



*Figure 1: Etna's summit craters from Barbagallo craters - ph. G. Priolo*

## DATES

The 19<sup>TH</sup> International Symposium on Vulcanospeleology (ISV) will be held in Catania, Italy **from Saturday August 28 to Saturday September 4, 2021.**

## LOCATION

The 19th ISV will take place in the prestigious setting of the University of Catania, in the middle of the city. Catania is only 35 kilometres from the top of Mt. Etna which is an active strato-volcano that reaches 3.325 m a.s.l. Its pyroproducts cover a large area of about 8100 hectares/ 20,000 acres, located in the eastern part of Sicily.

## ORGANIZING TEAM

The symposium will be organized jointly by Gruppo Grotte Catania (GGC) and University of Catania. The GGC caving group is part of the Catania section of the Club Alpino Italiano (CAI). The University of Catania<sup>1</sup> is one of the oldest in Italy.

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<sup>1</sup> Founded in 1434 AD

Letter of invitation from the Chairman of Gruppo Grotte Catania



Dear Caving Friends,

I am pleased to invite you to the 19th International Symposium on Vulcanospeleology which will take place near one of the highest and most active volcanoes in Europe, Mount Etna.

On June 21st, 2013, UNESCO included Mount Etna in the list of world heritage sites defining it as one of the "most emblematic and active volcanoes in the world". Sicily itself has always been one of the most visited destinations by tourists as it is one of the most beautiful islands of the Mediterranean Sea, rich in varied landscapes, history and typical products. Of the over 14 million visitors a year who come to Sicily, about half of them do not miss an excursion on Mount Etna.

The volcano, more than 500 thousand years old, born from the sea and developed in height, owes its charm to its continuous eruptive activity that, from the historical eruptions and the lava flows that overlapped one on another over the years, today attracts thousands of tourists who enjoy the view of spectacular fountains and fireworks.

For you we are planning guided tours to admire the pillows and columnar basalts, evidence of the first eruptions of our volcano, the famous Bove valley, a large basin 1km deep and 5km wide, the result of an ancient depression of the volcano and, finally, both lava flow caves and fracture caves.

More than 300 volcanic caves are known on Mount Etna and our speleological group, Gruppo Grotte Catania, within the Club Alpino Italiano section of Catania, has more than 80 years of experience in the area, spent in exploring and cataloguing all the Etna caves.

In the past, our group organized the second symposium back in 1975, but with great pleasure I wanted to dedicate myself to organizing a new symposium to offer all members of the group a new chance to participate, sharing our latest research and thus giving the opportunity to all the participants to enjoy the beauties offered by the Etnean landscape.

Furthermore, coming to Sicily, you will be able to admire also the Baroque architecture of Catania and the different architectural works as proof of the populations who conquered Sicily over the centuries (Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Normans).

Hoping to see you all in Catania.

**Dr Carmelo Bucolo, Chairman, Gruppo Grotte Catania**

### NEW SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM (August/September 2021).

#### SATURDAY AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>

- All day      Minibus from the airport to registration desk and hotels,  
WNS decontamination procedures (GGC Headquarters).
- Afternoon    **Opening of the exhibition: "MONGIBEDDU COLOURS AND FLAVOURS"**

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>

**PRE-SYMPOSIUM EXCURSION** <sup>(2)</sup>: GEOLOGY OF MT. ETNA an overview of the volcano guided by a geologist, with comments at the most significant points (all day).

- All day      Minibus from the airport to registration desk and hotels,  
WNS decontamination procedures (GGC Headquarters).
- Evening      **Visit of the exhibition: "MONGIBEDDU COLOURS AND FLAVOURS"**  
**Welcome party** (GGC headquarters)

#### MONDAY AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>

- Morning      **Opening ceremony and beginning of work sessions** - coffee break incl.      (University of Catania – Geological Faculty)
- Afternoon    **Catania's natural and cultural heritage** (guided short trips)  
**Mt. Etna selected caves** <sup>(2)</sup> (short caving trips)
- Evening      **Recent discoveries** video or slide presentations (GGC Headquarters)

#### TUESDAY AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>

- Morning      **Lectures and work sessions** - coffee break incl.  
(University of Catania – Geological Faculty)
- Afternoon    **Catania's natural and cultural heritage** (guided short trips)  
**Mt. Etna selected caves** <sup>(2)</sup> (short caving trips)
- Evening      **Participants video or slide** contributes (GGC Headquarters)
- Partners' Program <sup>(2)</sup>—**Taormina and Alcantara Gorges** guided tour

#### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

- Morning      **Lectures and conclusion of work sessions** - coffee break incl.  
(University of Catania – Geological Faculty)
- Afternoon    **Catania's natural and cultural heritage** (guided short trips)  
**Mt. Etna selected caves** <sup>(2)</sup> (short caving trips)

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<sup>2</sup> Extra fee required

Evening **Gala Banquet** in a typical Sicilian restaurant  
Partners' Program <sup>(2)</sup> – **Syracuse and Noto** guided tour

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

**GENERAL EXCURSION** - Visit of the **summit craters** or the “**Valle del Bove**”  
depending on the volcano activity. (All day - for all participants).  
Evening **musical event** with a folk group (GGC Headquarters)

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

**SPECIAL EXCURSION** – **Following the 1669 Lava Flow**  
from Monti Rossi craters to the seaside of Catania,  
including a special caving trip to **Grotta delle Palombe**  
Evening **Closing ceremony** and **Farewell party** (GGC Headquarters)

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

**POST SYMPOSIUM EXCURSIONS.**  
Post symposium excursions will start on this day.  
All day – transport by minibus of the participants to the airport or the station.

### GETTING THERE

In general, the best way to reach Catania is by plane. Catania–Fontanarossa Airport is the closest airport to Catania and among the busiest airports in Italy. Major airlines such as Alitalia, Lufthansa, KLM and Air Berlin offer services here and connect numerous European big cities, while low-cost airlines such as EasyJet and Ryanair offer extensive flights from many destinations.

If you want to reach Catania by bus from other cities in Italy and European countries, you can check [Flixbus website](#).

If you want to reach Catania by train from other cities in Italy and European countries, you can check [Trenitalia website](#).

If you like boats, you can reach Catania by ferry from Salerno ([www.grimaldi-lines.com/en](http://www.grimaldi-lines.com/en)). We can send more information if you are interested.

### LODGING

Unfortunately, Catania is an expensive town for lodging, especially during summer as it is high season for tourism. Because of the great variety of possibilities offered by in the town, lodging is not included in the Symposium fee and you can choose your preferred solution using for example, “booking.com”.

The organizing team will try to confirm the special prices in selected structures, reserved to all participants, resulting from 2020 agreements with the Management.

There will be three options:

- an hotel near the Centre of the Town or along the seaside,
- a university campus that also offers special prices for lunch and dinner,
- a camping site with the possibility to camp or rent a bungalow (4 beds).

More information on the arrangements will be provided in the next circular (Spring 2021).

You will have to book as soon as the details come out, using a special booking form, to get the special fares.

### MEALS

With the exceptions of the Welcome Party, the Gala Banquet and the Farewell Party, meals are not included in the Symposium fee.

Catania offers a large variety of restaurants, “trattorie” and bars able to satisfy the most demanding cavers and scientists. During the three days of lectures, a lunch deal with a restaurant near the University will be proposed to participants. There will be also a deal for dinner in hotel restaurant, near the GGC headquarters, throughout the Symposium week.

Lunch is included in the excursions outside Catania (partners’ program).

A packed lunch is included in the general excursion to Mt. Etna.

A special taste of Sicilian cakes is included in the 1669 excursion.

### REGISTRATION

The **new registration procedure will be available on-line**, on the Symposium website, by **April 2021**. It is already possible to pre-register free to get priority to attend the Symposium in case registration requests exceed the maximum limit.

The participation fees **will remain unchanged** for all those who have already registered and have waived the reimbursement of the paid fee. All those pre-registered or registered without paying the fee, will receive a personal email by February 28, 2021 with the request to confirm their participation in the Symposium and to pay the 2020 fee.

In compliance with the well-known Sicilian hospitality and the speleological traditions, the Organizing Committee will work to **minimize the increases for those who still have to register** even though the new anti-covid provisions will certainly determine an increase in operating costs.

The Registration fee includes:

- 19<sup>th</sup> ISV booklet
- Transport from and to the airport
- Welcome Party
- Morning lectures at the University of Catania
- Catania's natural and cultural heritage <sup>(3)</sup>
- Evening programs at GGC Headquarters
- Gala Banquet
- Farewell Party
- Cave rescue Insurance
- General excursion to Mt. Etna
- Special 1669 excursion
- Proceedings of the Symposium (on paper book or USB key)

The fee for accompanying members will be lower than the full fee because it will not include the proceedings book.

