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VIRTIGATION ANNUAL MEETING

Catania, 15th-17th May 2024

Venue: Dipartimento di Agricoltura, Alimentazione e Ambiente (Di3A), University of Catania

Agenda (version 10 April 2024)

Tuesday 14th May 2024

Time	Activity
All day	Arrival of participants and their accommodation in hotels located in Catania city centre (via Etna - piazza Stesicoro area)

Wednesday 15th May 2024

Time	Activity
08:30 - 09:00	Self walk transfer of participants to the Rectorate building of the University of Catania, located in Piazza Università, at a walking distance from the hotels. Meeting in the historical Aula Magna of the "Siculorum Gymnasium".
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome by the Rector of the University of Catania, the Di3A representative(s), and Hervé, with presentation of the agenda
09:30 - 10:30	WP1 Session
10:30 - 11:15	Coffee break (at the edge of the historic fish market, close to the Rectorate building, at the peak hour of the picturesque purchase negotiations!)
11:15 - 13:15	WP4 Session
13:15 - 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 - 15:30	Drive to Etna
15:30 - 20:30	Field trip (Etna natural and agricultural areas; warm clothes and strong shoes are suggested!)
20:30	Return to hotels in Catania and free evening

Thursday 16th May 2024

Time	Activity
08:30 - 09:00	Self transfer of participants (by metro, from "Stesicoro" to "Milo" metro stations + Metro Shuttle from "Milo" metro station to campus parking) to the venue of the meeting (Di3A)
09:00 - 11:00	WP3 Session
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 12:30	WP6 & WP7 session
12:30 - 20:00	Field visits Experimental farm of the University of Catania (with lunch and visit to ongoing VIRTIGATION field experiments) + greenhouse cultivation area in south-east Sicily (province of Ragusa)

20:00 - 23:00	Return to hotels in Catania and free evening
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Friday 17th May 2024

Time	Activity
08:30 - 09:00	Self transfer of participants (by metro, from "Stesicoro" to "Milo" metro stations + Metro Shuttle from "Milo" metro station to campus parking) to the venue of the meeting (Di3A)
09:00 - 11:00	WP2 Session
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 13:30	WP5 Session, with discussion on results from field tests
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 - 15:30	External Experts Advisory Board (EEAB) Session and discussion/inputs
15:30 - 16:15	General Assembly
16:15 - 16:30	Wrap up and end of meeting
16:30 - 20:30	Transfer to and visit of the "Monastero dei Benedettini" (UNESCO heritage site), followed by a short city walk in Catania
20:30 - 23:00	Farewell Dinner in Catania city centre and return to the hotels

Saturday 18th May 2024

Time	Activity
All day	Optional and on personal costs: all day tour around Etna by FCE old train, with wine and food tasting (price per person: € 60,00; reservation mandatory before 31/03/2024)