

**CALL FOR ACTION**

**2025**

**CONGRESS**

3-5 JUN

**PAESTUM, ITALY**

**OLEANDRI RESORT, PAESTUM (SALERNO, ITALY)**

# National Congress of Young Researchers in Sanitary Environmental Engineering



**GITISA**

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Ingegneria Sanitaria Ambientale



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# Introduction

The **GITISA** – Italian Group of Environmental Sanitary Engineering is the association of university professors affiliated with the Scientific Disciplinary Sector (SSD) of Sanitary Environmental Engineering, operating in over 25 Italian universities.

The disciplines within this SSD cover: Engineering aspects of ecosystem protection and pollution prevention; Design, impact assessment, construction, and management of facilities for water treatment and purification, as well as solid waste and gaseous effluent treatment and disposal; Remediation and reclamation of contaminated sites.

GITISA promotes and enhances teaching and research activities by coordinating working groups, assemblies, and meetings while collaborating in the organisation of conferences, symposia, and summer schools, both independently and in partnership with national and international scientific institutions and associations.

Within GITISA, young researchers—PhD students, postdocs, and research fellows—play a pivotal role, and GITISA Young is the event dedicated explicitly to them. This platform is designed to provide a stimulating environment for idea exchange, professional networking, and academic and career development through scientific discussions and direct interaction with experts in the field.

## Obiettivi

The 2025 edition of **GITISA Young** is organized by the Sanitary Environmental Engineering Division (SEED) of the University of Salerno and will take place from June 3 to 5, 2025, at the Oleandri Resort in Paestum (SA), Italy. The event is designed to foster collaboration among young researchers from various academic institutions and to promote constructive dialogue through interactive activities, thematic sessions, and networking opportunities.

The primary goal of the congress is to facilitate the exchange of research experiences, addressing the key challenges in Environmental Sanitary Engineering through an interdisciplinary approach. During the event, participants will have the opportunity to discuss and explore topics related to their research, engage with colleagues from other universities, and interact with professionals and representatives from both academia and industry.

The event is structured into distinct but highly integrated sessions, with some sessions entirely curated and moderated by Early Career Researchers (RTDa, RTDb, RTT), while professors and experts will lead others in the field. Additionally, specific activities will be dedicated to Young researchers (PhD students, postdocs, research fellows, and graduates) to stimulate critical thinking and development perspectives.

During the congress, thematic sessions will focus on four main topics:

- Water/wastewater management, treatment and reuse;
- Solid waste, Energy and Circular Economy;
- Air Quality and Climate Change;
- Contaminated site remediation and Environmental Assessment.

A key feature of the event will be the creation of informal networking opportunities among participants. During breaks and dedicated networking sessions, researchers will have the chance to get to know each other, discuss potential collaborations, and enhance integration between different academic and professional backgrounds.

# Program

The **GITISA Young** 2025 program spans three days, combining scientific sessions, training, networking, and institutional discussions. A significant focus will be placed on training and professional development, featuring mentoring sessions on scientific publishing, grant writing, and research management, as well as presentations of innovative technologies and solutions by companies and startups in the environmental sector. Young researchers will have the opportunity to participate in the congress activities through innovative presentation and collaboration formats, fostering a constructive scientific debate.

The event will open with an inaugural ceremony, featuring a keynote lecture by an internationally renowned expert, followed by interactive thematic discussion sessions, where participants will have the chance to engage in debates and present their research work. Structured networking moments will also be included to facilitate interactions among young researchers and encourage interdisciplinary collaborations.

On the afternoon of the second day, a dedicated session (Session 5) will focus on the presentation of nationally **significant research projects** (e.g., PRIN, PNRR), aimed at fostering synergistic cooperation between institutions within their respective research initiatives. Additionally, the **ANDIS Assembly**, scheduled for the same afternoon, will focus on the approval of a new statute and the election of the President.

The **GITISA Assembly**, a key institutional event, is scheduled for the morning of the third day, where the election of the new President will be on the agenda. Parallel sessions will be held for Young researchers (PhD students, postdocs, research fellows, and graduates) to allow association members to participate in their respective assemblies.

In the afternoon of the third day, a special session will focus on the future prospects of research within the discipline and its impacts on the industrial and environmental sectors. The congress will conclude with an interactive discussion, enabling participants to actively contribute to the technical-scientific debate.

The program also includes a technical visit and a cultural tour, offering a practical learning opportunity and networking in an informal setting.

Given the high number of international PhD students, postdocs, and young researchers, all sessions and congress activities will be conducted in English.

Time Slots*	3 Jun	4 Jun		5 Jun
8:30 - 11:00		Session 3		Technical visit
11:00 - 13:30		Coffee Break Session 4		Coffee Break Session 7
14:00 - 16:30	Opening Session 1	Lunch Session 5		Lunch Final Session Closing Ceremony
16:30 - 18:30	Coffee Break Session 2	Coffee Break Session 6	ANDIS Assembly	Cultural tour
19:30 - 22:00	Apericena (con evento giovani ricercatori)	Social Dinner		

■ Sessions led by Professors and/or Experts; ■ Sessions led by Early Career Researchers;

■ Social Events; ■ ANDIS Assembly and GITISA Assembly (free participation open to all respective members).

\* *Indicative Schedule: The official event program with the final timing of each activity will be communicated at a later stage.*

# Call for Action

The **GITISA Young 2025** Congress is not intended to be a traditional conference but rather an interactive and educational experience designed to create synergies, share innovative ideas, and foster networking among young researchers, professors, and professionals in Sanitary Environmental Engineering.

The dynamic nature of the event, which emphasises interaction and active participation, makes it essential to submit an Expression of Interest by sending the "**Participation Application**".

