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***„Integrating Veterinary Public Health, Sustainability of Food Production, and Environmental Challenges in the Green Deal Era”***

**25<sup>th</sup> ECVPH Annual Conference and AGM**

17.-19. September 2025 (Messina, Italy)

Hybrid format

**Summary program**

**We 17.09.2025**

Pre-conference workshop, Residency meeting, Reception

**Th 18.09.2025**

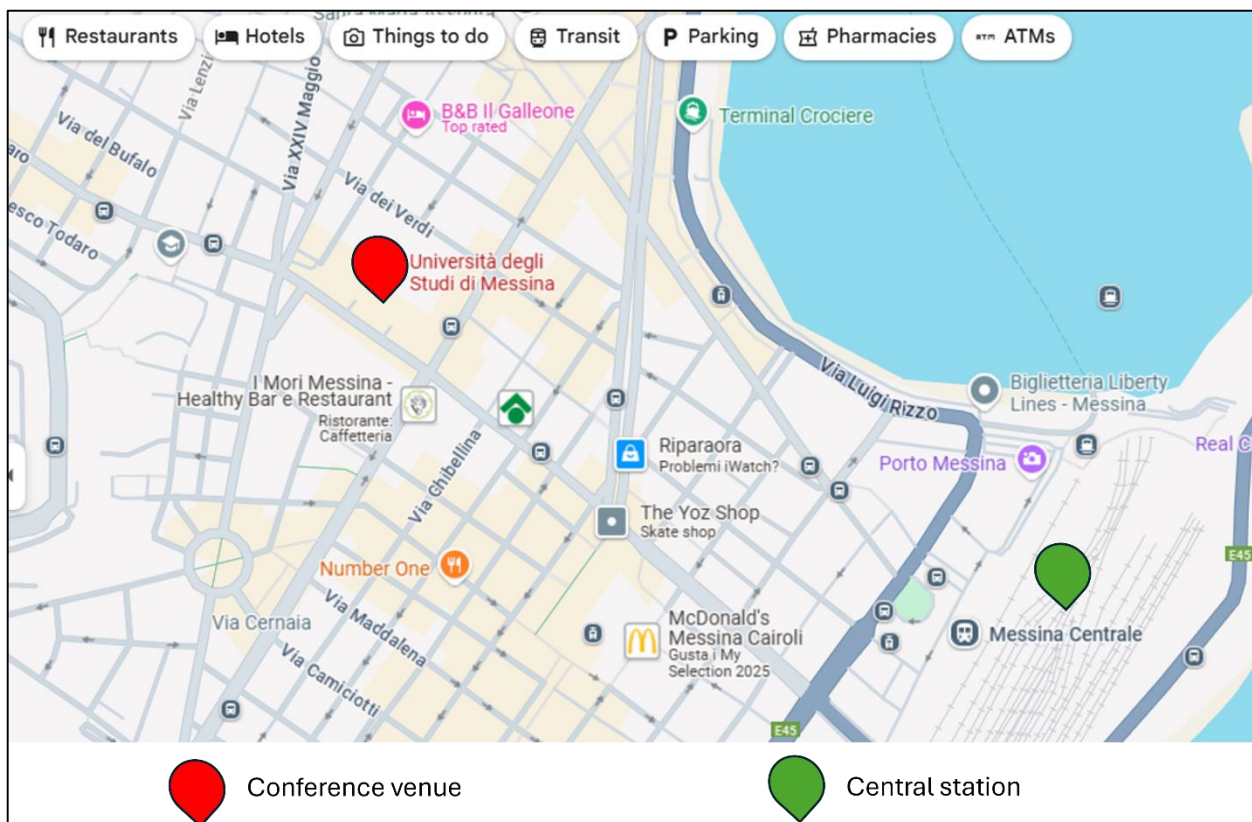
Opening session, workshops, AGM, Conference dinner

**Fr 19.09.2025**

Opening session, Closing session

## Conference venue

The conference will be held at the Rectorate of the University of Messina. Directions and map can be found here: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/v47PJkLyC7vgjoK6>



