



The Survivors' Guide to Stable Isotope Ecology IV
Siracusa, Italy
Saturday 18 April - Sunday 26 April 2020

Dates ARR. Saturday 18 April- DEP. Sunday 26 April 2020

Program - 9 days/8 nights

Number of participants – 25 min-35 max

Program Fee per Student -

Early-bird registration by 30th December 2019 - €1400

Regular registration by 15th February 2020 - €1550

Late registration after 15th February 2020 - €1700

The fourth edition of The Survivors' Guide to Stable Isotope Ecology sees our great team of lecturers from all over the world come together again to unlock the secrets of stable isotopes for you. Stable isotopes are a powerful and ubiquitous tool in modern ecology. When used correctly, they can unlock the mysteries of food-webs, species interactions, ecophysiology, and migration patterns across the globe. However, incorrect use can result in expensively compiled, useless datasets. This course will give you the skills to maximise the benefit of the use of stable isotopes in your current or future research.

The course will be held on the scenic island of Ortigia, the historic centre of Siracusa in Sicily, Italy. Course instructors include leading experts in the application of stable isotopes of carbon, nitrogen, hydrogen, oxygen and sulphur to marine, freshwater and terrestrial ecology in addition to expertise in the growing field of compound specific stable isotope analysis and the analysis of stable isotope data.

The course is tailored to postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers with some or no experience. The course programme includes a combination of lectures, field activities, lab-work and data analysis to provide the students with a thorough understanding of the use of stable isotopes in ecology through hands-on experience. We have added another day to the usual format to give participants more time to work with the course tutors and to allow a little time to explore the beautiful setting of Siracusa and its surroundings.

Course Lecturers TBC:

Prof. Chris Harrod, Universidad de Antofagasta, Chile

<http://harrodlab.net/>

Dr. Tamsin O'Connell, University of Cambridge, UK

<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/directory/tco21>

Prof. Seth Newsome, University of New Mexico, USA

sethnewsome.org/sethnewsome/Home.html

Dr Clive Trueman, Associate Professor in Marine Ecology, University of Southampton, UK

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/oes/research/staff/trueman.page>

Dr. Brian Hayden, Science Manager, Stable Isotopes in Nature Laboratory, University of New Brunswick, Canada www.atomicology.com

Dr. Alexia Massa-Gallucci, Exedra Mediterranean Center, Italy - AquaBioTech Group, Malta

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APPLICATION AND COURSE FEES

Applications to info@exedramc.com and online through the course webpage at www.exedramc.com/course/the-survivors-guide-to-stable-isotope-ecology-iv/

To apply, please

- ❖ complete the on-line application form
- ❖ send a **letter of support** from your academic supervisor and
- ❖ a half page **letter of intention** detailing your research interests and experience and how you intend to apply stable isotopes to your current or future project.
- ❖ On receiving written acceptance from the SGSIE IV team, you will be required to pay the non-refundable deposit of €500 within two weeks to confirm your place.

Fee per student

Early-bird registration by 30th December 2019 - **€1400**

Regular registration by 15th February 2020 - **€1550**

Late registration after 15th February 2020 - **€1700**

Course fee includes:

- ❖ Transfers between Catania airport and Siracusa on arrival and departure days
- ❖ Accommodation in B&B within walking distance of center, shared rooms*, en-suite bathroom, breakfast included
- ❖ Welcome and Farewell dinners
- ❖ Coffee and tea breaks
- ❖ Tuition
- ❖ Internet service at the Exedra Mediterranean Centre during opening hours and limited printing service
- ❖ General liability insurance
- ❖ Certificate of participation
- ❖ Exedra Mediterranean Center 24-hour support
- ❖ Field-trip TBC

*Single rooms available on payment of supplement of 30 euros a night for a total of 240 euros for 8 nights

Course fee does not include:

- ❖ Travel to/from Sicily
- ❖ Meals with the exception of those listed above
- ❖ Personal expenses
- ❖ Internet service outside of Exedra Mediterranean Center opening hours, except as available in accommodation
- ❖ Passport or visa fees
- ❖ In-country travel not outlined in Program Schedule



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ENROLLMENT AND PAYMENT OF COURSE FEE

EARLY BIRD ENROLLMENT AND PAYMENT by 30th December 2019

If the applicant returns

- ❖ the on-line application form
- ❖ the letter of support from an academic supervisor or tutor
- ❖ a half page letter of presentation and intention, detailing research interests and experience and how you intend to apply stable isotopes to your work

by **30th December 2019**, and receives written acceptance from Exedra Mediterranean Center by **January 10th 2020**, the applicant will be eligible for the Early-bird registration fee of **€1400** euros. The non-refundable deposit of **€500** should be paid within two weeks of receiving written acceptance.

