

Rome, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

I am pleased to announce that the **First Italian Citizen Science Conference** will be held in Rome in **November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2017**, with the aim to explore the state of the art in this relatively new promising field, outline paths for future activities, foster the involvement of citizens in environment centered research and thereby contribute to a better understanding of nature and to a deeper appreciation of its value.

The presentation of Italian projects, networks, organizations, e-services, and platforms in a genuine international context will allow participants to focus on the on-going work in Italy and in addition allow them to discuss opportunities of collaborative work involving local, national and international levels.

Specific sessions will be dedicated to:

- · Biological monitoring trough Citizen Science
- · Citizen Science and Society
- · National Citizen Science Networks
- · Platforms and e-services for Citizen Science

## Please find enclosed the call for abstracts for oral and/or poster presentations.

The Conference is organized by the Italian National Academy of Sciences known as Academy of the XL, in partnership with Italian and European Institutions, with the support of the Italian National Research Council (CNR) in the framework of the LifeWatch-ITA program.

*Visit the Conference web site <u>www.citizensciencerome2017.com</u> for Conference tentative programme and scientific committee, registration, abstract presentation rules and for other general information.* 

With kind regards,

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