

**Italian bid to host the  
12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on  
Geomorphology – ICG 2030**



**15-19 July or 9-13 September 2030**

**Rimini (Italy)**

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## General Introduction

It is with great pleasure that the ***Italian Association of Physical Geography and Geomorphology (AIGeo)*** is submitting its proposal to host the *12th International Conference on Geomorphology – ICG 2030* in **Rimini, Italy in 2030**.

The layout of our bid response follows the criteria outlined in the *Guidelines and requirements for responding to the Call for Hosting the IAG's International Conference on Geomorphology (ICG)*.

More specifically, in the document below titles in *italic* are in direct reference to the guidelines and our response follows in size 11 Arial font.

We believe that Rimini is an ideal city to host such an event and has all the necessary space requirements as per bid requests. Rimini is located in the Emilia Romagna region of Italy and not only is it of interest from a geomorphological perspective, but it is also a safe city with a rich cultural history and culinary excellence. Our bid fully aligns to IAG's requirements in terms of diversity, inclusivity and equity as well as environmental and economic sustainability.

### **Minimum room requirements (full capacity) – Additional info in Annex 1 – Pages 23-31**

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*1 large auditorium (size: approx. 600-800 persons, theatre style)*

Piazza Hall, one section – ground floor

This room is modular and can adapt to different capacities requirements for both the plenary and the exhibition/poster/catering area

From 800 to 1500 seats

*2 medium size lecture/session rooms (size: each room approx. 100 persons, theatre/classroom style)*

Tempio 1 room – Ground Floor: up to 180 mobile seats theatre style

Tempio 2 room – Ground Floor: up to 180 mobile seats theatre style

*6 workshop/session rooms (size: each approx. 60-80 persons, theatre/classroom style)*

Parco room – First floor: up to 110 mobile seats theatre style

Borgo room – First floor: up to 110 mobile seats theatre style

Marina 1 room – First floor: up to 55 mobile seats theatre style

Marina 2 room – First floor: up to 77 mobile seats theatre style

Vecchia Pescheria room – First floor: up to 36 mobile seats theatre style

Faro room – First floor: up to 54 mobile seats theatre style

*1 or 2 splinter meeting rooms (size: approx. 20-50 persons, classroom style)*

Lavatoio – First floor: up to 54 mobile seats classroom style

Orologio room – First floor: up to 33 mobile seats classroom style

Thanks to its flexible layout and scalable room configurations, the venue can comfortably support a growing number of participants, aligning with the LOC's strategic goals.

### **Additional space – Additional info in Annex 1 – Pages 23 to 31**

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- *Registration area with bar tables (standing tables). Registration counter for 4-5 computers including ticket/badge printers*
- *Cloakroom (for storing luggage) including staff*

Both areas will be situated in Entrance A – ground floor

- Space for approximately 260 posters (i.e. either 260 single-sided boards or 130 double sided boards) normally in A0 portrait format. This is based on two poster sessions.
- Exhibition space for approximately 5-10 exhibition booths including electricity
- Seating area / working space for 300 participants including power sockets
- Enough space for catering spots
- Storage space for exhibitors and conference organization (about 100 m<sup>2</sup>)

Foyer B – Ground floor: 2100 gross sqm

Piazza Hall, one section – Ground floor: 500 to 1000 gross sqm

Backstage area – Piazza Hall: 150 gross sqm

- *OPTIONAL 1 press room and one press conference room (size: approx. 20 persons, boardroom style)*
- *OPTIONAL Provision of childcare, baby changing rooms separate from the toilets and prayer rooms are encouraged.*

Options for Splinter meetings, Board /Staff/Speakers meetings can take place in various elegant rooms, that can be set up according to needs and requests.

Kids' area is also available, as rooms are multifunctional and can be provided empty and equipped with specific entertainment (to be defined and quoted). A kindergarten service at the Rimini mare beach can be envisaged (including baby changing rooms).

Prayer rooms can be set-up at the venue at your request.

### **Location requirements – Additional info in Annex 1 – Pages 2 to 13**

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- *Safe and preferably attractive surroundings*
- *If using university premises, make sure you have considered sufficient bathroom facilities and site security including any additional staff (cleaners, security staff).*
- *Availability of a range of accommodation including affordable accommodation options for students*
- *Good access to public transport*
- *Easy international transportation preferably including low-cost carriers*

### **Safe and Attractive Surroundings**

Rimini is a dynamic, welcoming city of 150,000 inhabitants on Italy's Adriatic coast. Known for its hospitality and accessibility, it offers a pleasant climate from March to October (15°C–34°C) and a redeveloped urban environment with green spaces and pedestrian-friendly areas. The city ensures inclusiveness for guests with special needs, providing accessible accommodation, transport, and leisure facilities.

