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## **LABIRINTO D'ACQUE 2018**

The virtuous path

# ***from water scarcity to water efficiency***

**International conference and exhibit - March 21, 2018**

*Under the patronage of the President of the Italian Republic*

# **save the date**

The local guests, Labyrinth of Franco Maria Ricci and University of Parma, in cooperation with the United Nations Commission for Hydrology of the World Meteorological Organization, World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) of UNESCO, Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research and Po River Basin District Authority are honored to announce the first edition of the *Labirinto d'Acque International Conference* that will be held at the Labyrinth of Franco Maria Ricci near Parma on the occasion of the UN-Water World Water Day celebrations.

### **Venue**

A unique place, located a few miles from Parma, consisting of a maze of two miles of paths amidst high hedges of bamboo, together with a pyramid, courtyards, porticoes, a museum, a library, and conference facilities ([www.labirintodifrancomariaricci.it](http://www.labirintodifrancomariaricci.it)). It was dreamt up and then built by Franco Maria Ricci, an art publisher, graphic designer and collector internationally renowned for his originality and refined taste.

### **Presentation of the conference**

The *Labirinto d'Acque 2018* conference will be the first in a series and will be repeated every other year. The international leading actors will be recurrently convened in the labyrinth to address the challenge of the century: the global water crisis and its connections with climate change, sustainability, innovation.

The conference is followed by three days, March 22, 23 and 24, 2018, of cultural events open to the public ([www.labirintodacque.it/4day-program](http://www.labirintodacque.it/4day-program)) that represent the Italian focal point for the UN-Water World Water Day celebrations.

The 2018 zero-edition is a networking event devoted to water efficiency spanning the continuum between research and practice. Researchers, practitioners, public institutions, and industry are

invited to showcase the latest science, technology and best practice in the water sector at large. The conference includes:

- ✓ High-level **symposium** (morning) on water resources, aimed to report on the state and future prospects, organized jointly with:
  - UN Commission for Hydrology of the World Meteorological Organization (CHy-WMO)
  - World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) of UNESCO
  - Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA).
- ✓ Oral **presentations** (afternoon) on innovation and water efficiency, organized jointly with:
  - Po river basin district Authority
  - Interregional Agency for the Po river
  - Emilia-Romagna regional Agency for environment and energy.
- ✓ Whole-day **exhibit** (parallel session) run by participants on the theme of the conference.

### **Program - March 21, 2018\***

**09:00 Registration**

**10:00 Opening of the conference**

Welcome speeches

**10:30 Coffee break**

**11:00 High-level symposium**

Water resources: state and outlook

**13:00 Light lunch**

**14:00 Innovation for water efficiency**

**14:00 Exhibition - continues parallel to oral presentations**

Browsing the lively exhibition run by participants

**15:00 Oral presentations**

Participants presentations: frontier research and practical solutions for water efficiency

**17:30 End of the conference**

**\* The *Labirinto d'Acque 2018* conference is not a sponsored commercial event.** Participants will be asked for a tiny fee to cover organizational costs. Exhibition space can be requested for free on a first come, first served basis.

### ***Labirinto d'Acque 2018 - Abstract submission and conference proceedings***

Participants will be invited to submit one-page abstracts on the topic of the afternoon session 'innovation for water efficiency' for acceptance and the selection of oral presentations.

Accepted abstracts rewritten as short articles, together with the symposium presentations, will compose the Conference Proceedings to be published in an indexed journal.

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**VENUE**  
**Labirinto della Masone**  
**di Franco Maria Ricci**



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