



Capo Pachino

crossroads of the Mediterranean from prehistory to new foundations

Stories, representations, exchanges, landscapes

Scientific Updates



September 5/6/7 2025, Pachino – Portopalo di Capo Passero

FIRST CIRCULAR

Since the first appearance of humans in Sicily, the continuous arrivals of people from various origins influenced the formation of Sicilian identity, leaving marks on history, culture, and economy.

In particular, Capo Pachino was a point of contact between the western and eastern Mediterranean from prehistory to the present day. Its geographical position at the southeastern tip of the island, along with its environmental characteristics and natural resources, favored and continues to favor commercial and cultural exchanges with the peoples bordering the Mediterranean. These long-term relationships left valuable archaeological and monumental evidence in the territory, contributing to the construction of a unique landscape and impacting local traditions.

The acceleration of transformations in the territory caused by human activity and environmental factors is threatening this important heritage, making protective interventions urgent.

The conference, promoted by the associations Italia Nostra 'Capo Pachino' and the Capo Pachino Archaeological Group, along with the Superintendency for Cultural and Environmental Heritage of Syracuse, offers an opportunity for scientific debate on the millennia-old history of this extraordinary corner of Sicily, giving particular emphasis to scientific and methodological updates within a multidisciplinary approach.

The area of interest for study roughly includes the southeastern strip of Sicily, from the Tellaro River plain in the north to Capo Passero in the south, and the Cuba-Longarini marshes in the southwest

Conference Program

The preliminary program includes three days of study (September 5, 6, and 7, 2025) with sessions of oral presentations and posters organized according to the following thematic areas:

Themes

- 1 The Formation of the Landscape of Capo Pachino: Natural Aspects and Human Actors
- 2 Beliefs and Religions: Symbolic, Cult, and Funerary Spaces
- 3 The Occupation and Control of the Territory: Habitations, Colonies, Defensive Systems
- 4 Transportation and Exchanges: Stations, Landing Places, Routes, and Ways
- 5 Stone, Earth, and Sea: Craftsmanship and Industry in Capo Pachino
- 6 Capo Pachino in the Sources: Antiquarian Studies, Historiography, Cartography
- 7 The New Foundations: The Modern Reorganization of the Territory

How to Participate

Participation in the conference is free, but no reimbursement for expenses is provided. Participants are responsible for their own transportation, accommodation, and meals.

Proposers can send the attached registration form along with an abstract (in Italian and English) of 2000 characters including spaces (excluding any bibliography), indicating the chosen theme, keywords, and the author's/authors' details, as well as the preferred mode of presentation, either oral (max. 15 minutes) or poster.

The accepted languages are Italian and English. Remote participation will also be possible. In the case of a large number of proposals received, the scientific committee reserves the right to include some contributions in the poster section

The form must be completed, signed, and sent to the email address of the Conference Secretariat, along with the abstract, keywords, and the profile of the author/authors by June 30, 2025.

Acceptance of participation is subject to the judgment of the Scientific Committee and will be confirmed via email. Preference will be given to contributions that propose new data and/or new research perspectives, including methodological approaches.

Contributions accepted by the Scientific Committee will be published after a review of the text prepared by the authors according to the editorial guidelines provided after the conference

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