### ABSTRACTS' BOOK

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#### **PROGRAMME**

#### Tuesday September 13th

9h - Registration

12h - Opening Ceremony 1<sup>st</sup> International Symposium of the FIP

13h - Opening Session

Salvador Rivas-Martínez

Worldwide Bioclimatic Classification System: cartographic expression

Carlo Blasi

Modern perspectives for plant sociology

14h - Lunch

15h - Poster Session

16h - 1<sup>st</sup> Symposium: Ecosystem services: the role of vegetation, ecological mapping and land use Chairman: Jorge Capelo

16.15h - Speaker: Miguel Sequeira

BRINGING TOGETHER VEGETATION SCIENCE, ECO-TOURISM AND CONSERVATION TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY IN THE LAURISILVA OF MADEIRA

17h - Coffee break

17.15h - Oral Contributions:

Updating, results and potential applications of the indexes system for the evaluation of agroecosystem's functionality

F. Taffetani, M. Rismondo & A. Lancioni

Predicting the potential natural vegetation in Sado estuary and Comporta Galé sites with data mining models – community-level modeling and habitat restoration

F. Gutierres, E. Reis, C. Neto & J. C. Costa

Estimating ecosystem services of vegetation: vegetation structure and composition, plant phenology and honey production in a Mediterranean sylvo-pastoral landscape

S. Bagella, A. Satta, M. C. Caria, I. Rossetti, F. Buffa & I. Floris

The importance of natural ecosystems and economic changes in ecosystem anthropogenic M. M. Redondo García & A. B. Hermosilla González



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A relict wood of Juniperus turbinata Guss. in S Sicily. ecological status, age structure and conservation perspectives

P. Minissale, S. Sciandrello & I. Galletti

The *Polylepis* Ruíz & Pavón and *Aragoa* Kunth. relict micro forests in the Andes of Mérida (Venezuela)

M. Costa, J. A. Cegarra, L. Lugo, J. Guevara, J. Lozada & P. Soriano

Causes and determinants of beta diversity in southern-European old-growth forests

F. M. Sabatini, S. Burrascano & C. Blasi

12.15h - Open discussion and Chairman conclusions

13h - Lunch

14h - Poster session

15h - 3th Symposium: The Habitats Directive - Monitoring and management programs, in-situ and ex-situ conservation plans

Chairmen: Edoardo Biondi & Frédéric Bioret

15.15 h - Speaker: Douglas Evans

MONITORING AND REPORTING FOR THE HABITATS DIRECTIVE

16h - Coffee break

16.15h - Oral Contributions:

A proposal for new habitats in Andalusia (Spain)

E. Cano Carmona, J. Mota Poveda, J. Muñoz Ávarez & C. Pinto Gomes

Enlargement of FFH-areas by restoration approaches: the case of inland sand ecosystems

A. Schwabe-Kratochwil & A. Kratochwil

Calcareous scree slopes habitat monitoring in Piatra Craiului National Park (Romania)

P. Oliviu Grigore

Habitats cartography of the Valencian Community: a Gis-based tool for the management and conservation of Natura 2000 vegetation types in Eastern Spain

C. Fabregat, J. Casabó, J. Fabado & J. Soler

Is Natura 2000 Network representative of the actual vegetation diversity at Regional scale?

D. Gigante, F. Landucci, F. Maneli & R. Venanzoni

Higro demonstrative actions for the conservation of priority habitats in northern mountain areas in Portugal

M. Geraldes, C. Neto, P. Monteiro, J. Honrado, B. Caldas & C. Aguiar

Coleanthus subtilis - ex situ and in situ Conservation of a priority species

K.-G. Bernhardt, S. Hameister & M. Koch

A cartographic, phytosociological, sindynamic, geosynphytosociological and habitats (sensu Directive 92/43/eec) database. The Regione Marche case study.

S. Pesaresi, E. Biondi & S. Casavecchia

## HIGRO - DEMONSTRATIVE ACTIONS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF PRIORITY HABITATS IN NORTHERN MOUNTAIN AREAS IN PORTUGAL

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#### Abstract:

An innovative methodology is being tested towards the restoration and conservation of 200 ha of mountain priority habitats: hygrophilous heather-gorse dominated shrublands [(4020) '\*temperate Atlantic wet heaths with Erica ciliaris and Erica tetralix'] and higrophile moor matgrasses [(6230) '\*species-rich Nardus grasslands on silicious substrates']. These experiments comprise 35 ha in the Atlantic Biogeographical Region - SCI "Serra de Arga" (PTCON0039) - and 50 ha on SCI "Serra de Montemuro" (PTCON0025) and 115 ha on SCI "Alvão-Marão" (PTCON0003) in the Mediterranean Biogeographical Region, located at the supra-temperate and supra-mediterranean levels on granitic mountains from the Northern Portugal, whose meso-higrophile and higrophile heather-gorse shrublands are nowadays in steep regression. The experiment comprehends the assemblage of 10 km of removable fences; the selective control of grass and shrub formations on 50 ha; the restoration of the natural hydrology on 100 ha (using artificial levees); and the promotion of extensive grazing along a path on 100 ha, all ruled by contract with the landowners. A preparatory stage has undergone, collecting and mapping data on the biogeography, climate, topography, lithology, land-use history, species, and habitats. A repport was produced over the reference status (1st stage of the Project). This presentation shows the preliminary results, carrying new information into the discussion about the most suitable techniques, implemented together or by themselves, in different intensities and periodicities, in order to induce vegetation diversity and the conservation of rare vascular plants (e.g. Genista berberidea, Gentiana pneumonanthe) and invertebrates (e.g. Maculinea alcon). Albeit burning, draining and grazing in mountain areas pose threats to the higrophile formations of Erica ciliaris, E. tetralix, Calluna vulgaris (usually with Ulex minor and, less often, Genista anglica, G. berberidea, and G. micrantha), these activities seem to benefit mat moorgrasses (e.g. Agrostis hesperica, Nardus stricta), sedges (e.g. Carex asturica, C. pilulifera), rushes (e.g. Juncus squarrosus) and herbaceous dicotyledons (e.g. genuses Cirsium, Polygala, Potentilla). Grazing is an activity in decline; still it does render vital services for well-conserved montain priority habitats. The challenge is, thus, to find ways that allow short and medium-term profitable grazing and, at the same time, ensure the ecological balance.