



## SIMP Grants for Junior Members

### *Man and Karst International Scientific Conference 2026*

The Italian Society of Mineralogy and Petrology (SIMP) announces two grants to support the participation of junior members in the *Man and Karst International Scientific Conference*, to be held at the Special Nature Reserve Oasi Faunistica di Vendicari (Siracusa, Italy), from **13 to 19 September 2026**.

The initiative aims to support early-career researchers in attending an international forum focused on karst environments and human–environment interactions, fostering scientific exchange and networking opportunities.

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#### Grant coverage

Each grant covers the early-bird registration fee (€70), which includes conference materials, coffee breaks, participation in the Gala Party, and field excursions scheduled for 15–16 September.

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#### Eligibility

Applicants must be students or PhD candidates and junior SIMP members in good standing (2026 membership fee paid\*), and must have completed conference registration and paid the early-bird fee (extended deadline: **30 June 2026**).

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#### Application

A motivation letter (PDF, max 1 page) should be sent to [rosalda.punturo@unict.it](mailto:rosalda.punturo@unict.it) by 10 **July 2026**. The letter should include personal details and a brief statement of interest in attending the conference.

Applications will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee, and outcomes will be communicated by **22 July 2026**.

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#### Reimbursement

The grant will be reimbursed after the conference upon submission to the SIMP Secretary of the registration invoice and a certificate of attendance.

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#### Information & registration

<https://cirs-ragusa.org/blog/man-and-karst-2026/>

\*If you are not yet a SIMP member and wish to become one, follow the link

<https://www.socminpet.it/336/iscriviti-alla-simp.html>