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CETAF 59th General Assembly - CETAF59

Host: Università degli Studi di Firenze-Sistema Museale di Ateneo, Florence, Italy

University of Florence: Prof. Alessandra Petrucci (AP), UniFi Rector

NHM UniFi and CETAF Representative: Prof. David Caramelli (DC), President

Dates: Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 May 2026

Locations: Wednesday and Thursday: piazza San Marco 4, Aula Magna (1st floor); Friday: Sala Strozzi, via G. la Pira 4 (ground floor).

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CETAF Secretariat: Ana Casino (AC); David Dopazo (DD); Marko Lovric (ML); Maria Sabaris (NS); Laura Tilley (LT).

Guests: Gabriele Bucci (GB), IRU DiSSCo-IT; Bastain Fromm (BF), Arctic University Museum of Norway, NO; Katja Kaiser (KK), MfN DE; Massimo Labra (ML), National Biodiversity Future Center; Emiliano Mori (EM), CNR-IRET; Ante Vujic (AV), Faculty of Sciences, University of Novi Sad, SR.

PRE-MEETING events

DAY 0 : Tuesday 26 May 2026

14h00 – 18h00 CET

Sala Ostensio (ground floor) , via P.A. Micheli 3

14h00-18h00	Internal meeting: e-Learning WG meeting
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DAY 1 : Wednesday 27 May 2026

9h00 – 13h00 CET

Sala Strozzi (ground floor) - Herbarium (3rd floor), via G. La Pira 4

9h00-13h00	Internal meetings: EJT Executive Board / CETAF Executive Committee
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CETAF59 AGENDA

CETAF59 Main Goal: Foster interaction across the taxonomic community to boost collaborative work and advance collective achievements, in light of the CETAF Strategy 2025-2030, while identifying key priorities for CETAF community best positioning in the broader environmental landscape, in Europe and globally.

DAY 1: Wednesday 27 May 2026

14:00 – 17:30 CET

Aula Magna, piazza San Marco 4 (1st floor)

13:30-14:00	Registration
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Welcome and Opening

12:00 – 15:20 CET

14:00-14:20	Welcome by Prof. Alessandra Petrucci, Rector of the University of Firenze Greetings from the University Museum System President, Prof. David Caramelli		
14:20-14:25	1	Opening of the CETAF 59 th General Assembly	EvH
14:25-14:55	2	Presentation of Italian Research Roadmap	GB/LC/ML

14:55-15:00	3	Approval of the Agenda	V	EvH
15:00-15:20	4	The potential of ancient DNA samples for studying evolutionary patterns		DC
SESSION 1 15:20 – 16:30 CET				
CETAF Highlights – <i>what is new?</i> <i>(Convener: JH)</i>				
15:20-15:50	5	New Members of the CETAF Community		
		5.1	Arctic University Museum of Norway, NO	V AA
		5.2	Faculty of Sciences. University of Novi Sad, RS	V AV
15:50-16:10	6	Attraction of talent to taxonomy, the e-Score winner of 2026		GK+winner
16:10-16:20	7	Main updates from the General Secretariat- Annual Report 2025		AC
16:20-16:30	8	Accomplishments in 2025 – Mid-term review		JH
16:30-16:45	Coffee break			
SESSION 2 16:45 – 17:30 CET				
CETAF strategic implementation – <i>reflection for the future</i> <i>(Convener: AC)</i>				
16:45-16:55	9	Second year of the CETAF Strategy Implementation		
		9.1	CETAF Executive Committee Work Plan for 2026	AC
		9.2	CETAF implementation strategies (Communication and Advocacy)	ML/MS
16:55-17:15				
17:15-17:30		9.3	Contributions from the CETAF initiatives (EJT+DEST)	IS/SD
End of CETAF59 Day 1				
18:00-19:00	Guided tours to Collections - Botanical Garden (via P.A. Micheli 3); Herbarium, Geology and Paleontology (via G. la Pira 4)			
CETAF59 Dinner Botanical Garden - via P.A. Micheli 3				

DAY 2 : Thursday 28 May 2026

9:00 – 17:30 CET

Aula Magna, piazza San Marco 4 (1st floor)

SESSION 2-continuation

9:00 – 9:30 CET

CETAF strategic implementation – *reflection for the future*

09:00-09:10	10	Update on CETAF Partnerships	JH
09:10-09:30	11	Keynote speech on Colonial Objects	KK

SESSION 3

9:00 – 13:00 CET

CETAF Working Groups strategic integration (*Convener: GK*)

09:30-9:35	12	Introduction to Pre-print recommendations for taxonomic treatments	JH
09:35-10:15	13	E-Learning Interactive session (<i>Open Discussion</i>)	IS
10:15-10:45	Group photo - Coffee break		
10:45-11:30	14	Supporting Small Collections in Implementing Digital Strategies (ISTC) (<i>Round Table</i>)	AG
11:30-13:00	15	Future Developments in Integrative Taxonomy (SciReg) (<i>Discussion Panel</i>)	EvdV/EH
13:00-14:00	Lunch break		

SESSION 4

14:00 – 15:30 CET

CETAF internal business - *Administration* (*Convener: FD*)

14:00-14:10	16	CETAF Annual Accounts 2025	V	FD
14:10-14:20	17	Financial report from the first trimester of 2026	FD	
14:20-14:30	18	Evaluation of sessions of CETAF59	CP	
14:30-14:45	19	Formats for discussion in future Spring GAs	SO	

14:45-15:00	20	Presentation of the Directors' Summit	EvH	
15:00-15:20	21	Any Other Business		
		21.1	Invitation to CETAF60 in Edinburgh by the Host Institution	PH
		21.2	Invitation to CETAF61 in Lisbon by the Host Institution	JA
15:20-15:30	22	Closing remarks	EvH	
FORMAL CLOSURE of the CETAF59 General Assembly				
16:30-18:00	Guided tours to Collections - La Specola (Zoology, Mineralogy) in via Romana 17, Anthropology in via del Proconsolo 12			

POST-MEETING event

DAY 3 : Friday 29 May 2026

9:00 – 13:00 CET

Sala Strozzi, via G. la Pira 4 (ground floor)

OPTIONAL SESSION

9:00 – 13:00 CET

CETAF community developments

9:00-11:00	22	Collections Management System-PlutoF infrastructure - <i>Training Workshop</i>	UK
11:00-11:30	Coffee break		
11:30-12:30	23	Specimens metadata in Earth Sciences - <i>Interactive session</i>	LT/OH
12:30-13:00	24	Community initiatives in the European landscape - <i>Presentation</i> TETTRIs Satellite L.U.C.E. Lighting up the Understudied but Charismatic fireflies of Europe: knowledge on fireflies	EM
13:00-14:00	Lunch		
CLOSURE of the Post-Meeting event			