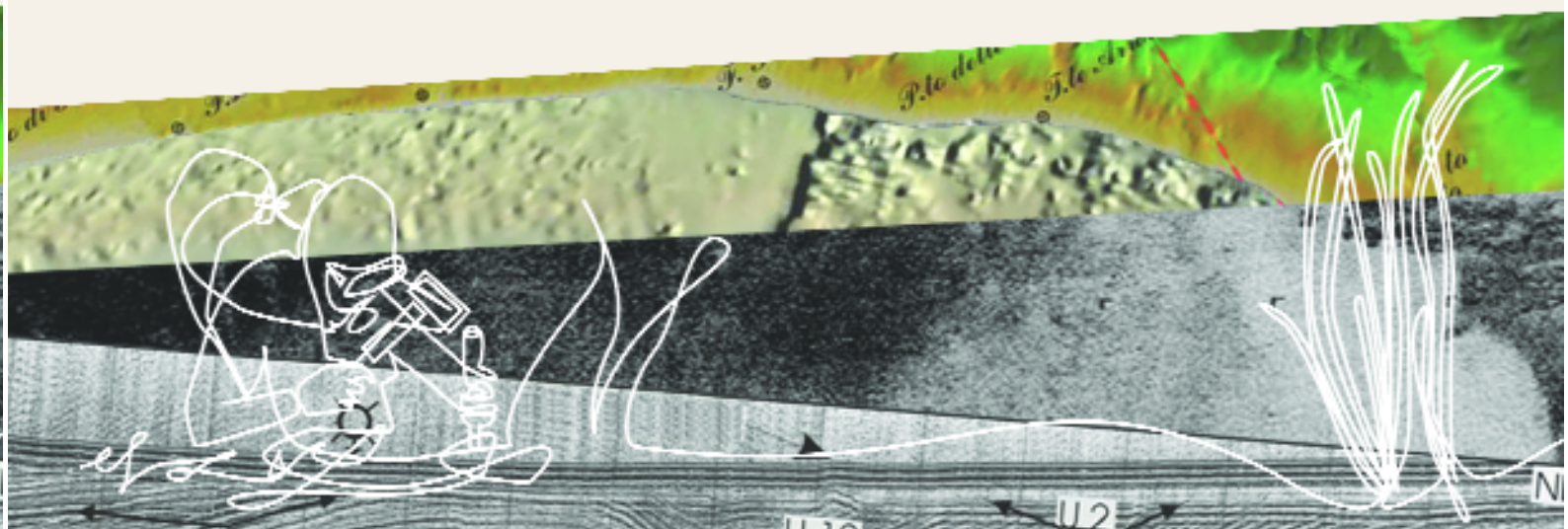
STUDENT GRANTS

Students can apply for support through the Ron McDowell Student Program. For guidelines, rules and the application form look the GeoHab 2013 website (<http://www.geohab2013.it>) and email your application to: green@mlml.calstate.edu

Schedule of events

Monday, May 6th

- 09.00-17.00 Registration open
- 10.00-18.00 Workshop: "Multibeam Backscatter - State of the Technology, Tools & Techniques" organized by Erin Heffron and Moe Doucet of QPS
- 18.00-21.00 Ice-breaker (partners are invited)



Tuesday, May 7th

08.30-17.00	Registration open
09.00-10.00	Opening of Conference
10.00-17.00	Scientific sessions
17.00-18.00	Poster session

Wednesday, May 8th

08.30-17.00	Registration open
09.00-16.00	Scientific sessions
16.00-17.00	Poster session
19.30	Conference dinner

Thursday, May 9th

08.30-17.00	Registration open
09.00-12.30	Scientific sessions
13.30-14.30	Poster session
14.30-16.00	Scientific sessions
16.00-18.00	GEOHAB AGM

Friday, May 10th

08.30-20.00	Field trip – Departure from the CNR Headquarters.
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ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation and a list of selected hotels, please, look the GeoHab 2013 website (<http://www.geohab2013.it>). To obtain the rates shown on the website, refer to ISPRA/GEOHAB when you contact the hotels.

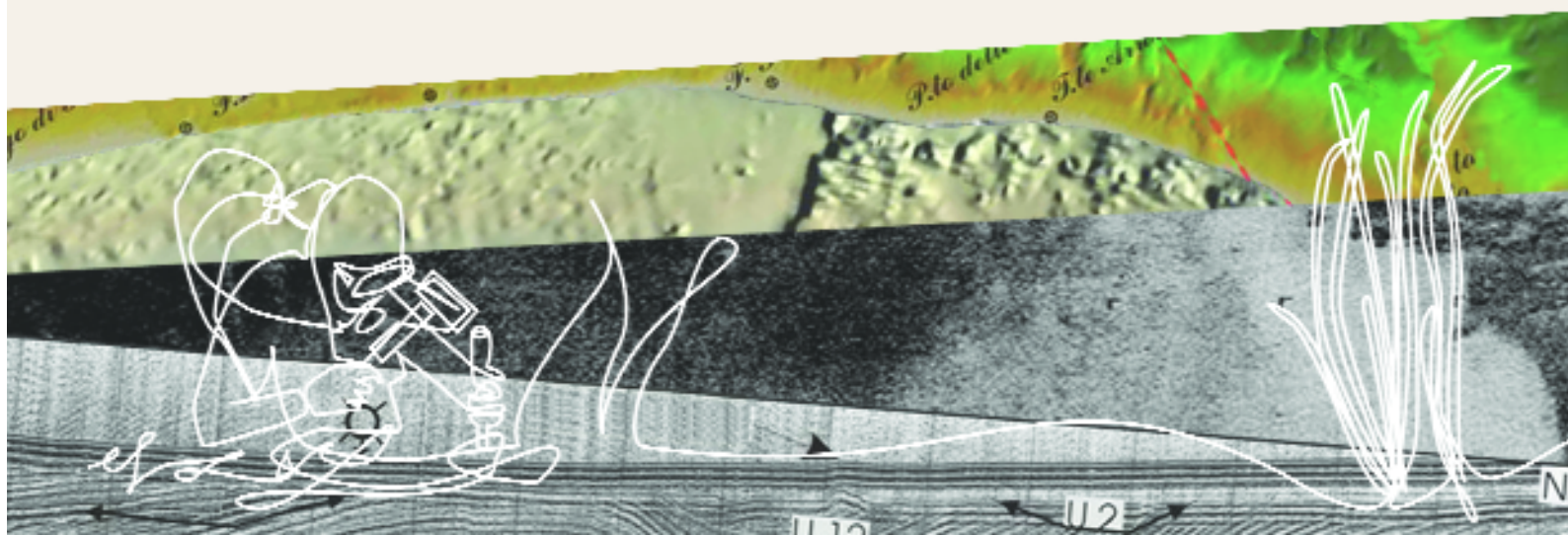
Consider that the time of the conference is high season in Rome and room availability might be limited. Make your reservations early in order to avoid disappointment.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Check the GeoHab 2013 website (<http://www.geohab2013.it> or through [geohab.org](http://www.geohab.org)) or contact the organizing committee at geohab2013@isprambiente.it

Tourist information are also available at <http://www.turismoroma.it/?lang=en>



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Leonardo Tunesi (Marine Habitat and Biodiversity Protection - ISPRA)

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