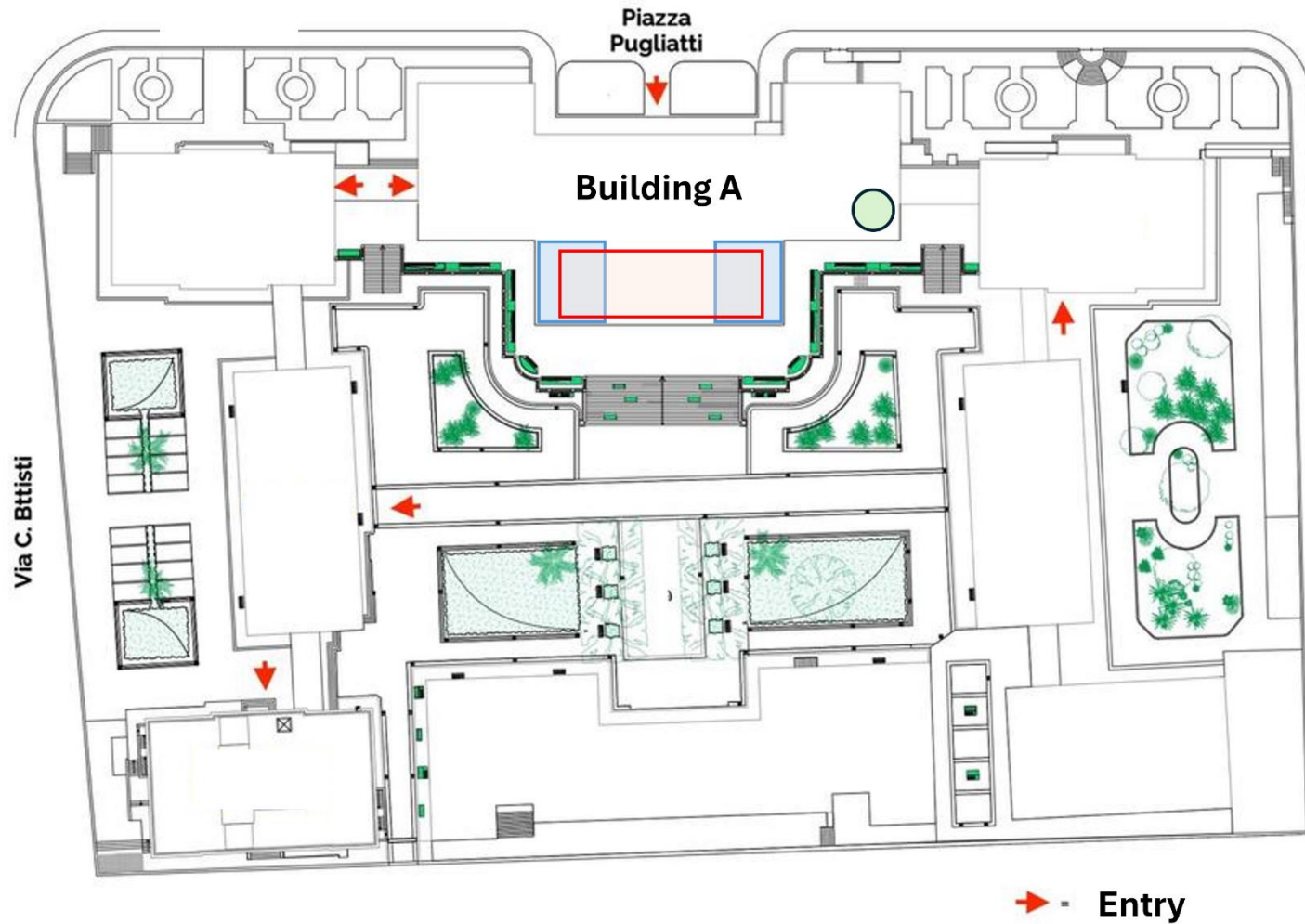
Conference venue address is: **Piazza Pugliatti, 1, 98122 Messina ME**



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## Congress venue



### Building A: congress venue



Secondary Classrooms  
(50 seats)  
On the ground floor



Lecture hall (200 seats)  
On the 1st floor



Council meeting room  
On the 1st floor

→ - Entry





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**Lecture hall**



**Secondary classrooms**



**Outdoor garden  
(coffee breaks and lunches)**



**Building A hall  
(poster sessions)**



## Travel to Messina

Messina does not have its own airport, but there are several options nearby. We generally recommend reaching Messina Central Station and continuing from there on foot or by public transport (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/MvDjomr5Pbbq4vTC6>). The central station is just a 10-15 minute walk from the conference venue.