To encourage students' participation to the lectures, the Organizing Team decided to create a special pass, valid only from Monday to Wednesday. This special student pass includes:

- 19<sup>th</sup> ISV booklet
- Morning lectures at the University of Catania

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<sup>(3)</sup> an extra fee might be required for some excursions



- Evening programs at GGC Headquarters
- Proceedings of the Symposium (on USB key)

Despite the difficulties imposed by compliance with anti-covid rules, the organizers confirm the limit at **80 attendees** (including accompanying members).

More information on new registration fees, accommodation options and excursions will be provided in the next circular which will presumably be published in Spring 2021.

### COVID-19 PREVENTION MEASURES

At the time of writing this circular, the vaccination campaigns against Covid-19 are starting all over the world. This fact allows us to hope that we may be able to return to a “fairly” normal life in summer 2021.

The Organizing Committee, which met in early December, decided that there will not be a new postponement and **the 19th Symposium on Volcano Speleology will be held regularly, from August 28 to September 4.**

All the necessary prevention measures will be put in place so that all theoretical sessions and all practical excursions can be carried out in complete safety.

This goal seriously requires the cooperation of all participants. At the moment, to attend in person an indoors or outdoors event, it is necessary to wear a face mask, keep the social distance of at least one meter and clean hands frequently with soap and water or sanitizing gel. The Italian Alpine Club and the Italia Speleological Society, in June 2020, have developed the guideline to be respected in order to carry out safe speleological and hiking activities. It will require smaller numbers of participants and not too demanding activities.

The organizing committee did not consider it appropriate at the moment to cancel any caving trip but there may be cancellations even at last minute due to health and safety reasons.

Let us not forget that Etna is an active volcano that can only be faced when it is quiet.

## WHITE-NOSE SYNDROME

**There is no evidence of WNS in the Mt. Etna area so far** therefore do not bring cave gear to this area that has been used in a place where WNS has been identified, even if that gear has been decontaminated.

Decontaminate your gear if it has been used in areas where WNS has not been identified.

Please go to [whitenosesyndrome.org](http://whitenosesyndrome.org) for the latest up to date recommendations for gear decontamination.

**The organizing team will give you the opportunity to decontaminate your gear and garments for free on Saturday 28<sup>Th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>Th</sup> at the Gruppo Grotte Catania Headquarters.**

For those who come from abroad, the organizing team will have a small number of basic caving equipment sets for rent (helmet, light). Please, ask for this opportunity upon registration.



### EXHIBITIONS

- MONGIBEDDU COLOURS AND FLAVOURS

On the occasion of the symposium, the organizers decided to invite the best artisans and agricultural producers from the area around Catania to come and present their products at a fair that will be hosted at the headquarters of Gruppo Grotte Catania. The exhibition will be open to general public on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>. Symposium participants can freely visit it on Sunday evening, before the welcome party.

- L'ILE DE STAFFA ET SA GROTTES BASALTIQUE

This is the title of the rare book by Panckoucke, printed in Paris in the year 1831, the same year in which the great English painter William Turner completed the famous painting that made the Fingal's cave famous all over the world. This book, recently purchased by the Library of the Franco Anelli Italian Speleological Documentation Centre at the University of Bologna, will be showed in Catania, in an important exhibition that will include many other rare “pieces” of the same Library. Symposium participants can freely visit this exhibition during the Symposium.



### EXCURSIONS

All excursions planned for the Symposium are confirmed according to the original program.

The organizers reserve the right to postpone or cancel any excursion even at the last minute if environmental or medical conditions do not allow the excursion to be carried out in complete safety for all participants. In this case, any amount paid will be fully refunded.

The cost of any of the proposed excursions could undergo a small adjustment due to the need to comply with the anti-contagion provisions. The final fee and the limit of participants for each of them will be communicated with the next circular scheduled Spring 2021.

