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The Organizing Committee and the Italian Mammal Society are pleased to announce a large turnout for the **14th Italian Congress of Mammalogy**, which will be held in Bolzano, at the Eurac Research headquarters, from **June 3 to 5, 2026**.

The 2026 edition will take place at **Eurac Research** headquarters in the stunning city of **Bolzano**, nestled in the Eastern Alps. This unique setting has attracted widespread participation from members, with over 300 registrations already received. Unfortunately, due to safety concerns related to the capacity of the hall, we had to close registration well in advance.

As usual, the Congress will be divided into **sessions dedicated to exploring topics of varying degrees of specificity**. The conference will take place over **three days**, ending on the afternoon of **Friday, June 5th**.

During the Congress, the **Youth Council** will award two prizes to young researchers **under 35**: the **Best Poster** and the **Best Talk** award. To be eligible for these awards, young researchers must be under 35 as of January 20, 2026, and must be the first author of their submitted contributions. Furthermore, for the *Best Talk*, the oral presentation must be given by the young researcher.

The Congress will also host a **photography exhibition**, designed to showcase the creativity and passion of its members: the **twelve finalist photos from the Photography Competition organised by the Youth Council of ATIt** will be on display. The **Best Paper Award** will also be given to the best article published in *Hystrix, the Italian Journal of Mammalogy*, in the last two years by a young researcher under 35 who has submitted his or her application.

Thanks to the large turnout, you can expect to participate in three days of high-profile scientific discussions and to hear about the latest research findings.



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The current program of the XIV Italian Congress of Mammalogy is available online at the following address: <https://www.atit2026.it/en/programme>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS AND SUBMISSION METHODS

The Scientific Committee has created the following guidelines for the preparation of contributions:

Oral presentations

- **Duration:** Each presentation will have a maximum duration of **10 minutes**, followed by **5 minutes** of questions and discussion
- **File Format:** Presentations must be shared in **PDF (for Mac) or PowerPoint (16:9, for Windows)** format. You will not be permitted to connect your own laptop to the projector
- **Delivery:** Files must be brought to the slide centre, located in the right wing of the Auditorium entrance, **no later than the interval before your session**. To facilitate archiving and technical management, please name your files according to this scheme: **Day_Session_Surname.ext**
Example: "03_S2_Rossi.pptx", to indicate June 3, Session 2



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Posters

- **Size:** The standard required format is **70 x 100 cm**
- **Orientation: Portrait** orientation is mandatory
- **Display:** Posters will be displayed in a dedicated area for the entire duration of the conference. Poster clips will be provided by the organizers at the reception desk.
- **Posters cannot be printed at Eurac Research.**

Please note that slides and posters **must be written in English** to facilitate international exchanges of the content.

ELECTION OF THE GOVERNING BODIES

We remind you that, during the **XIV Congresso Italiano di Teriologia**, **elections will be held** for the association's administration positions, including: President, Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Directors, Director of Publications, Board of Auditors, and the Coordinating Committees of all specialist groups.

Online voting will open on **June 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** and close on **June 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** Information about the application process will be sent to members and made available on the **website www.mammiferi.org**.

ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

Thursday, June 4, 2026, 5:30 PM

During the Annual Members' Meeting, the activities carried out during the last two years will be presented and the new Governing Bodies elected for the two-year period 2026/2028 will be announced.



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SOCIAL EVENTS

SOCIALIZZATIt

Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 6:30 PM

On the afternoon of June 3, the Organizing Committee will host an aperitif.

Participants will be divided into two groups: senior and junior. Members of the two groups will then be randomly paired, thus encouraging meetings between professionals with different levels of experience. The initiative is designed to foster informal and constructive discussion during the poster session, offering everyone the opportunity to make new acquaintances or consolidate and deepen existing relationships and contacts, as well as to share research experiences and study paths in a convivial and stimulating environment. This activity is organized by the **Youth Council**.

SOCIAL DINNER AND AESTASI'ATIt

Thursday, June 4, 2026, 8:00 PM

The traditional Congress dinner will be held at **Haselburg - Castel Flavon** a medieval castle overlooking the city of Bolzano, on the evening of **Thursday, June 4, 2026**, starting at **8:00 PM**. The dinner includes a full menu of South Tyrolean cuisine (appetizer, first course, second course, and dessert), with vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options.

The dinner costs **€40.00 per person**. Payments should be sent to bank account no. 00000010786, made out to Associazione Teriologica Italiana at Banca Territori del Monviso, indicating your NAME and SURNAME in the reason for payment, followed by "Social Dinner XIV ATIt Congress." **IBAN: IT88 C088 3301 0030 0000 0010 786**

The **payment receipt must be uploaded in the dedicated registration form**.





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Please note that **dinner reservations cannot be made on-site**. A dedicated shuttle service is available. Interested parties are encouraged to make reservations by **April 30th** using the following [link](#).

