

Presentation of Proceedings

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As described in the Preface of this Proceedings Volume, the Symposium has been confirmed as the international occasion to present the research carried out in recent years on the monitoring of the Mediterranean Coastal Areas and therefore as a space to present new proposals and promote actions for the protection of the marine and coastal environment.

The interdisciplinary of the Symposium has been the event for consolidating the scientific exchanges of scholars from Mediterranean countries and for promoting a greater diffusion of the research and related results.

It is relevant that the Symposium is considering the Mediterranean Coastal Areas in all their aspects: from morphology and evolution of coastlines and seabeds to the landscape dynamics and integrated protection; from the dynamics and protection of coastal and underwater flora and fauna to cultural heritage, considering the challenges of pollution, energy production, environmental assessment and regulatory context of coastal areas.

In this 10th edition, in fact, we had more than 130 participants from 16 countries; this is a sign of great success and willingness to be presence in Livorno to discuss problems and propose solutions for the Mediterranean coastal areas.

The international scientific committee supervising the Symposium, formed by 42 renowned scientists, did a great and hard work in selecting 44 oral and 110 poster presentations among the 180 contributions received.

For all selected works a *double peer review* has been carried out for the inclusion of the extended papers in this Volume.

Also, for this edition the collaboration between CNR-IBE and Italian Society of Silviculture and Forest Ecology (SISEF) in the organization of the Symposium has been continued.

The aim of CNR-IBE and SISEF is to continue in their collaboration to organize the next edition, the 11th, of the Symposium and to involve an increasingly wide audience of scholars, supporting in this way the dissemination of scientific results obtained in the field of protection of the Mediterranean coasts.

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