

International Conference on Fortifications of the Mediterranean Coast

23 - 24 - 25 March 2023, Università di Pisa, Italy

FORTMED 2023, Pisa is the sixth edition of the International Conference on Fortifications of the Mediterranean Coast. The Conference, organised by the DESTeC Department of the University of Pisa, will take place on 23-24-25 March 2023 at the "Centro Congressi Le Benedettine" in Pisa.

The first five editions of the Conference took place on 15-16-17 October 2015 at the Instituto Universitario de Restauración del Patrimonio, Universitat Politècnica de València, on 10-11-12 November 2016 at the Department of Architecture of Università degli Studi di Firenze, on 26-27-28 October 2017 at the Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura, Universitat d'Alacant, on 18-19-20 October 2018 at the Dipartimento di Architettura e Design, Politecnico di Torino, Castello del Valentino, and on 4-5-6 November 2021 at the Escuela de Estudios Árabes in Granada.

The main objective of the Conference is to exchange and share knowledge for a better understanding, assessment, management and exploitation of the Culture and Heritage of fortified architecture that developed on the Mediterranean coast, also taking into account the phenomena that took place overseas. The dissemination of the results is a crucial resource to achieve the main objective.

The Conference has an interdisciplinary character, where architects, engineers, archaeologists, historians, geographers, cartographers, cultural heritage managers, professionals of the tourist sector, experts in restoration-conservation and promotion of cultural heritage will participate. The idea is to provide more inclusive, real, and up-to-date views, leading us to the highest level of the investigations on this topic in the 21st century.

Attention will be focused on the fortifications of the Mediterranean (Spain, France, Italy, Malta, Tunisia, Cipro, Greece, Albania, Algeria and Morocco); although it does not exclude other Mediterranean countries and other fortifications built overseas (Cuba, Puerto Rico, Philippines, Panama...).

Topics:

Topic 1. Historical research. Historical Cartography. Archives. Treatises. Construction history. Biographies (Duke of Maqueda, Antonelli, Vespasiano Gonzaga, Acuña, Hayreddin Barbarossa Escrivá, los Fratin, Cermeño...).

Topic 2. Theoretical concepts. Military Engineering. Defence System in the Modern Age. New concepts. New forms of defence. Creating "shields". Artillery. Utopian projects.

Topic 3. Research on Built Heritage. Architectural Heritage. Study, knowledge, dissemination. Castles, towers, and fortifications. Maintenance and Conservation of Architectural Heritage.

Topic 4. Characterization of geomaterials. Mineral-petrographic, geochemical and physical analysis. Study of the alteration processes. Historical and conservative archaeometric investigations. Operative proposals for restoration interventions. Relationships between physical-technical properties of construction materials and their use: differences and similarities in the Mediterranean.

Topic 5. Digital Heritage. Digital survey through active and passive systems, from 3D laser scanner to photogrammetry. Advanced 3D modelling techniques. Advances in graphical representation. Digital reconstructions. Virtual reality and augmented reality.

Topic 6. Culture and Management. Interpretation and enhancement. Fortified heritage and citizen identity. Management of castles, towers, and fortresses. Participatory management systems. Management and cultural tourism.

Topic 7. Miscellany. Other topics not included above, but compliant to the main topic of the Conference.

The Department of Energy, Systems, Territory and Construction Engineering (DESTeC) of the University of Pisa invites all academics and professionals interested in the debate on FORTIFICATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST to present their contributions at the FORTMED 2023 International Conference, both as a **full paper** or as a **short paper**.

All duly accepted papers will be published in the **Conference proceedings** with ISBN, as volumes 13, 14 and 15 of the series "Defensive Architecture of the Mediterranean".

Registration and fee payment will be required for at least one author per contribution. The fee includes one copy of the proceedings book. Papers received after the deadlines will not be included in the Conference proceedings.

The **official languages** of the Conference are English, Italian and Spanish.

Abstracts should be submitted in English, Italian, or Spanish.

Papers must include an abstract in English; the paper can be in English, Italian, or Spanish.

Oral presentations can be in English, Italian or Spanish. Simultaneous translation will NOT be performed at the Conference. For a better understanding, all texts in the presentation must be written in English.

Awards

The conference provides three awards:

- Best full paper
- Best short paper
- Best student paper

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Conference fees

Early registration (until 14 October 2022)

Full participants	220 €
Members of Scientific Committee	180 €
Students (under 30 years old)	160 €
Auditors*	160 €

Regular registration (from 15 October 2022 to 10 March 2023)

Full participants	260 €
Members of Scientific Committee	220 €
Students (under 30 years old)	200 €
Auditors*	200 €

* for Auditors, who intend to attend the conference without submitting a single- or multi-author paper, the books with ISBN of the Conference proceedings are not included.

Optional

Gala dinner on 24 March 2023	60 €
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Registration fee includes:

Attendance to the Conference sessions (keynote, oral presentations, roundtable)

Guided tour on 25 March 2023

Books with ISBN of the Conference proceedings

Official certificate of Conference attendance

Official certificate of oral presentation, if any

Official certificate of the award, if any

Coffee breaks and lunches on 23 and 24 March 2023

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Key dates

28 January 2022 – Launch of the call for abstracts

25 March 2022 – Deadline for abstract submission

29 April 2022 – Abstract acceptance

24 June 2022 – Deadline paper submission for review

2 September 2022 – Papers preliminary acceptance

16 September 2022 – Paper final acceptance

14 October 2022 – Deadline for reduced registration fee

11 November 2022 – Final date for payment of the registration fee in order to have the paper published in the proceedings

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