During the same evening, the traditional **AESTASI'ATIt** will be held, during which mammal-themed items, **kindly donated by each participant on a voluntary basis**, will be **auctioned**. Proceeds from the auction will support the Association's youth activities. Items must be delivered to the conference secretariat, which will also provide full details on how to conduct the auction.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION MANAGED BY THE YOUTH COUNCIL

The **ATIt Youth Council** has organized a **themed photography competition** exclusively for members. The competition includes four categories: **Eco-Interactions, Camera Trapping, Urban Mammals, and Young Photographers** (under 35, who will not have turned 35 by January 20, 2026).

The **twelve finalist works**, selected by a jury composed of three professional photographers: **Marco Colombo, Matteo Luciani, and Paolo Taranto**, will be exhibited at the **XIV Congresso Italiano di Teriologia**, at **Eurac Research** headquarters. In addition to being exhibited at the conference venue, the finalists' photographs will be promoted via a dedicated web page, created specifically for the event, which will allow them to be enjoyed after the conference has ended.

The **top three finalists** in each category will receive a **professionally printed copy of their photograph**. Additionally, the **winner of each category** will receive a printed copy of the **Atlas of Mammals in Italy**.



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EXCURSIONS

On **Saturday, June 6th**, there will be a **guided hike** in collaboration with **the Latemar Forestry School**. Departure is scheduled from Bolzano Central Station at 8:00 AM, with return to the station scheduled for 3:30 PM. A bus will be available for participants.

The hike includes a visit to the **Latemar Forestry School** headquarters, followed by a hike (421m elevation gain, a three-hour circular walk). Please bring water and a packed lunch. A restaurant is located along the trail. Detailed information on the route and advised clothing will be communicated to registered members via email. Participation in the hike is free.

Places available: 80

Interested participants must register by **April 30th** using the following [link](#).

More information will be announced soon on the ATIt website, on the page dedicated to the **XIV Congresso Italiano di Teriologia**.

BAT NIGHT

Bioacoustic excursion in Bolzano at 8:00 PM. A bat night will take place on Friday, June 5th. Two groups of 20 participants (one Italian-speaking and one English-speaking) will receive bat detectors to monitor bat activity during a roughly one-hour walk in the Talvera City Park. Before the surveys, each group will be introduced to the ecology of South Tyrol's bat species and bioacoustics monitoring techniques.

Fifteen Echo Meter Touch 2 bat detectors, provided by sponsor Wildlife Acoustics Inc., will be available for the evening. Detailed information on the location will be sent to registered members via email; the starting point is Eurac Research. Participation is free.





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Places available: 40

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Bat emergencies observation activity in Merano at 8:30 PM. During the excursion, participants will observe bats taking flight near a church in Merano, home to three species of bats. The evening will begin at 8:30 PM with a brief introduction to the species present at the church, followed by observing various species taking flight and listening to their calls using a bat detector. Detailed information about the location will be sent to registered members via email. **A car is required to participate.** Participation is free.

Available places: 25

Interested participants must register by **April 30th** using the following [link](#).

ÖTZI MUSEUM

Saturday, June 6, 9:00 or 10:30 a.m.

The South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology is located at Via Museo 43, in the historic centre of Bolzano, and is home to Ötzi, the famous Iceman mummy who was frozen over 5,300 years ago.

The exhibition allows visitors to observe the mummified body, which is preserved in a special refrigerated cell, along with his original objects, such as a copper axe, bow, and clothing. The guided tour lasts 50 minutes, is available at 9:00 or 10:30 a.m., and costs **€14.00 per person**, with a maximum of 25 people per group. After the tour, it will also be possible to visit a temporary exhibition on the third floor.

Seats available: 50

Payments can be made to bank account nr. 00000010786, made out to the Italian Teriological Association at Banca Territori del Monviso, indicating your NAME and SURNAME in the reason for payment, followed by "Museo XIV Congresso ATIt." The



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Interested parties can make reservations by **April 30th** using the following [link](#).

LUNCHEs

Lunch can be booked in advance for the three-day conference. A caterer will provide lunch during the lunch break in the conference rooms. Please note that **lunch cannot be booked on-site**.

The cost is **€12.00** per meal per person

The menu includes:

- a first course (vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options available)
- a side dish
- a glass of water
- Bread
- Coffee

Payment can be made to bank account nr. 00000010786, made out to Associazione Teriologica Italiana at Banca Territori del Monviso, indicating your NAME and SURNAME in the payment reference, followed by "Lunch XIV ATIt Conference." The **payment receipt must be uploaded in the dedicated registration form. IBAN: IT88 C088 3301 0030 0000 0010 786**

Interested parties can make reservations by **April 30th** using the following [link](#).

Near Eurac Research's headquarters, there are restaurants and bars for those who prefer to arrange their own lunch. **Reservations are recommended.**





RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS FOR LUNCH

Bar Osteria da Picchio: A lunch and dinner osteria offering a curated selection of beers and wines for an authentic Italian trattoria experience. Vegetarian and vegan options are available. It is an **8-minute walk** from Eurac Research headquarters.

