CRYSTALLIZATION PROCESSES IN GRANITIC PEGMATITES

INTERNATIONAL MEETING

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GENERAL INFORMATION, ELBA

MEETING VENUE

The conference will be held in the Baia Imperiale Beach Hotel, located in the Cavoli village, a few kilometres south-west of the Marina di Campo town (southern coast of Elba Island).

HOW TO GET TO ELBA and WEATHER CONDITIONS

Elba Island is a well known tourist destination easily accessible by ferry (about 1 hour duration) from the town of Piombino, located along the Tuscany coast close to Pisa. The Piombino harbour is accessible by train from Pisa, from Livorno and from Rome. Limited airline transportation to Elba (La Pila Airport – Marina di Campo) is available from Pisa.

Weather at the end of May is normally very good and rather warm. However, the temperature of the sea water is still rather cold for swimming.

Complete information about how to get to Elba, Marina di Campo and Cavoli, and about weather conditions can be found at the following internet sites:

http://www.elba-online.com
http://www.elbatuttanatura.com
http://www.infoelba.com

ACCOMODATION

People who want to participate in the meeting are encouraged to make their hotel reservation as soon as possible. Indeed, the end of May is close to the beginning of the main tourist season in Elba and problems with hotel room availability may occur.

To make it logistically easier to attend the meeting, we suggest booking hotels in Cavoli, in Seccheto (a village very close to Cavoli), and in Marina di Campo (a town a few kilometres from Cavoli). Mini-bus transportation from Marina di Campo to Cavoli will be available for participants.
Here is a list of hotels. Please, indicate that you are an “Elba-mineralogy-meeting participant” when making your reservation. These hotels are offering a limited number of rooms at special rates for participants.

HOTEL Baia Imperiale Beach (4 stars) – Cavoli
www.hotelbaiaimperiale.it
Available rooms: 10
Price B&B: Euro 46.00 (for person) in double room
Euro 70.00 double room used as single

HOTEL Montecristo (4 stars) – Marina di Campo
www.hotelmontecristo.it
Available rooms: 5
Price B&B: Euro 46.00 (for person) in double room
Euro 70.00 double room used as single

HOTEL Riva del Sole (4 stars) – Marina di Campo
www.hotel-rivadelsole.it
Available rooms: 5
Price B&B: Euro 46.00 (for person) in double room
Euro 70.00 double room used as single

HOTEL Lo Scirocco (3 stars) – Fetovaia
www.fetovaia/hotelscirocco/scirocco.html
Available rooms: 10
Price B&B: Euro 30.00 (for person) in double room
Euro 50.00 double room used as single

HOTEL La Conchiglia (2 stars) – Cavoli
(please, contact Baia Imperiale Beach Hotel)
Available rooms: 4
Price B&B: Euro 27.00 (for person) in double room
Euro 45.00 double room used as single

HOTEL Da Fine (2 stars) – Seccheto
www.hoteldafine.it
Available rooms: 10
Price B&B: Euro 27.00 (for person) in double room
Euro 45.00 double room used as single
FIELD TRIPS
The meeting will include three days of field trips which will be held in nearby Marina di Campo on the Capanne mountain and in the area of the San Piero in Campo and the San Ilario in Campo villages. Because of the presence of spiny bushes and poisonous animals such as scorpions, participants are recommended to be equipped with boots, long pants and gloves. All the outcrops which will be visited are not far from villages and roads; thus walking distances will be short. Self-collecting in visited areas will be possible with the use of small tools such as hammers and chisels.

HEALTH and INSURANCE
The registration fees do not include insurance. It is strongly recommended that all registrants consult their travel agent and take out their own travel and medical insurance prior to coming to the conference. The organizing committee will not accept any responsibility for any participant failing to have adequate insurance coverage.