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**ISPRA - the Geological Survey of Italy are organizing
the 2nd International Workshop:**

SINKHOLES

THE CATASTROPHIC SINKING IN NATURAL AND ANTHROPIC ENVIRONMENTS

ROME, 3-4 DECEMBER 2009, ISPRA AUDITORIUM

1[^] CIRCULAR

In 2004, the Geological Survey of Italy organized the first international workshop in Rome about the sinkhole phenomena. The workshop was well received both by the scientific and academic communities and by public administration. The scientific works that were presented at the workshop were published as a volume by ISPRA.

Now, after five years of research, a collection of codification and data homogenization on Italian sinkholes is available (data is available in the Italian Sinkhole Database: <http://sgi.apat.it/sinkhole>), and the 2nd International Workshop on sinkhole phenomena has been organized.

A volume of the "Memorie descrittive della Carta Geologica d'Italia", entitled *The sinkholes in the Italian plain*, is currently in printing and will be presented during the workshop.

This second international workshop is organized to inform the scientific and academic communities about the state of the research on the sinkhole phenomena in the Italian territory and to make a comparison with international sinkhole phenomena. More specifically, the purpose of the workshop is to highlight the study on sinkhole diffusion, the state-of-the-art monitoring methodology, the genetic mechanisms and the definition of sinkhole-prone areas.

PARTICIPANTS: The workshop is free to attend and is open to all earth science related researchers.

PRE-REGISTRATION: In order to participate, online registration is necessary (<http://www.apat.gov.it/site/en-GB/ContentsFolder/News/2009/12/sinkhole.html>) and must be done no later than 30 November 2009.

SCIENTIFIC PAPERS: Both oral and poster presentations will take place.

ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION: If you are interested in submitting either an oral presentation or poster for this workshop, then please email an abstract to convegnosinkhole@isprambiente.it. Abstracts are to be no more than 500 words and are not to contain images. Please email your abstract as a Word file, indicating whether it is to be considered as an oral presentation or poster. The abstract deadline is **1 October 2009**.

Congress Acts

A volume of the selected publications is foreseen (max. 15 pages with images). The submission guidelines will be described in the second flyer.

Publication

The final submission must reach the organising secretary of the workshop no later than **3 December 2009** and should be sent by email to convegnosinkhole@isprambiente.it.

Organising Committee: Silvia Bacchiocchi, Paolo Maria Guarino, Stefania Nisio, Giulia Ventura

Scientific Committee: This committee will determine the scientific sessions to be held, as well as the definitive programme and the mode of presentation of the works.

Seat:

ISPRA Auditorium, Via Curtatone 7, 00185 Rome

Provisional Programme:

The workshop will take place on 3 and 4 December 2009 at the ISPRA Auditorium, Via Curtatone 7, Rome. The provisional programme is as follows:

3 December 2009

8:30 a.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m.

Welcome

Session 1:

9:40 a.m.

Technical sessions

11:40 a.m.

Coffee break

12:00 p.m.

Technical sessions

Lunch

Session 2: Study cases

2:30 p.m.

Technical sessions

4:30 p.m.

Coffee break

Poster session

4 December 2009

Session 3: Study cases

8:30 a.m.

Technical sessions

11:00 a.m.

Coffee break

11.30 a.m.

Discussion

2:00 p.m.

Conclusion of workshop

The poster session will take place during the entire workshop; the posters will be discussed by authors at 4:30 p.m. on 3 December.

The final programme will be available in the second workshop flyer.

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Deadlines

Abstracts: **1 OCTOBER 2009**

Online registration form: **30 NOVEMBER 2009**

Final paper: no later than **3 DECEMBER 2009**