Directions to Bar Osteria da Picchio via Google Maps: [Naviga con Google Maps verso Bar Osteria da Picchio](#)

Bar Internazionale: A popular spot for lunch and coffee breaks, with a relaxed atmosphere and a good selection of snacks and quick meals. Vegetarian and vegan options are available. It's a **5-minute walk** from Eurac Research headquarters.

Directions to Bar Internazionale via Google Maps: [Naviga con Google Maps verso Bar Internazionale](#)

Un Melograno: A welcoming restaurant offering macrobiotic, vegan, and organic cuisine. Fish is served for lunch on Fridays. It's a **4-minute walk** from Eurac Research Headquarters. Directions to Un Melograno via Google Maps: [Naviga con Google Maps verso il ristorante Un Melograno](#)

Pizza al Chiosco: A casual kiosk offering pizza by the slice, perfect for a quick meal. Vegetarian options are available, and there's outdoor seating. It's a **3-minute walk** from Eurac Research headquarters. Directions to Pizza al Chiosco via Google Maps: [Naviga con Google Maps verso Pizza al Chiosco](#)

La Veneziana: A welcoming restaurant offering a selection of traditional Italian dishes with a strong focus on Venetian and seafood specialities. It's a **3-minute walk** from Eurac Research headquarters. Directions to La Veneziana via Google Maps: [Naviga con Google Maps verso Ristorante La Veneziana](#)





RABIES ANTIBODY AND HEALTH CHECKS FOR VACCINATED RESEARCHERS OR OPERATORS

All researchers or operators involved in the study, monitoring, or handling of bats will be able to take part in rabies antibody testing (for vaccinated individuals) during the conference, along with voluntary testing for common bat-associated zoonotic viruses. This activity is conducted in collaboration with the Gruppo Italiano **Ricerca Chiroterri** and the **Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie (IZSve)** and is supported by the **INTERREG IT-AT CABLES** (ITAT-27-011 – CABLES) project. Within the CABLES project, the serum samples collected will be used anonymously to improve knowledge regarding the effectiveness of the vaccination protocol for bat researchers, examining potential issues in vaccine administration and monitoring and evaluating the level of cross-protection against *Lyssaviruses* other than the Rabies virus, such as those expected in Italian bats. For these purposes, blood sampling will be accompanied by the completion of a brief survey.

Location: Eurac Research Headquarters, seminar room nr. 8

Date and time: Thursday, June 4, 2026, 11:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Note: Each member will be allocated a time slot for blood sampling according to a schedule, which will be communicated in advance by email to registered volunteer participants. Monitoring results will be sent individually to each participant approximately 30 days after the end of the conference. Data from this study will be shared in aggregated form during a dedicated webinar organized by the IZSve at the beginning of 2027.

Interested participants may register by **April 30th** using the following [link](#).





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CONGRESS SPONSORS



The Congress is supported by five national and international sponsors who operate in the field of wildlife monitoring technologies, including companies specializing in automated acoustic monitoring (Wildlife Acoustics Inc., USA), wildlife monitoring, camera trapping, and radiotracking systems (Scubla Srl, Ziboni Technology Srl, Italy), advanced radiotracking technologies (ECOTONE telemetry Lech Iliszko, Poland), and artificial intelligence applications for ecological and bibliographic data analysis (Image Access Inc., USA). The sponsors will be present on-site throughout the Congress, with exhibit materials and technical advice available to members in a dedicated exhibition area.

To ensure maximum participation in the sponsors' technical presentations, registration will only be possible for one of the following sessions:

Technical presentation in English, titled “Introduction to ecoacoustics for mammal research”

Speaker: Carlos Abrahams, representing Wildlife Acoustics Inc.

Place: Eurac Research’s Headquarters, seminar room nr. 7

Date and time: Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

Places available: 30

Note: It is recommended that you bring a personal laptop.



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Technical presentation in English, titled “*Revolutionizing Literature Discovery, Review, Analysis, Collaboration and Scientific Research*”

Speaker: Marta Kujawiak, representing Image Access Inc.

Place: Eurac Research Headquarter, seminar room nr. 7

Date and time: Thursday, June 4, 2026, 1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

Available seats: 30

Note: It is recommended that you bring a personal laptop.

Technical presentation in English, titled “*Hands-on with Wildlife Acoustics’ Kaleidoscope Pro software*”

Speaker: Carlos Abrahams, representing Wildlife Acoustics Inc.

Place: Eurac Research’s Headquarters, seminar room nr. 7

Date and time: Friday, June 5, 2026, 1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

Seats available: 20

Note: You will need to bring your own laptop.

Those interested in **sponsor presentations** should register using the following **link** by **April 30th**.



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LOGISTICS INFORMATION

Animals

Pets are not allowed in the conference rooms, except for service animals including guide dogs for the blind or visually impaired, assistance dogs for the deaf or otherwise disabled, and canine units used by police and rescue forces.

Parking in Bolzano

Parking availability can be checked online at the following [Bolzano Parking App](#) and [Parking garages](#).

Free parking spaces near EURAC Research Headquarter are limited, so we recommend checking available parking options in advance.

**More logistics information on
<https://www.atit2026.it/it/sede-e-viaggio>**

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