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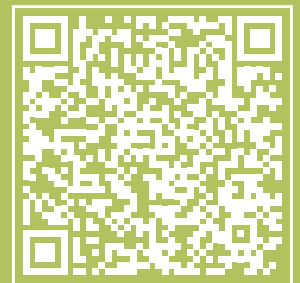


International congress | 3rd Edition

MERANO TREE DAYS

“Trees & environment”

📍 Kurhaus, Merano | **June 16-18, 2025**



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Full Program

JUNE 16

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM


I. SESSION TREE – ASSET OR LIABILITY?

MODERATOR: DANIELE ZANZI


9:00 AM - 9:15 AM
INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS
Municipality of Merano (IT) - 


9:15 AM - 9:45 AM
**FUTURE PERSPECTIVES FOR MODERN
GREEN SPACE MANAGEMENT**
Dr. Paolo Viskanic, R3GIS (IT) - 

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM
**TREES: THREAT
OR UNDERRATED OPPORTUNITY?**
Dr. agr. Giovanni Morelli, ARES (IT) - 


10:15 AM - 11:00 AM
**THE ECOLOGICAL VALUE OF TREES –
A LIFE DEDICATED TO RESEARCH**
Prof. William Moomaw (USA) - 


11:15 AM - 11:45 AM
**I-TREE: AN INNOVATIVE TOOL
FOR TREE ASSESSMENT AND CARE**
Rogers MICFor Kenton, TREEECONOMICS (UK) - 

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM
**TREES AS CULTURAL HERITAGE
AND SPIRITUAL GUIDES**
Arch. Yuichi Kodai (JP) - 

12:15 PM - 12:45 PM
**ANCIENT AND VETERAN TREES –
NATURE’S TREASURES AND GUARDIANS
OF ECOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**
Dr. Kevin Smith, USDA (USA) - 


II. SESSION TREES & HEALTH MODERATOR: SIA PIETRO MAROÈ

14:30 - 15:00
**TREES – LIFE GIVERS
AND SOURCES OF WELL-BEING**
Dr. Ugo Corrieri, Medici per l’Ambiente (IT) - 


15:00 - 15:30
**THE TREE AS A DEFINING ELEMENT
IN THE LANDSCAPE**
Dr. for. Fabrizio Fronza, AIAPP (IT) - 


3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
**TREES BETWEEN EXPERT KNOWLEDGE
AND PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS**
Simona Bertini, ONDA (IT) - 


4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
**TREES AS GUARDIANS OF BIODIVERSITY –
SCIENTIFIC INSIGHTS AND THEIR PRACTICAL
IMPLICATIONS**
Dr. Claudia Canedoli, Università Bicocca,
Mailand (IT) - 

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
**TREES & THE CITY – A FASCINATING
EXPLORATION OF THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN NATURE AND URBAN SPACE**
Prof. Stefano Mancuso (IT) - 

LEGEND

 - In Italian

 - In German*

 - In English*


*Simultaneous translation into Italian available


The “International Merano Tree Days,” first held in 1995 and 1997 thanks to Francesco Decembrini and the support of the Municipality of Merano, are now returning in a renewed form. They were a success with the public due to their atmosphere and the quality of the content. Since then, the perception of trees in the city has changed: they are no longer just ornamental elements, but also providers of ecosystem services for our cities. The third edition will emphasize these themes and be titled ‘III International Merano Days on the Environment: Trees & Environment,’ organized by the Merano Tourist Office.


JUNE 17


9:00 AM - 5:30 PM


I. SESSION TREES & THE CITY MODERATOR: PUBBLICI GIARDINI DOTT. FOR. PAOLO BELLOCCI

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
**ENLARGING AWARENESS ABOUT
THE VALUE OF TREES WITH
AN EUROPEAN TREETAG CAMPAIGN**
Mark Rotteveel, Pius Floris Boomverzorging (NL)- 

9:30 - 10:00 AM
THE ARBOCITY PROJECT
Dr. Ana Macías, Arbocity (ES) - 


10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
**TREES – HAVENS OF BIODIVERSITY
IN OUR CITIES**
Marco Dinetti, Lipu (IT) - 


11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
**URBAN TREE MANAGEMENT:
PERSPECTIVES FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES**
Dr. Oriana Ruzzini, City Councillor for Ecological
Transition, Environment, and Green Spaces,
Municipality of Bergamo (IT) - 


11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
**ECOLOGICAL FUNCTIONALITY MEASURES –
AN INNOVATIVE TOOL FOR SUSTAINABLE
URBAN PLANNING USING MERANO
AS AN EXAMPLE**
Andrea Balestrini (IT) - 


II. SESSION TREES & TECHNOLOGY MODERATOR: EAC STEFANIA GASPERINI


2:30 PM - 3:00 PM
**SHOWCASE: THE PULLING TEST
AS A MEASURE TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY**
Dr. Ing. Lothar Wessolly (DE) - 

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM
**TREES ARE IMPRESSIVE ENERGY STORAGES.
– APHORISM NO. 27 BY A. SHIGO**
Dr. agr. Monica Castiglioni, Fitoconsult (IT) - 

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
**MAXIMIZING
THE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES OF TREES**
Ing. Martin Tuser, Treeib (CZ) - 

4:15 PM - 4:45 PM
**ROOTS AND STRUCTURES:
MINIMIZING CONFLICTS**
Dr. Valentin Lobis, AA (IT) - 

4:45 PM - 5:15 PM
**3-30-300: FROM THEORY
TO PRACTICAL APPLICATION**
Mgr. Jaroslava Šmerdová (CZ) - 

5:15 PM - 5:30 PM
MERANO GREEN CITY MANIFESTO
Municipality of Merano (IT) - 

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Workshops

18. JUNI

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

PULLING TEST

SUMMER PROMENADE – MERANO

Dr. Ing. Lothar Wessolly

Institut für Baustatik und Baudynamik,
Stuttgart (DE) - 

Lothar Wessolly, renowned pioneer of the pulling test, will offer a hands-on demonstration showcasing the correct application and interpretation of dynamic tests. This workshop presents a unique opportunity to experience this cutting-edge diagnostic method firsthand and gain valuable insights into its potential and limitations.

TREE MORPHOPHYSIOLOGY

KURSAAL HALL AND GILF PROMENADE

Morelli dr. agr. Giovanni, ARES (IT) - 

Reading the living architecture of trees to understand their structure and provide the right care – a key skill for effective tree management. The workshop includes practical case studies and interactive sessions with participants.

I TREE - PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

KURSAAL HALL AND PASSER PROMENADE

Rogers MICFor Kenton, TREEECONOMICS (UK) - 

Exploring the ecosystem benefits of trees and their practical assessment using the I-Tree software. Participants will gain valuable insights through a combination of theory and hands-on case studies, learning to use the software accurately and efficiently.

BIOLOGY OF VETERAN TREES

TAPPEINER TRAIL – GUNPOWDER TOWER

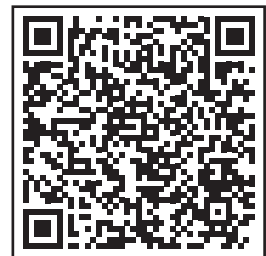
Smith PhD Kevin, USDA (USA) - 

An interactive session with Alex Shigo's former assistant, offering fascinating insights into the ingenious strategies veteran trees use to adapt and endure.



Registration form

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