



13th International Conference on Raman Spectroscopy Applied to the Earth sciences

Four Point Sheraton Conference structure, 10-15 June 2018, Catania, Italy

First Circular & Call for Papers

The 13th International Conference on Raman Spectroscopy Applied to the Earth Sciences (GEORAMAN 2018) will be jointly organized by University of Catania (Dipartimento di Scienze Biologiche Geologiche e Ambientali) and University of Parma (Dipartimento di Scienze Matematiche, Fisiche e Informatiche) and it will be held in the **Four Point Sheraton Conference structure** few km from the historic city of Catania, Italy, **from 10 to 15 June 2018**. The aim of International GeoRaman Conference is to provide a scientific forum to present and promote the researches in the application of Raman spectroscopy to study of geological materials and processes. Conference topic is interpreted in a broad sense, including, amongst others, mineralogy, petrology, archaeometry, exobiology, gemmology, forensics and the analysis of biological molecules.

The 2018 Edition is going to be one of the major events in the Raman spectroscopy history, both in terms of attendance and quality of the presentations.



Preliminary programme:

- Registration of participants June 10 (Sunday): 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Opening ceremony and Ice Break - June 10 (Sunday): 7:00 pm to 22:00 pm
- Conference days June 11, 12 and 14 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday): 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Taormina Field trip - June 13 (Wednesday): 9:00 am to 19:00 pm
- Closing ceremony: June 14 (Thursday), 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- Mt. Etna post congress Field trip (facultative) - June 15: 9:00 am to 19:00 pm



Proposal for specific session:

The session list is under construction, but if you would like to propose a session, please send an e-mail to georaman2018@unict.it

The deadline for session proposal is 20 October 2017.

Registration & Abstract Submission. Registration starts on January 31st, 2018 and will remain open until June 3th, 2018. Registration is necessary before abstract submission. A maximum of two abstracts is allowed for each registered participant. The deadline for abstract submission is **5 February 2018**. Acceptance of submitted contribution will be notified to the author within **20 February 2018**. Every details are reported on website.

GeoRaman2018 Publications. We would like to announce that a special issue of the Journal of Raman Spectroscopy will be reserved to GeoRaman2018

Registration Fees. Registration fee entitles the participation to the 13th GeoRaman event and it comprises:

- The lunches for the three days and the packed lunch for the field trip
- Coffee breaks for the three conference days
- The first day Ice Break
- The social dinner
- The Taormina field trip (June 13; including transportation and all tickets for visiting sites)

The conference fee does not cover the post conference field trip (Mt. Etna).

	Date	Professional	Student¹	Family members²
Early registration	Jan 31 – March 31, 2018	400 Euro	250 Euro	300 Euro
Late registration	April 1 – June 3, 2018	500 Euro	350 Euro	400 Euro

¹ We recommend student attendees to register as early as possible - We currently have **50 slots available**, which will be used following a first come, first served rule. We will increase the number of slots if sponsorship funding becomes available.

² Three conference activities are available for the participation of family members at the additional cost of 300 euro per person:

- The opening ceremony (the evening of June 10)
- The field trip (full day of June 13, including transportation, lunch and all tickets for visiting sites)
- The conference dinner (evening of June 12)

The family members fee covers also the conference days lunch and coffee break.

Contacts: To send messages directly to the Organizing Committee, please use the email georaman2018@unict.it

Language: the official language of the Conferences is English.

Conference websites: more information can be found on <https://sites.google.com/view/georaman2018/home> website.
<https://www.facebook.com/GeoRaman-2018-1972650836298435/> facebook.

Important dates:

Session Proposal deadline: 20 October 2017

Call for Abstracts: 1 November 2017

Abstract submission deadline: 5 February 2018

Notification to authors: 20 February 2018

Early registration deadline: 31 March 2018

We welcome you all to participate to GeoRaman Conference in Catania.

The local organizing committee:

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