



FOREWORD

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2013-2024: AFTER 11 YEARS AN AIGA CONGRESS IS BACK IN NAPOLI

It was, in fact, February 2013 when the community of Italian engineering geologists gathered in Napoli for the 9th Young Researchers' Conference. At that time, the event was held in the modern premises of the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Naples Federico II. This year, however, the 8th National Congress of AIGA is hosted at the splendid monumental complex of SS. Marcellino and Festo, which, until 2016, was home to the institutes and departments to which the geoscientists of the University of Naples Federico II belonged.

In 2013, as well as in 2024, the organization of the two events was taken care of by all Federico II engineering geologists, who, although belonging to different departments (DiSTAR and DICEA), have unanimously contents and format of both events.

The 145 abstracts received and the more than 100 registrations so far (more than a month before the event) are a clear sign of the vitality of Italian Engineering Geology, which, as witnessed by the substantial number of young people who have approached our disciplines over the years, is constantly renewing itself, and not only in terms of age.

Further, positive indications come from the 32 papers accepted for printing, after a peer review process, in the Italian Journal of Engineering Geology and Environment, AIGA's official journal. All the papers offer an interesting and stimulating insight into the wide variety of topics nurtured by Italian engineering geologists.

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