Rimini is a safe destination. In fact, the city regularly hosts many relevant events with high personalities in politics, art and science (see The Meeting of Friendship Among Peoples) and welcomes every year thousands of tourists and delegates who enjoy their quite stay, feeling secured and well protected. Rimini was voted the safest seaside destination by Italians in 2021, according to the survey "Fashion, Trends, and Forecasts for 2021 Beach Holidays," conducted by the Italian Seaside Destination Observatory (JFC). The survey examined 116 seaside destinations and interviewed a sample of over 1,600 Italians. Rimini climbed to the top of the podium as the seaside destination able to guarantee the highest level of health safety.

### **University Premises and Facilities**

The Palacongressi di Rimini, located near the University of Bologna campus, guarantees high standards of hygiene and security. The venue includes level entrances, Braille-equipped lifts, and restrooms for disabled guests. Daily cleaning of common areas and restrooms is provided, with extra services available on request. Security is ensured through 24/7 video surveillance, and first aid services are included for events with more than 600 participants.

## Accommodation Options

Rimini offers over 1,000 hotels ranging from 3- to 5-star categories, most within 1.5–3 km of the conference centre. Affordable options include 2-star hotels, hostels, family-run pensions, and Airbnb. Hostel rates start at €35 per person per night (B&B), while 2-star hotels start at €60 for single use and €90 for double rooms. A university residence near the train station provides 76 rooms for students, including accessible rooms for disabled guests.

## Public Transport Access

The city features an efficient transport network:

Train: High-speed connections to major Italian cities (e.g., Bologna in 50 min, Milan in 2h30).

Bus: Modern minibuses and eco-vehicles; tickets cost €1.50.

Metromare: Zero-emission electric bus linking Rimini and Riccione every 25 minutes.

Bike & E-Mobility: Extensive cycle paths, bike-sharing services, and e-scooter rentals. Hotels offer complimentary bikes.

## International Transportation

Rimini is served by four airports within one hour:

Rimini Airport (4.5 km from city centre – by 2030 an increasing number of incoming flights is expected).

Bologna International Airport (80+ destinations, including Frankfurt, London, Paris, Madrid, Amsterdam) with frequent shuttle and train connections.

Forlì Airport (50 km north) and Ancona Airport (80 km south).

Low-cost carriers operate from Bologna and nearby airports, ensuring affordable international travel.

## Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

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*LOC members should be clearly identified with the role and responsibilities of each LOC member being described. It is up to the LOC how it wishes to structure itself. However, the average LOC contributes staff-effort approximately equivalent to 1 Full Time Employee for one year (225-250 days). This effort is usually spread between a core team of 3 or 4 key personnel and builds as the meeting approaches.*

- *Strong and motivated Local Organizing Committee*
- *Connections to local and national media (LOC member)*
- *Please think about a diversity of, gender, age, career stage, social/political/ethnic backgrounds when constructing your LOC.*

The Italian Association of Physical Geography and Geomorphology (AIGeo) is proud and enthusiastic to present a robust and inclusive organizational structure for the upcoming ICG Conference, demonstrating its deep-rooted commitment to scientific excellence, community engagement, and operational efficiency.

Key roles of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) have already been formed with distinguished members from the AIGeo community:

- **Prof. Mauro Soldati** – *Congress President*
- **Prof. Paola Coratza** – *Congress Treasurer*
- **Prof. Irene Maria Bollati** – *Congress Secretary General*

In addition to these roles, AIGeo has strategically identified further responsibilities to be assigned to experienced Executive Board members. These include (but not limited to):

- **Scientific Programme Coordination**
- **Young Geomorphologists' Programme**
- **Workshops and Training Activities**
- **Fundraising and Sponsorship Development**
- **Social events**
- **Excursions and Field Trips**
- **Media Relations**

- **Volunteer Management**

To ensure seamless collaboration with the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG), AIGeo will also appoint a dedicated official **IAG Co-opted Member** (if any), serving as a liaison between the two organizations.

Following a rigorous and transparent call for tender, AIGeo has selected **OIC Group** as the Professional Congress Organizer (PCO). OIC Group brings extensive experience in managing international scientific events and will support the LOC in all logistical and operational aspects, in full alignment with the ICG guidelines.

