



19th Symposium of the European Grassland Federation

Post-symposium tour

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY

1) "FRATELLI PINNA" CHEESE FACTORY

The tour will begin with a visit to a cheese factory operating since 1919. Up to 260 thousand liters of mainly sheep milk, purchased from nearly 1,500 farmers spread throughout the island, are processed every day. A factory of 28 thousand square meters with 185 employees, produces and sells over 100 thousand quintals of cheese, of which over 30% destined abroad.



2) NURAGHE SANTU ANTINE

The tour will take the participants to the ancient ruins of the Nuraghe Santu Antine, one of the most famous remains of the Nuragic civilization. The Nuragic civilization developed between the Bronze Age and the Iron Age (from 1800 to 500 B.C.). Among the over 7000 nuraghes spread on the Sardinian territory, Santu Antine (in Torralba municipality) is one of the largest. The main structure was built around the 19-18th century BC, and the other parts of the nuraghes date back to the 17-15th century BC.





THURSDAY 11 MAY

3) **EXTENSIVE CATTLE FARMING SYSTEMS IN UPLANDS**

The tour will visit the AGRIS experimental station at Foresta Burgos, located in Goceano region, in the center of Sardinia. The results of long term observations on the effect of different grazing and feeding systems on performances of Sarda cattle and its crosses will be presented.



4) **SILVOPASTORAL SYSTEMS IN OAK WOODLAND: MONTE PISANU FOREST**

The forest, managed by Forestas – the Regional Forest Agency - is located in Goceano region and represents an example of grazed public forest. Sheep and cattle graze extensively and contribute to reduce the fuel biomass, preserving the forest by fires. CNR-ISPAAM research activity on the effect of grazing on fire prevention and biodiversity will be presented.



5) **LAND REHABILITATION OF A SAND QUARRY**

The quarry "Sas Funtanas", is located in Siniscola (North East Sardinia) at an altitude of 560 m a.s.l.. The quarry has been exploited for limestone and it is included in the perimeter of a Site of Community Importance (SCI - ITB021107 – Monte Albo). The results of a study carried out by CNR-ISPAAM, aimed at evaluating a native-based pasture mixture for the quarry rehabilitation will be presented.





FRIDAY 12 MAY

6) **RURAL ACTIVITIES, LANDSCAPE, BIODIVERSITY AND TOURISM**

The tour will take the participants across Gallura region, representative of the Mediterranean agro-forestry systems that are complex mosaics shaped by human activities practiced since centuries. An overview of the rural landscape and a short segment of the famous Gallura (Olbia district) coast it is planned.



7) **AGRO-SILVO-PASTORAL SYSTEMS IN CORK OAK WOODLAND**

In the heart of Gallura region, a typical cork oak private farm will be visited. The combination of cork production, dairy sheep grazing, natural pasture and forage crops management set up a multifunctional agro-silvopastoral system that provides several ecosystems services. Results of University of Sassari and CNR-ISPAAM researches will be presented.

