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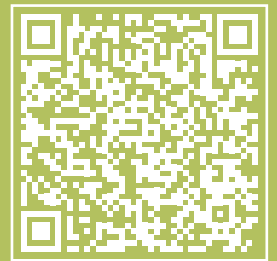
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International congress
3rd Edition
**MERANO
TREE DAYS**

“Trees & environment”

📍 Kurhaus | June 16-18, 2025



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Partners



Pubblici Giardini



Full Program

JUNE 16

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

I. SESSION

TREE – ASSET OR LIABILITY?

MODERATOR: DANIELE ZANZI

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

Municipality of Merano (IT) - 

9:15 AM - 9:45 AM

FUTURE PERSPECTIVES FOR MODERN GREEN SPACE MANAGEMENT

Dr. Paolo Viskanic, R3GIS (IT) - 

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

TREES: THREAT OR UNDERRATED OPPORTUNITY?

Dr. agr. Giovanni Morelli, ARES (IT) - 

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

THE ECOLOGICAL VALUE OF TREES – A LIFE DEDICATED TO RESEARCH

Prof. William Moomaw (US) - 

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

I-TREE: AN INNOVATIVE TOOL FOR TREE ASSESSMENT AND CARE

Rogers MICFor Kenton, TREECONOMICS (UK) - 

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

TREES AS CULTURAL HERITAGE AND SPIRITUAL GUIDES

Arch. Yuichi Koday (JP) - 

12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

ANCIENT AND VETERAN TREES – NATURE'S TREASURES AND GUARDIANS OF ECOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Dr. Kevin Smith, USDA (US) - 

II. SESSION

TREES & HEALTH

MODERATOR: SIA

14:30 - 15:00

TREES – LIFE GIVERS AND SOURCES OF WELL-BEING

Dr. Ugo Corrieri, Medici per l'Ambiente (IT) - 

15:00 - 15:30

THE TREE AS A DEFINING ELEMENT IN THE LANDSCAPE

Dr. for. Fabrizio Fronza, AIAPP (IT) - 


3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

TREES BETWEEN EXPERT KNOWLEDGE AND PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS

Simona Bertini, ONDA (IT) - 

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

TREES AS GUARDIANS OF BIODIVERSITY – SCIENTIFIC INSIGHTS AND THEIR PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS


Dr. Claudia Canedoli, Università Bicocca,
Mailand (IT) - 

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM


TREES & THE CITY – A FASCINATING EXPLORATION OF THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATURE AND URBAN SPACE

Prof. Stefano Mancuso (IT) - 

LEGEND

 - In Italian

 - In German*

 - In English*

*Simultaneous translation into Italian available

The “International Merano Tree Days,” first held in 1995 and 1997 thanks to Francesco Decembrini and the support of the Municipality of Merano, are now returning in a renewed form. They were a success with the public due to their atmosphere and the quality of the content. Since then, the perception of trees in the city has changed: they are no longer just ornamental elements, but also providers of ecosystem services for our cities. The third edition will emphasize these themes and be titled ‘III International Merano Days on the Environment: Trees & Environment,’ organized by the Merano Tourist Office.

JUNE 17

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

I. SESSION

TREES & THE CITY

MODERATOR: AIDTPG

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

ENLARGING AWARENESS ABOUT THE VALUE OF TREES WITH AN EUROPEAN TREETAG CAMPAIGN

Mark Rotteveel, Pius Floris Boomverzorging (NL) - 

9:30 - 10:00 AM

THE ARBOCITY PROJECT

Dr. Ana Macias, ArboCity (ES) - 


9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

TREES – HAVENS OF BIODIVERSITY IN OUR CITIES

Marco Dinetti, Lipu (IT) - 

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

URBAN TREE MANAGEMENT: PERSPECTIVES FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Dr. Oriana Ruzzini, City Councillor for Ecological Transition, Environment, and Green Spaces, Municipality of Bergamo (IT) - 

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

ECOLOGICAL FUNCTIONALITY MEASURES – AN INNOVATIVE TOOL FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN PLANNING USING MERANO AS AN EXAMPLE

Andrea Balestrini (IT) - 

II. SESSION

TREES & TECHNOLOGY

MODERTOR: STEFANIA GASPERINI

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

SHOWCASE: THE PULLING TEST AS A MEASURE TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY

Dr. Ing. Lothar Wessolly (DE) - 


3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

TREES ARE IMPRESSIVE ENERGY STORAGES. – APHORISM NO. 27 BY A. SHIGO

Dr. agr. Monica Castiglioni, Fitoconsult (IT) - 

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

MAXIMIZING THE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES OF TREES

Ing. Martin Tuser, Treeib (CZ) - 

4:15 PM - 4:45 PM

ROOTS AND STRUCTURES: MINIMIZING CONFLICTS

Dr. Valentin Lobis, AA (IT) - 

4:45 PM - 5:15 PM

3-30-300: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Mgr. Jaroslava Šmerdová (CZ) - 

5:15 PM - 5:30 PM

MERANO GREEN CITY MANIFESTO

Municipality of Merano (IT) - 



Workshops

18. JUNI

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

PULLING TEST

SUMMER PROMENADE – MERANO

Dr. Ing. Lothar Wessolly

Institut für Baustatik und Baudynamik,
Stuttgart (DE) - 

Lothar Wessolly, renowned pioneer of the pulling test, will offer a hands-on demonstration showcasing the correct application and interpretation of dynamic tests. This workshop presents a unique opportunity to experience this cutting-edge diagnostic method firsthand and gain valuable insights into its potential and limitations.

TREE MORPHOPHYSIOLOGY

KURSAAL HALL AND GILF PROMENADE

Morelli dr. agr. Giovanni, ARES (IT) - 

Reading the living architecture of trees to understand their structure and provide the right care – a key skill for effective tree management. The workshop includes practical case studies and interactive sessions with participants.

I TREE - PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

KURSAAL HALL AND PASSER PROMENADE

Rogers MICFor Kenton, TREECONOMICS (UK) - 

Exploring the ecosystem benefits of trees and their practical assessment using the I-Tree software. Participants will gain valuable insights through a combination of theory and hands-on case studies, learning to use the software accurately and efficiently.

BIOLOGY OF VETERAN TREES

TAPPEINER TRAIL – GUNPOWDER TOWER

Smith PhD Kevin, USDA (US) - 

An interactive session with Alex Shigo's former assistant, offering fascinating insights into the ingenious strategies veteran trees use to adapt and endure.



Registration form

Use the QR code here or head over to www.merano.eu/congress to fill out the registration form. We look forward to seeing you!



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