AIGeo and OIC Group are jointly committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive conference environment. This includes proactive measures to ensure representation across gender, age, career stage, and socio-political and ethnic backgrounds. Notably, OIC Group and Rimini Convention Bureau both have earned the **UNI/PdR 125:2022 certification**, affirming their dedication to gender equality and inclusion as core values of its corporate culture.

Together, AIGeo and OIC Group offer a compelling blend of scientific leadership, organizational expertise, and inclusive values, making them an ideal team to deliver a successful and impactful ICG Conference in Rimini.

## **Wireless internet connection**

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*A very important and significant aspect of the conference is a very stable internet connection. The participants do work with highly bandwidth-consuming software like cloud applications, etc. According to our experience of recent conferences, we need a wireless connection with approx. 400 simultaneous connections, and a capacity of around 50 MB synchronized connection at all times.*

Free public WIFI connection available is included for attendees throughout the Venue. Access through Captive Portal and suitable for general use.

## **Technical requirements – Additional Info in Annex – Pages 26 to 31**

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*The **auditorium, medium-sized lecture rooms, workshop rooms, and splinter meeting rooms** each need the following setup:*

- 1 computer including Windows 10 (or higher) and specific software (powerpoint, acrobat, VLC, others to be determined)
- 1 projector and screen
- 1 sound-system including 1 hand-microphone and 1 tie-microphone
- 1 podium desk (with 4-5 seats) and 1 lectern

*The **2 splinter meeting rooms** need the following setup:*

- 1 projector and screen
- 1 podium desk (with 4-5 seats) and 1 lectern

*The **registration area** needs the following setup:*

- Counter with sufficient space for 5 computers
- A color printer (printer should also serve as a photocopier, scanner)
- 5 wired / cable (LAN) internet connections

*The **poster area** needs the following setup:*

- 130 double-sided (or 260 single) poster boards including fixation material for A0 portrait format posters. (assuming two poster sessions)
- Minimum distance between two poster board 3 meters and between two poster rows 4 meters

The **OPTIONAL press room** should have the following setup:

- *Wired/cable (LAN) internet connections for approx. 20 users*
- *1 multi-functional color printer serving as printer, photocopier, scanner, and fax machine (fax number also required)*
- *2 phone lines and phones with 2 separate numbers*

The **OPTIONAL press conference room** should have the following setup:

- *1 computer including Windows 10 (or higher) and specific software (powerpoint, acrobat, VLC, others to be determined)*
- *1 projector and screen*
- *1 sound-system including 1 hand-microphone and 1 tie-microphone*
- *1 podium desk (with 4-5 seats) and 1 lectern*
- *Seating capacity 20 persons*

We confirm that all technical equipment and infrastructure required for the auditorium, lecture rooms, workshop spaces, splinter meeting rooms, registration area, poster area, and optional press facilities have been accounted for and will be made available in accordance with the specified requirements.

Furthermore, the estimated costs for the procurement, installation, and operation of this equipment have been thoroughly assessed and are fully incorporated into the preliminary event budget.

## **Catering requirements**

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The catering arrangements proposed by the Palacongressi Rimini for the ICG Conference fully meet the specified requirements and are included in the general budget of the event.

### **Icebreaker Reception**

A cocktail-style welcome reception will be held on the day preceding the Conference for approximately 300 participants. Duration: 2 hours. The menu includes beer, wine, mineral water, soft drinks, and a selection of nibbles and salty finger food such as peanuts, biscuits, and savory snacks.

### **Daily Coffee Breaks (Monday to Friday)**

Two coffee breaks per day are planned, each for 500 participants. **Morning Breaks:** Coffee, tea, mineral water, juice, and pastries/cookies. **Afternoon Breaks:** Same beverage selection as morning breaks, excluding snacks.

### **Poster Sessions**

A minimum of two poster sessions (e.g., Tuesday and Thursday) will be organized, each for approximately 400 participants and lasting 2 hours. A catering service may be envisaged including beer, wine, mineral water, soft drinks, and salty finger food such as peanuts and crackers.

### **Water Supply**

Three water dispensers will be placed around the conference area and refilled as needed throughout the event. Still water will be provided in all lecture rooms for speakers.

All services include setup with buffet tables, linen, ceramic crockery, glassware, stainless steel cutlery, and professional serving staff. The cost of these services is included in the overall conference budget.