**Messina Central Station Address:** Piazza della Repubblica, 98122 Messina

Travel options:

- **Catania Airport** (<https://www.aeroporto.catania.it/>)

*Note: Flight disruptions may occur due to Mount Etna's volcanic activity.*

From Catania Airport, you can reach Messina Central Station via:

- **Bus:** Look for the *Sais Autolinee* bus service outside the arrivals area. The journey takes about 1 hour 30 minutes and costs €8.40 one way (<https://www.saisautolinee.it/en>)
- **Car:** ~1 hour drive
- **Train:** Take a shuttle/train from the airport to Catania Central Station, then transfer to a train to Messina Central Station. The total journey takes ~ 2 hours 15 minutes (<https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html>)
- **Taxi:** ~1 hour, costing €100-150

- **Reggio Calabria Airport** (<https://sacal.it/it/reggio-calabria/>):

- **Taxi and ferry:** Take a taxi from the airport to Villa San Giovanni ferry terminal (~20 minutes, ~ € 20-40). Then, take a ferry to Messina:
  - To Messina Historic Port: €2.50, ~20 minutes (<https://www.blujetlines.it/oraripasseggeri-villa.html>). Just a 5-minute walk to Messina Central Station.
  - To Messina Ferry Terminal: €2.50, ~20 minutes (<https://carontetourist.it/it/caronte>). From there, it's a 40-minute walk to Messina Central Station.

*Note: Some ferry departures align with train arrivals from other Italian cities to Villa San Giovanni.*

- **Bus & Ferry:** Take a bus from the airport to Villa San Giovanni ferry terminal (€20, <https://www.starbus.it/starbus/RicercaNavetta?filtro=MR&noSearch=1&tratta=1>). Then, take a ferry to Messina.

- **Palermo Airport** (<https://www.aeroporto dipalermo.it/>)
  - **Bus:** Take a shuttle/train from the airport to Palermo Central Station (<https://www.aeroporto dipalermo.it/in-aeroporto/raggiungi-aeroporto/treno/>), then a bus from Palermo Central Station to Messina Central Station (~2h 40m, €14 one way, <https://www.saisautolinee.it/en>)
  - **Car:** ~3 hours drive
  - **Train:** Take a shuttle/train from the airport to Palermo Central Station (<https://www.aeroporto dipalermo.it/in-aeroporto/raggiungi-aeroporto/treno/>), then a train to Messina Central Station (<https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html>)

## Travel within Messina

Messina is basically divided into three main areas: North, Center, and South.

The city center is where the conference venue and most attractions are located, so we recommend staying nearby. Messina Central Station is just a 15-minute walk from the conference venue, making it a convenient arrival/departure point.

The northern area is Messina's seaside district, particularly lively in summer. If you choose to stay here, be aware of possible bustling nightlife. The social dinner will be held at a restaurant located at the entrance of this area, just a 5-minute walk from one of the tram line's terminal stops. If you plan to travel within the city, the city buses and tram line are the most recommended public transport options. There are several bus lines connected to the conference venue (see <https://www.atmmessinaspa.it/linee-universitarie.php?pag=2>). The tram line covers a large part of the city: from the beginning of the northern area, passing through the entire city centre and arriving approximately halfway to the southern area ([https://www.atmmessinaspa.it/servizio\\_tram.php?pag=2&tipo=1](https://www.atmmessinaspa.it/servizio_tram.php?pag=2&tipo=1)). The northern area is not covered by the tram line.

Conference dinner venue: Restaurant *La corte dei Mari*, Via Consolare Pompea, 14/A 98165, Messina (<https://lacortedeimari.it/>). Distance from conference venue: 4,1 Km, ~15' by car, ~1 hour on foot





## Weather

Messina remains warm in mid-September, as summer comes to an end. Due to its location on the Strait of Messina, the city is one of the windiest in Sicily. These are the climate data for Messina in September:

- Mean daily temperature: 24.5 °C (mean min:21.5 °C, mean max: 27.5 °C)
- Average monthly rainfall: 43.5 mm
- Average number of days with >1mm rain: 6.3
- Mean daylight hours: 12.25

## Accommodation and list of hotels in a reasonable distance

There are several hotels within 15-mins walk of the conference venue, converging a wide price range. Airbnb and similar accommodations are also available throughout the city.

**Tip:** Book in advance! Mid-September is still high season in Sicily, which may affect availability and prices.

### Hotels 10 mins walk from the conference venue

- Hotel Residence CineApollo (<https://www.hotelapollomessina.com/>)
- Hotel Sant'Elia (<https://www.hotelsantelia.com/>)
- Hotel la Residenza Messina (<https://www.laresidenzahotel.net/>)
- Hotel Messenion (<https://www.hotelmessenion.it/>)
- Royal Palace Hotel Messina (<https://www.royalpalacemessina.it/>)

## Other issues

- Currency is Euro, and all major credit and EC cards are accepted.
- Tipping is not expected.
- Electric sockets accept either the round or the EU standard plugs; if from UK or overseas please bring adapters.



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