



With the official patronage of the Italian Air Force



## **“NORGE” 90TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL CONFERENCE**

**ROME MEETING JUNE 20TH – 21ST 2016**

### **PROGRAMME**

**ROME MEETING  
JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> 2016**

First session (June 20th)  
Palazzetto Mattei, Villa Celimontana  
Room “Giuseppe Dalla Vedova”

#### **REMEMBERING THE “NORGE”: WHEN THE ARCTIC WAS AMONG THE LAST FRONTIERS**

14.30 – *Opening*

Introduction and Official Greetings

- Prof. Filippo Bencardino, President of the Società Geografica Italiana Onlus
- Institutional Representative of the Italian Air Force
- H.E. the Hon. Bjørn T. Grydeland, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the Italian Republic

Chair: Prof. Elena dell’Agnese, Vice President of the International Geographic Union

15.00 – *Frigida Terra. Medieval and Modern Views of the Cold North*

Prof. Luigi Russo – European University of Rome

15.30 – *Italians in the Arctic: the Expeditions of the Reale Società Geografica Italiana*

Prof. Cosimo Palagiano – Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei

16.00 – *The Amundsen-Ellsworth-Nobile Transpolar Flight and its Aftermath in Norway*

Prof. Steinar Aas – North University

16.30 – *Coffee break*

17.00 – *“Dirigibile Italia”: the CNR scientific base in the Arctic*

Prof. Massimo Inguscio – President of the Italian National Research Council (CNR)

17.30 – Visit to the Palazzetto Mattei and its cultural heritage

20.00 – Delegates’ dinner - kindly offered by the Royal Embassy of Norway to Italy

Second session (June 21<sup>st</sup>)

Italian Air Force Museum – Vigna di Valle

Hangar “Velo”

**90 YEARS AFTER THE “NORGE”: SCIENCE IN THE ARCTIC**

8.00 – Transfer of delegates from Rome to Vigna di Valle Air Force Museum

9.30 – Opening

Introduction and Official Greetings

Chair: Institutional Representative of the Italian Air Force

9.45 – *Those Flights over the Arctic: a Geographic Overview*

Prof. Gianluca Casagrande – Società Geografica Italiana Onlus

10.15 – *Surface, Airborne and Satellite Measurements of Albedo in the Arctic*

Dr. Arve Kylling – NILU – Norwegian Institute for Air Research

10.45 – Coffee break

11.15 – *From Blimps to Drones. New Perspectives on Airborne Research*

Ing. Michele Nava – Ordine degli Ingegneri della Provincia di Roma

11.45 – *Rome Conference: Conclusions*

Prof. Gianluca Casagrande – Società Geografica Italiana Onlus

12.00 – Tour of the Vigna di Valle Air Force Museum

13.15 – Light lunch

14.30 – Transfer of delegates from Vigna di Valle to Rome. Conference ends

**Notes:**

- 1) Schedule and presentations indicated above are provisional and may be subject to variations and updates.
- 2) The Meeting will be held in English as a primary language. Italian will be used as a secondary language. This criterion applies to all events, communications and documents.

**Contacts:**

Prof. Gianluca Casagrande, [gianluca.casagrande@unier.it](mailto:gianluca.casagrande@unier.it), +39-3395695553.

Segreteria della Società Geografica Italiana Onlus, Via della Navicella 12, I-00184, Rome, tel. +39-06-7008279;  
[segreteria@societageografica.it](mailto:segreteria@societageografica.it).