## **Social Event – Additional info in Annex 1 – Pages 34 to 36**

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*Capacity of up to 300 persons. Due to different dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian, vegan, allergies, ...) and to favour social interaction, the dinner is recommended to be a buffet. We emphasize that this event should be financially accessible to encourage maximum participation.*

The bid includes a variety of venue options for hosting the Conference's social events, each offering unique atmospheres and capacities:

### **Welcome Reception**

#### **Foyer B and Piazza Hall – Palacongressi Rimini**

To foster networking and create a welcoming atmosphere, the welcome reception will be set up directly in these areas nearby the exhibition. These areas are spread across two interconnected spaces on the ground floor. It is a bright and versatile area, ideal for dynamic setups.

### **IAG Council Reception (options)**

#### **Teatro Amintore Galli – Sala Ressi**

A prestigious municipal theatre built in the 19th century, ideal for formal gatherings. The Sala Ressi space within the theatre is suitable for elegant receptions and cultural events.

#### **The Grand Hotel Rimini**

Inaugurated in 1908, the Grand Hotel Rimini is a magnificent historical building, which over the years has welcome a large number of celebrity guests, such as the tenor Enrico Caruso, Mikhail Gorbachev, George H.W. Bush, Diana Spencer, Tony Blair, Sharon Stone and the Dalai Lama, just to mention a few. Amongst these, the unforgettable film director born in Rimini, Federico Fellini who chose the Grand Hotel Rimini as his "second dwelling" once he became famous. The Grand Hotel Rimini is a Fellinian place, where to experience the Italian Dolce Vita and the atmosphere of Federico Fellini's movies. The GHR can host gala dinners, cocktail receptions and parties in its majestic and elegant ancient salons, as well as in its beautiful garden and in the private beach.

### **Social Dinner (options)**

#### **Embassy Club**

Located in the historic Villa Cacciaguerra, this Art Nouveau venue blends food, music, and fashion. It accommodates gala dinners for up to 150 guests and outdoor welcome parties with live music for up to 400 guests.

#### **Borgo San Giuliano**

Just across the Roman Tiberius Bridge from Rimini's old town, is a charming district with narrow streets, colorful Fellini-inspired murals, and lively squares. Today it's a hub for Rimini's nightlife, filled with traditional restaurants, trattorias, and wine bars where local traditions thrive. A diffused dinner can be successfully organized in the little alleys of the district with no limits in the number of participants.

### **IAG Grant-holders' Reception**

#### **Rockisland**

A seaside restaurant situated on the Levante pier, offering panoramic views of the Adriatic. Perfect for sunset dinners and informal networking events, within walking distance from hotels.

## **Birrodromo**

Set in a repurposed bus factory near the Roman Amphitheatre, this venue offers 500 sqm of indoor space and two outdoor areas. It combines industrial charm with local history and can host up to 300 guests indoors and 200 outdoors.

These venues provide flexible options for both formal and informal social programming, enhancing the cultural and experiential value of the Conference.

The final selection of venues will be tailored to the IAG request. We have many other options available and can propose additional venues at a later stage to best suit the IAG EC preferences.

## **General Conference requirements**

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We are pleased to confirm that all the listed requirements for the 2030 conference can be fully met in Rimini. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC), the Professional Conference Organizer (PCO), the Venue and the Destination have already jointly committed to delivering on each of the following points:

- A dedicated conference website will be launched at least one year in advance, providing evolving program details, abstract submission, secure registration, transport and accommodation options, visa guidance, field trip information, and all other relevant logistics.
- Abstract submission and registration will open no later than six months before the conference.
- Visa support letters will be issued promptly, and local consulates will be contacted in advance to facilitate the process.
- An electronic abstract booklet with an ISBN/ISSN code will be produced and made available after the conference.
- The conference will feature joint plenary sessions and 6–10 parallel specialist sessions. Oral presentations will be strictly timed at 15 minutes to ensure smooth transitions between sessions.
- A Scientific Committee of up to 25 members will be formed by the LOC in consultation with the IAG Executive Committee, with attention to diversity in gender, age, career stage, and background.
- Each session will have up to 4 conveners/chairs, with at least one present onsite. Local representation and diversity will be prioritized.
- Comprehensive insurance coverage for the conference will be secured.
- The program will accommodate general assemblies, council meetings, and executive committee meetings. The IAG liaison will coordinate with the IAG secretary to align on requirements.
- Public lectures and press conferences will be integrated into the conference schedule.
- A dedicated training event for Young Geomorphologists will be organized either before or after the main conference.
- Nearby poster printing services will be arranged, with special rates negotiated for participants.
- Negotiated rates with nearby hotels will be secured, in collaboration with the local tourist office.
- Sustainability practices will be embedded in the planning and execution of the conference.

The organizing team is fully aligned and prepared to ensure a successful, inclusive, and impactful event in Rimini.

