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"NORGE" 90TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL CONFERENCE

ROME MEETING JUNE 20TH – 21ST 2016

PROGRAMME

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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 21st)

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

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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.

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