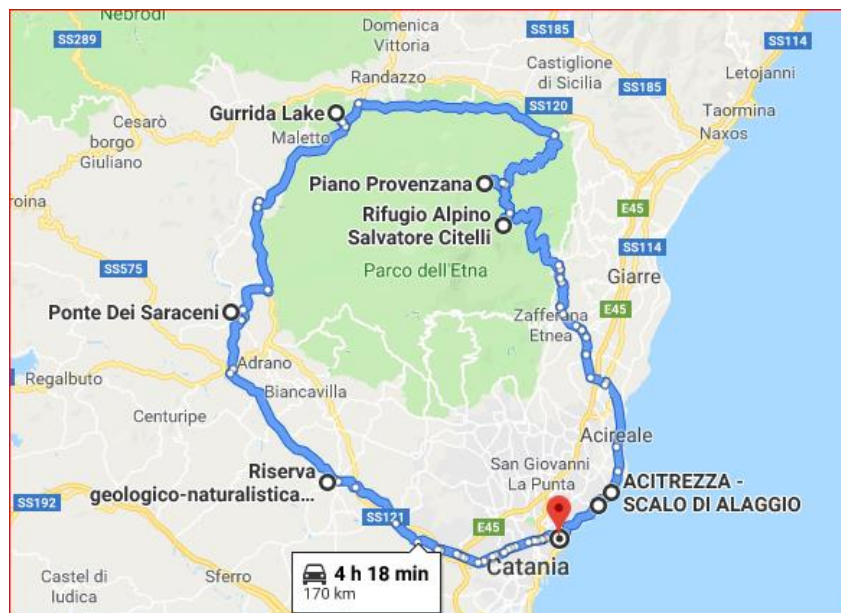
### PRE-SYMPOSIUM

#### A) GEOLOGICAL TOUR OF MT. ETNA

The purpose of this excursion is to provide participants with a first geographical and geological overview of the Etna volcano. The excursion will be led by the senior geologist Dr. Giuseppe Priolo and will last a whole day.

A circular tour is planned on the mountain slopes (see following map), stopping at the most significant points in the history of volcano eruptions.

Lunch is included in a typical mountain lodge; return on time to attend the welcome party.



### DURING THE SYMPOSIUM

#### B) GENERAL EXCURSION

Mt. Etna is an active volcano. From the summit craters there is often the emission of gasses and steam. During periods of high activity, the hike to the craters is strictly forbidden. Thus, the organizers will be able to confirm the destination of this excursion only during the Symposium. If the volcano is quiet, our goal will be to take all participants as high as possible on the volcano, towards the summit craters.

The idea is to reach the highest parking place, by 4x4 minibuses, at 2.700 m a.s.l.

From that point, there is a two hour walk on cinder and unconsolidated lava to reach the summit of the north east crater at 3.350 m a.s.l. In this excursion you will see many volcanic features and the fantastic panorama from the top of the mountain.

This part of the excursion will be led by the rangers of the Etna Park.

It requires good health and to be trained for long walks. Sack lunch and drinks included.

#### C) ALTERNATIVE GENERAL EXCURSION

This excursion is an alternative program in case that the activity of the volcano doesn't permit the ascent to the craters.

The participants will reach the parking place near "Case Pirao" at 1.850 m a.s.l. by bus.

From that place a long and winding track named "Sentiero della Schiena dell'Asino" will lead us to a panoramic point at 2.050 m a.s.l. Where there is the possibility to see the inside of the depression whose name is "Valle del Bove". This depression is famous because most of the lava flows coming from upper craters, stop there.

From the panoramic point it is possible to see the most spectacular features of the valley: hornitos, lava bridges, columnar basalt, etc.

Requires: good health and good shoes.

Packed lunch and drinks included.

#### D) FOLLOWING THE 1669 FLOW

This excursion is designed to show the path followed by the biggest lava flow that reached the town 350 years ago.

In the morning, a bus will take all participants to the erupting cones of that flow whose name is "I Monti Rossi" at 750 m. a.s.l. There will be an explanation of the highlights of the event starting from the description as were given by the witnesses of that time.

In the afternoon, the excursion will follow the path of the lava, visiting the town of Nicolosi and then reaching the centre of Catania. There will be some stops near monuments that were left untouched by the lava flow.

This excursion will end at the seaside, at the edge of the area, more than 2 square kilometres, that was added to the land with that flow. A sweet lunch is included at the typical restaurant attached to the *Condorelli* confectionery factory.

### E) CAVING TRIPS

More than 300 volcanic caves are known on Mount Etna, scattered on the slopes of the mountain, from the upper part of the volcanic cones, to the dark beaches of the seaside.

The caves of the upper part of the volcano are generally very far from the roads or located in dangerous areas because of the volcano activity. Moreover, the highest part of the volcano is included in the Park of Etna and the access is subjected to restrictions due to the dangerousness of the volcano itself.