REGULAR ENROLMENT AND PAYMENT - by 15th February 2020

If the applicant returns

- ❖ the on-line application form
- ❖ the letter of support from an academic supervisor or tutor
- ❖ a half page letter of presentation and intention, detailing research interests and experience and how you intend to apply stable isotopes to your work

by **15th February 2020**, and receives written acceptance from Exedra Mediterranean Center by **25th February 2020**, the applicant pays the regular course fee of **€1550** euros. The non-refundable deposit of **€500** should be paid within two weeks of receiving written acceptance.

LATE ENROLLMENT - after 15th February 2020

Applications received after 15th February 2020 will pay the late course fee of **€1700** euros in a single payment.

All enrolments should be considered valid only upon receipt of written confirmation sent by Exedra Mediterranean Center.

HOW TO PAY

The course fee must be paid in full by **25th February 2020**, unless otherwise agreed with Exedra Mediterranean Center.

You will receive a pro-forma invoice via Paypal which can be paid

- ❖ using Paypal (plus transaction fee of **€25**)
- ❖ by card
- ❖ by bank transfer

Beneficiary name : EXEDRA s.r.l.s.

Bank name : BANCA AGRICOLA POPOLARE DI RAGUSA

Address: Corso Umberto - Agenzia n. 1

Account number/C.C: 1351661933

IBAN : IT 96 G05036 17101 CC 1351661933

BIC : POPRIT31135

Please indicate for whom the payment is being made by stating clearly the **student's name** and the **name of the course**.

Payment must be received in full. Students are liable for all Paypal and bank charges and will be billed for such charges on first day if necessary.

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COURSE AND ACCOMMODATION CANCELLATION

Cancellations must be communicated in writing.

For cancellations, Exedra Mediterranean Center will withhold the non-refundable deposit of 500 euros.

If a cancellation is made 2 weeks or less before the program starts, the whole course fee is forfeited.

If the participant decides not to attend classes or to shorten the course, he/she is not entitled to any refund.

PARTICIPANTS

A minimum of 25 participants is required for this course. Exedra Mediterranean Center reserves the right to cancel the course if there are not enough participants. Any participants who have already signed up and paid for a course that does not run will be reimbursed **the whole fee**.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Participants should arrange to arrive at Catania airport on **Saturday 18th April** before 5pm, and to leave on **Sunday 26th April 2020** by 11am. Exedra Mediterranean Center will arrange the transfers within this time-frame.

Transport-costs for a participant who arrives after 5pm on Saturday 18th April or leaves after 11 am on Sunday 26th April, will be at their own expense.

TRANSFER SERVICE FROM/TO CATANIA AIRPORT

All information concerning flight details and arrival time should be communicated to the center at the latest, **2 weeks before arrival** date. Exedra Mediterranean Center will send the confirmation and all relevant information concerning the airport transfer service.

PERSONAL DATA

The participant authorises Exedra Mediterranean Center to use his/her personal data in accordance with the current GDPR EU law.

The participant authorises Exedra Mediterranean Center to send information and promotional material periodically about the center and the courses offered.

The participant may request at any moment that all of this information is deleted.



USE OF PHOTOS AND COMMENTS

Permission is given for the use of participant's comments or testimonials and photographs/ images of participants in the official promotional material for Exedra Mediterranean Center by the participant or their parents or legal guardian with acceptance of these terms and conditions.

QUERIES AND COMPLAINTS

Participants should bring any problems to the center's attention immediately, in order to receive all the assistance needed to resolve any issues arising during the stay at Exedra Mediterranean Center.

We do not accept retrospective complaints or queries.

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SPECIAL NEEDS AND WELFARE

Special learning needs

The center will endeavor to make reasonable adjustments to participants who declare a learning difficulty or disability. Please consult the center well in advance if you have special needs.

Physical disability

Our center is at present not accessible for wheelchair users or those who have difficulties using stairs.

Dietary requirements

We ask students to communicate any dietary requirements in good time so that arrangements can be made to meet these needs.



CONDUCT

Participants are expected to observe a behaviour based on generally accepted standards of courtesy and consideration for others. In an international environment, it is vital to respect cultural, racial and religious differences. Exedra Mediterranean Center reserves the right to expel participants who are offensive or abusive to other participants or to Exedra staff and faculty. Participants are expected to respect Italian Law.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Exedra Mediterranean Center is not liable for any loss of property on its premises or in Exedra-arranged accommodation.

INSURANCE

Participants are advised to take out medical and personal insurance before leaving their home country and to insure themselves against loss of fees through non-arrival, absence for any reason, or unforeseen termination of their courses.

24 HOUR EMERGENCY NUMBER

Exedra Mediterranean Center provides all participants with the Exedra Emergency number, active 24 hours a day. Exedra staff will provide assistance and/or advice in case of medical or other emergencies.

For more information and enquiries:

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