The event will take place at the Oleandri Resort in Paestum (SA), which is easily accessible from both Paestum train station (6 minutes by car) and Salerno Airport (27 minutes by car). More information about the venue is available at [www.oleandriresort.com](http://www.oleandriresort.com).

The call for interest is open to all professionals in the field, including:

- **Young:** PhD students, postdocs, research fellows, graduates. This category is encouraged, where possible, to submit an abstract (200-300 words) on a research activity and/or project they are involved in or interested in. Additionally, a Graphical Abstract summarising the key points of the research/project visually may also be submitted.
- **Early Career Researcher, Professor/Expert and Corporate:** Early Career Researchers (RTDa, RTDb, RTT) can actively participate in session organization and moderation during GITISA Young, focusing on their areas of expertise. All participants are also invited to present a national research project (e.g., PRIN, PNRR, etc.) during Session 5, scheduled for the afternoon of the second day (Wednesday, June 4). To participate, applicants must indicate the project title in the Participation Application..

Application Form, available on [www.gitisayoung.it](http://www.gitisayoung.it), requires applicants to select at least three keywords from a predefined thematic list inspired by the scientific disciplinary sector. This selection will help the organizers structure a program aligned with participants' expertise and research interests.

## How to submit the Participation Application

Participation Applications must be submitted online following the instructions on the official congress website, [www.gitisayoung.it](http://www.gitisayoung.it), no later than **April 10, 2025**.

The Participation Application is intended to gather essential information regarding applicants' areas of expertise and preferences for potential active roles (e.g., moderation of technical discussions, presentation sessions, debates, and lectures).

The application form also allows participants to express a preference for accommodation at the Oleandri Resort, the event venue. However, due to limited room availability, accommodation will only be guaranteed for those who complete their booking during the registration process. Please note that indicating a preference in the application form does not constitute an automatic reservation.

Below are the details for submitting an Abstract or Graphical Abstract:

- **Text Abstract:**
  - Target group: Young researchers;
  - Title: Must be in English, with a maximum of 20 words;
  - Format: Written in English, between 200 and 300 words.

- **Graphical Abstract:**

- Objective: Visually summarize the key points of the research;
- Format: Accepted file types TIFF, PNG, PDF, or EPS;
- Technical Specifications: Horizontal orientation, approximately 2.5:1 ratio (min. 1328 × 531 pixels), minimum resolution of 300 dpi;
- Design Requirements: Use a clear design, with minimal text and graphic elements that effectively convey the core content of the work described in the Text Abstract;
- Note: The Graphical Abstract is optional but highly recommended for a complete and impactful presentation.

For Early Career Researchers, Professors/Experts, and Corporate representatives involved in **national research projects** (e.g., PRIN, PNRR, etc.), there is an opportunity to present their projects to foster new synergies. Those interested in presenting their projects at GITISA Young must indicate it in the Participation Application, providing a title. National research project presentations will take place during Session 5, scheduled for the afternoon of the second day (Wednesday, June 4).

## Registration Process

Please note that submitting a Participation Application represents an initial expression of interest and does not guarantee inclusion in the program or access to the congress activities.

Once the application is submitted, the system will automatically direct the applicant to the official registration area, where their pre-filled data will allow them to complete the process immediately, taking advantage of the early registration fees (valid until May 3, 2025). Alternatively, registration can be completed at a later time via the confirmation email link.

Participants who have already completed their registration and wish to book a room at the Oleandri Resort (event venue) can do so via the dedicated link. Similarly, additional services such as the social dinner on June 4 or lunch for accompanying guests can also be purchased through the same link.

## Partecipazione alle sole Assemblee ANDIS e GITISA

The ANDIS Assembly and the GITISA Assembly will also take place during GITISA Young. Participation in both assemblies is **free** and open to all members of their respective associations. Those who wish to attend only the assemblies, without participating in the full GITISA Young event, must still **register for free** by submitting the Participation Application and selecting the assembly-only registration option. During this registration phase, participants will also have the option to purchase the social dinner on June 4 and the lunch on June 5.

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	Early Registration	Regular Registration
<b>Young</b> (PhD students, postdocs, research fellows, recent graduates)	300 €	350 €
<b>Early Career Researcher</b> (RTDa, RTDb, RTT)	400 €	450 €
<b>Professor/Expert</b>	500 €	550 €
<b>Corporate</b>		
Silver	900 €	1.100 €
Gold	1.700 €	1.900 €
Platinum	2.500 €	2.700 €

**All registration fees** are VAT included and cover the following: Congress materials; Certificate of participation; Shuttle service to/from Paestum train station and/or Salerno Airport, according to the event schedule; Local transfers between the event venue and Paestum, as per the event program; Technical visit and cultural tour of the Paestum archaeological site.

Additionally:

- **Young; Early Career Researcher; Professor/Expert:** in addition, the registration fee includes participation in all congress activities from June 3, lunches on June 4 and 5, five coffee breaks, welcome aperitif on June 3, and social dinner on June 4..
- **Corporate:** Corporate registration covers up to one delegate for Silver, two for Gold, and three for Platinum, with full access to all congress activities. Corporate registrations also include the possibility of featuring the company logo in the congress materials. Gold-level registration allows for the inclusion of additional promotional materials, while Platinum-level registration includes a dedicated exhibition space at the event venue..

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Participants requiring transportation to/from Salerno Airport or Paestum Train Station, as well as those with dietary restrictions or allergies, must indicate their requirements during the registration process.





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## Organizers



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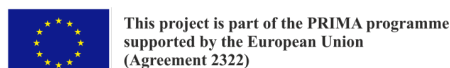
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