It is therefore not possible to plan the visit of the highest caves of the Etna in a half-day excursion during the period of the symposium.

For the days of the Symposium, the organizing team has selected some caves, very representative of Mt Etna caves features, so close to the town to permit the visit them in a short caving trip, from afternoon to the evening. Due to their beauty and importance, the organizing team particularly has selected the caves “Grotta dei 3 Livelli” and “Grotta KTM”. Since they have small internal jumps to overcome, the organizers will set up ladders to allow all participants to visit them.

In addition, other easy-to-walk cavities have been selected for the excursions during the symposium period. You can find a non-exhaustive list of them, with the description of each cave on the First Circular of the Symposium. More caves will be added in the future.

Finally, near the town of Catania there is an area in which some simple caves have been prepared for a didactical tour (Grotte di San Gregorio). The access to that area is possible to all participants and is included in the cultural heritage program.



*Figure 2: Tre Livelli Cave, from first level to the second – ph. G. I. Sanfilippo*

### PARTNER'S PROGRAM

#### F) CATANIA'S NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Catania was founded in the 8th century BC by Chalcidians, a Greek population coming from Thrace. In 1434, the first university in Sicily was founded in the city. In the 14th century and into the Renaissance period, Catania was one of Italy's most important cultural, artistic and political centres.

The city is well known for its history, culture, architecture and gastronomy. Its old town, besides being one of the biggest examples of baroque architecture in Italy, is a World Heritage Site, protected by UNESCO.

During the 3 days of the symposium, in the afternoon, after the morning lectures, short trips will be planned to visit relevant artistic or scenic places. Organizers selected some places that are connected with the volcanic features of its territory.

At the moment the following visits are planned:

- Walking through the Baroque  
*A wonderful walk in the centre of the town.*
- Etna's endemic species  
*Guided tour of Catania botanical gardens.*
- The caves of San Gregorio  
*The natural reserve is characterized by the presence of numerous lava flow caves in a relatively small area. The reserve was established in order to "preserve and protect the important complex of lava flow caves colonized by cave fauna and bat colonies".*
- The "Paternò mud cones"  
*The idea is to go and visit the mud "vulcanelli" near Paternò, including also a stop at a winery to taste the famous wines of Etna.*
- Boat trip from Aci Trezza to the Coast of Cyclops  
*A boat trip from the port of Aci Trezza to go and see the columnar basalts of the faraglioni up close and see the stretch of coast affected by the 1669 flow.*
- Living on an active volcano  
*Over 150 fixed detection stations (seismic, GPS, infrasonic, clinometric, extensometric, etc.) are installed on the Etna slopes, thus making this volcano one of the best monitored volcanoes in the world. Visit of the "monitoring room" of the INGV (Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia) in Catania.*
- The beach of San Giovanni li Cuti



*Black sand beach with the possibility to see the front of a lava flow.*

Participation on some visits could be limited due to logistic reasons; entrance to museums or monuments is to be paid on site and an extra fee might be required to cover transport outside the town.



*Figure 3: Acitrezza port, in background the Lachea island*

### G) TAORMINA AND ALCANTARA GORGES

All day excursion specially organized for accompanying members. Lunch is included.

Taormina is a hill town on the east coast of Sicily. The city is known for the Ancient Theatre of Taormina, an ancient Greek-Roman Theatre still in operation today. Near the theatre, the cliffs that descend to the sea form inlets with sandy beaches. A narrow strip of sand connects to the tiny Isola Bella, which is a nature reserve.

Unique in the Italian and European natural landscape, the Alcantara Gorges are one of the must-see attractions of Sicily. Located about 20 km from Taormina, the gorges are real canyons made of black lava walls up to 50 metres high, in the typical shape of a prism that the rocks have taken during the cooling process. Within the grooves, the toning and crystal and clear waters of the river Alcantara run surrounded by an unspoiled landscape, with rare flora and fauna. The purity of the natural habitat has been facilitated by its hidden position, which has preserved its existence; until the fifties in fact this site was completely unknown. The Alcantara Gorges have by now become a famous attraction even beyond national borders, and it is considered one of the most beautiful and natural sites in Italy.





### H) SIRACUSE AND NOTO

All day excursion specially organized for accompanying members. Lunch is included.