### **Field trip requirements**

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*It is desirable to organize excursions to take place within (usually day 3), after and before the conference. A range of topics suitable for the local area are expected and a range of budgets. The mid conference field trips should be financially and, at least one, physically accessible to all participants.*

Pre- and post-conference field trips (from 3 to 5 days) - The list is geographically-set from north to south and subject to integration.

1. Climate-related geomorphological evolution of Eastern Dolomites: from glacier retreat to widespread slope instability (Northern Italy)
2. Landscape evolution of recurrently-glaciated, tectonically-active regions: a mountain-to-plain transect from the south-eastern Alps to the Venetian-Friulian plain (Northern Italy)
3. A geomorphological transect from the Maritime Alps to the Mediterranean continental shelf
4. Inherited anthropogenic disturbance, fluvial sediment exhaustion and the vulnerability of river systems to extreme meteorological events in Romagna (Northern Italy)
5. Large landslides and DGSDs in the Adriatic side of Central Italy
6. The Campo Imperatore intermontane basin (Central Apennines): a natural field laboratory for hillslope, tectonic, climatic and karst geomorphology (Central Italy)
7. Urban Geomorphology: a new perspective for visiting the city of Rome (Central Italy)
8. Landscape modification and human response in the volcanic areas of the Gulf of Naples (Southern Italy)
9. Slope instability and denudation processes in the Basilicata badlands (Southern Italy)
10. A geomorphological transect from west to east Calabria: coastal and mountain landscape evolution, paleoclimate, natural hazards and geoheritage (Southern Italy)
11. From the Ionian to the Tyrrhenian and back: Tracing Sea-Level Change Across Southern Italy

Mid-conference field trips (one day)

- Urban geomorphology of the town of Rimini and surroundings
- Coastal erosion and sea-level rise along the northern Adriatic Sea: Implications for the Romagna Coast
- The Venice Lagoon in the changing climate
- The Po Delta UNESCO Biosphere reserve
- Landslide hazard at the Conero coast, Marche Region.
- Slope dynamics at the San Leo cliffs
- The Romagna badlands
- Evaporitic karst and caves of Northern Apennines, UNESCO World Heritage Site

**Cultural visits for accompanying persons can be organized throughout the conference in Bologna, Florence, Ravenna, Rimini and Venice.**

**Budget Proposal - Prices are in €. The PCO is VAT coded in Italy, VAT will not be an additional cost. Consider possible 10% costs increase for 2030.**

<b>COSTS ESTIMATION</b>	<b>900 part.</b>	<b>1200 part.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Congress site	186.000,00	186.000,00	As per attached Palacongressi Rimini proposal
AV, Technical Equipment and Security Staff	Included in Congress site	Included in Congress site	
Catering in congress area	65.000,00	80.000,00	Welcome reception, coffee breaks, water
Lunch boxes	charged to participants	charged to participants	Not required by the bid, but to be reconsidered in the future
Staging and signage	15.000,00	15.000,00	
Equipment for secretariat desks, badges self-printing kiosks	9.000,00	9.000,00	
Onsite Staff & Technical Assistance	43.000,00	47.000,00	
Gala Dinner for participants	charged to participants	charged to participants	
Gala Dinner for invited guests (50)	5.500,00	5.500,00	
Congress materials (badges, lanyards, notepads, pens)	5.400,00	7.200,00	Some items may be sponsored
Marketing, promotion, website, App	25.000,00	25.000,00	
PCO Management Fee	63.000,00	69.000,00	Including: General coordination, administration&finance, registrations and housing, abstract management, scientific programme management, sponsor management
Field Trips	charged to participants	charged to participants	
Miscellanea, unexpected expenses and inflation	30.000,00	30.000,00	
<b>TOTAL COSTS (VAT net)</b>	<b>€ 446.900,00</b>	<b>€ 473.700,00</b>	
<b>INCOMES ESTIMATION</b>	<b>900 part.</b>	<b>1200 part.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Registration fees (VAT net)	375.000,00	490.000,00	Includes Coffee breaks and Welcome Reception (15 free registrations included)
Incomes from sponsors (exhibition, workshops, advertising, etc.)	60.000,00	60.000,00	
Other contributions	15.000,00	15.000,00	
<b>TOTAL INCOMES (VAT net)</b>	<b>€ 450.000,00</b>	<b>€ 565.000,00</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>€ 3.100,00</b>	<b>€ 91.300,00</b>	

We look forward to welcoming you to Rimini in 2030 for the 12th International Conference on Geomorphology – ICG 2030.

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