

**Call for paper - Ripam 10.5. & EMUNI Conference 2024**

# **Ancient Hydrologic Systems and Water Management in the Mediterranean Region**

**Piran (Slovenia) – October 10-11, 2024**

## **Conference Reasons**

The International Meetings on Mediterranean Architectural Heritage (RIPAM) are scientific events organized since 2005 by a group of researchers, academics, historians, architects, heritage scientists, experts, curators and professionals from different countries and institutions of two shores of Mediterranean basin. The last two conferences were in Lisbon (Portugal) in 2022 and in Errachidia (Maroc) in 2023 (website: [www.ripam.org](http://www.ripam.org)).

Emuni University is a higher education institution that focuses on promoting collaboration and dialogue between countries in the Euro-Mediterranean region. Emuni University was established in 2008 in Slovenia, with the aim of fostering academic and cultural exchange, as well as promoting economic development and cooperation among Mediterranean countries and European Union member states. Emuni University also conducts research and organizes annual conferences, workshops, and other academic activities to address challenges and opportunities facing the Euro-Mediterranean region. Through its educational programs and research initiatives, Emuni University contributes to the promotion of peace, stability, and prosperity in the Euro-Mediterranean region (website: [www.emuni.si](http://www.emuni.si)).

**In the Mediterranean region, ancient water systems are an integral part of its cultural heritage. cisterns, wells, khettaras, aqueducts, qanats and fog collection represent the knowledge, skills, and values of ancient societies and have been used for millennia as a reliable source to ensure water. They played a crucial role in sustaining life and enabling the development of thriving civilizations around the Mediterranean basin.**

**Many of these systems demonstrate remarkable feats of engineering and continue to be studied and admired for their ingenuity, effectiveness, and strong cultural, historical, technological, socio-economic, and environmental impact.**

**In a period where (clean) water scarcity is a significant global challenge that affects millions of people worldwide, understanding ancient water systems can teach to our modern societies valuable lessons for sustainable water management and environmental stewardship, helps us to foster a sense of pride, connection, and continuity within mediterranean communities.**

## Conference Details

Topics of interest:

1. **Hydrological engineering in ancient civilizations**
2. **Architecture and construction of aqueducts, khattaras, qanats, cisterns, wells, and reservoirs**
3. **Water distribution networks and infrastructure**
4. **Social and economic impacts of water management**
5. **Technological innovations in water systems**
6. **Environmental implications and sustainability of ancient water systems**
7. **Cultural and religious significance of water**
8. **Water and urban development in ancient cities**
9. **Water-related conflicts and resolutions**
10. **Preservation and conservation of ancient water systems**



## Call for papers

We invite submissions for **oral presentations** and **posters**. **Abstracts** should be **submitted for review** and should **not exceed 300 words**. The abstract will be in **English** or **French**, accompanied with a **translation** in a **second mediterranean language**. Submissions must adhere to the **conference's guidelines** and **formatting requirements**, like in the attached examples.

The **final papers** will be in **English** or **French**.

## Important Dates

1. Abstract Submission Deadline: **June 30, 2024**
2. Notification of Acceptance: **July 8, 2024**
3. Deadline for reduced fee registration: **July 30, 2024**
4. Submission of final abstracts (in case modifications are requested upon acceptance): **August 31, 2024**
5. Deadline for registration, **September 20, 2024**
6. Conference: **October 10 and 11, 2024**
7. Submission of final papers: **November 15, 2024**

**Book of abstracts** will be **published before the conference**.

**Proceeding**, including all the presented papers, will be **published by mid-2025**.

**Papers**, selected by the scientific committee, will be **considered to enter** the process for **possible** publication in the **International Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies** (indexed **SCOPUS**).

Join us in unravelling the mysteries of ancient water systems and their enduring legacy in the Mediterranean region. Together, let us delve into the depths of history to uncover the secrets of civilization's lifeline.

## How to apply

Conference web site is <https://emuni.si/conference/>

For **registration and abstract submission form**, please click [here](#)  
( <https://emuni.typeform.com/to/O9hnPCot> )

The word template for abstract can be download [here](#)  
( [https://emuni.si/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Ripam10.5\\_Template\\_Abstract.doc](https://emuni.si/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Ripam10.5_Template_Abstract.doc) )

For **inquiries**, please contact **conference@emuni.si**

## Conference Organising Committee

- **Polona Oblak** (EMUNI)
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- **Daniela Pittaluga** (Dipartimento Architettura e Design, Università degli Studi di Genova).

The Conference Scientific Committee will be composed by the members of the Conference Organizing Committee and the members of the RIPAM Permanent Committee and other members (<https://www.ripam.org/wp-ripam/organization-en>).

## Tentative Agenda

### DAY 1

- Welcome Addresses
- Keynote Speeches
- Coffee Break
- Paper Presentations & discussion (parallel sessions)
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### DAY 2

- Visit of Piran (guided walking tour)
- Lunch
- Visit Salt Pans Sečovje (bus+guided tour)

<b>Participation fees</b>	<b>Until July 30, 2024</b>	<b>After July 30, 2024</b>
Professor, researcher	200 €	300 €
Student / young researcher	100 €	150 €
Professional	250 €	350 €