Siracusa is a city on the Ionian coast of Sicily. It is known for the ruins of antiquity. The central Archaeological Park of Neapolis encloses the Roman amphitheatre, the Greek Theatre and the Ear of Dionysius, a cave carved into the limestone in the shape of a human ear. The Paolo Orsi Regional Archaeological Museum exhibits terracotta finds, portraits from the Roman period and scenes from the Old Testament carved in white marble.

Noto: This small town in the south-east was founded again in the 1700's. It is the heart and at the same time the starting point for a visit to the valley of the Sicilian Baroque. Its cathedral, also perfectly raised and rebuilt again after 10 years of difficult work, was included in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Piazza Armerina: The Villa del Casale recognized by UNESCO and included in the "World Heritage", with its 3500 square metres of mosaic floors famous throughout the world, hunting lodge of Massimiliano Ercoleo, is evidence of life in Roman times ...



### POST SYMPOSIUM

#### I) ISOLE EOLIE

This excursion will be organised by the local section of Club Alpino Italiano and the Gruppo Grotte Catania. It will start and end in Catania, lasting from Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup> in the morning to late afternoon on Thursday September, 9<sup>th</sup>.

The idea is to see the main volcanic features on the islands of Vulcano, Lipari and Stromboli. The complete program published in the second circular is confirmed.

In the excursion fee are included navigation on a dedicated small boat and the accommodation in small hotels with full board.

To organize this excursion a minimum of 20 participants is needed.

The cost of this excursion will be subject to an adjustment due to anti-covid restrictions; the exact fare will be communicated in the next circular.



*Figure 4: Eolie islands - ph. G. Priolo*

### J) LAVA FIELDS CAMP

Unfortunately, the limitations imposed by the health situation might reduce the number of participants that can attend the Aeolian Islands excursion.

Therefore, the Organizing Committee has decided to set up, on the same dates, an exploration camp on the slopes of Etna dedicated to the in depth analysis of the scientific themes dealt with in the Symposium and to the search for new cavities.

Accommodation will be in facilities made available by the park authority and food will be provided by the organization.

This camp will not have a maximum limit on the number of participants and activities to be carried out will be agreed on day by day on the basis of the technical skills and experience of the participants themselves. Participants will be accompanied to the camp on Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup> and will be driven back to Catania in the late afternoon of Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup>.



Figure 13: Valle del Bove, 1996 exploratory expedition.  
ph. Priolo

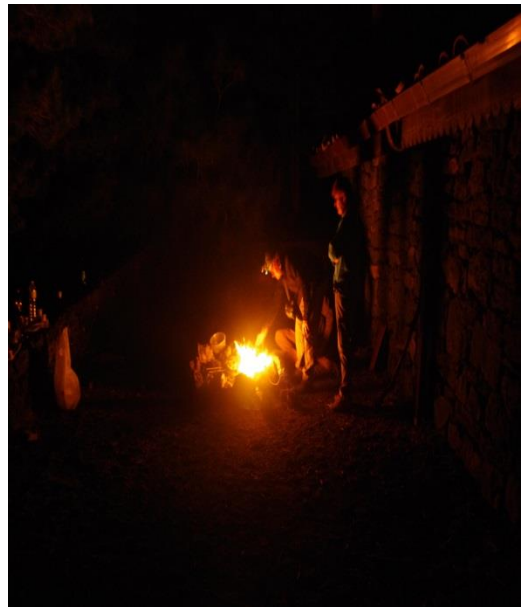


Figure 14: Monte Scavo.

ph. Bucolo



## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Organizing Committee is going to print a book with the proceedings of the Symposium to be delivered to the participants who will be in Catania. For this reason we ask all Speakers to send their work as soon as possible to the e-mail address indicated below, even if they have not yet completed their registration.

The Scientific Committee of the Symposium that has already been set up will evaluate the works received and will decide, on the basis of the topic dealt with, the order of presentation in the three days available for discussions.

The deadline for the delivery of the articles is **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**. By that time, all those wishing to present their work at the Symposium must complete the registration procedure.

Papers and abstracts will be published only if the author (or at least one of the authors for joint work) has paid the full participant registration fee.

**English is the official language of the International Symposium on Vulcanospeleology.**

Translation services will not be provided.

All papers must be sent, in electronic form, to the Organizing Committee of the ISV19 at the following address:

contact"at"19isvetna.com

Authors are kindly invited to keep to the structure indicated in the Papers Structure paragraph.

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