



With the arrival of spring, the traditional **Spring Colloquium on Plant Ecophysiology** also returns!

The 13th edition of the Colloquium will be held at the **possessió of Galatzó in Calvià (Mallorca, Balearic Islands), from Wednesday, April 2, to Saturday, April 5, 2025**. This traditional mountain estate, covering 1,401 hectares, is located in the Serra de Tramuntana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Alongside its rich architectural and ethnographic heritage, shaped by centuries of agricultural and livestock activity, the estate offers spectacular rural and natural landscapes with a great diversity of flora and fauna. The estate is centered around an impressive valley flanked by mountain formations, with the notable peaks of Puig de Galatzó (1,027 m) and Mola de s'Esclop (927 m).

Thanks to this heterogeneous topography, Galatzó hosts a remarkable variety of plant communities. In addition to the typical Mediterranean dryland agricultural landscape, one can find extensive pine and wild olive forests, with an abundant presence of dwarf palms, mastic trees, and thorny broom. There are also broad areas of carritxar, resulting from anthropogenic degradation, small holm oak groves, and one of the largest populations of Balearic boxwood in Mallorca. In the higher mountainous areas, xero-acanthic scrub and cliff vegetation typical of rocky terrains extend, both hosting a high number of endemic plant species.



Panoramic view of the access path to the possessió de Galatzó houses, with the majestic Puig de Galatzó in the background.



Location

This edition of the Colloquium will be held at the Galatzó Refuge, owned by the Consell de Mallorca, located on the Galatzó public estate. If arriving by car, access is via the Ma-1032 road from Es Capdellà towards Galilea, where you will find an entrance to the Galatzó public estate and a designated parking area. From the parking lot, there is a short 10-minute walk to the refuge.

The refuge has a capacity of 48 beds, all reserved for Colloquium participants. There are 10 shared dormitories arranged as follows: seven with 4 beds, one with 6 beds, and two with 7 beds. The refuge offers a wide range of services: bar service, bed linens, towels, bathrooms, showers, electricity, hot water, heating, Wi-Fi, and telephone. Additionally, accommodation is on a full-board basis, including breakfast, lunch, and dinner.



Galatzó Public Refuge, inaugurated at the end of 2022. The building is located on the site of the estate's old pigsties, next to the main houses of the estate.



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View of the façade of the Galatzó estate houses.

Preliminary program for the XIII Spring Colloquium on Plant Ecophysiology

On the afternoon of **Wednesday, April 2**, the official opening of the XIII Spring Colloquium on Plant Ecophysiology will take place at the facilities of the Institute of Agro-Environmental and Water Economy Research of the University of the Balearic Islands (INAGEA-UIB), located in the Balearic Research, Development, and Innovation Complex at Parc Bit (Palma).

After speeches by the Colloquium organizers, the director of INAGEA, and representatives from the Consell de Mallorca and the Calvià City Council, there will be a guided tour of the INAGEA facilities, followed by refreshments. Participants will then travel to the Galatzó Refuge to settle in, where dinner will be served.

On the morning of **Thursday, April 3**, oral presentations will begin in the multipurpose room at the Galatzó Refuge. Presentations will continue until midday on **Saturday, April 5**, concluding the Colloquium after lunch.

Several complementary activities will take place throughout the Colloquium. On the morning of Friday, April 4, a guided excursion is planned, so participants are advised to bring



suitable footwear and clothing. Additionally, a cultural visit to the Galatzó Estate houses and water mills will be organized.

Another highlight will be a tasting of organic wines made from local grape varieties by the brand Nacra, owned by Professor Emeritus of Plant Physiology at the University of the Balearic Islands, Hipólito Medrano.

The final program will be published in a second circular, scheduled for February 2025.

Registration cost

The total registration fee per person is **200 euros**, which includes accommodation and meals throughout the Colloquium, starting with dinner on April 2 and ending with lunch on April 5. This amount also covers the guided tour, excursion, and wine tasting.

Participant registration and payment

Those interested in attending the Colloquium are asked to confirm their participation by completing and sending the **Registration Form** (available on the last page of this circular) and proof of payment to the email address m.carriqui@uib.cat, with a copy to javier.gulias@uib.es, **by February 15, 2025**.

The registration fee should be paid by **bank transfer** to the CaixaBank account held by the University of the Balearic Islands:

IBAN: ES53 2100 7359 7513 0003 9098

It is important to include in the **transfer reference: “Name, Surname + Galatzo25”**.

IMPORTANT: Those who require an invoice should provide billing details on the Registration Form.

As in previous editions, to encourage broad and diverse participation, **a maximum of six attendees per research group is recommended**.

Registrations will be processed and confirmed in the order received.

Presentations and round table

The Colloquium’s organizing committee invites all attendees to present a 15-minute oral communication (10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions), followed by



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additional time for discussion after each presentation. As in previous editions, time will be reserved for an open debate on any topics of interest that may arise.

An open round table will also be organized to discuss topics of interest. The organizing team encourages participants to **suggest potential discussion topics**. We also welcome **volunteers** to present and moderate each session of the program.

Organizing committee

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REGISTRATION FORM

Full name:

Institution/Center:

Email:

Mobile phone:

Title of presentation and authors (if presenting):

Allergies or special meal requirements:

Comments / Special needs:

Do you suggest any topics for discussion in the round table?

Are you willing to volunteer to present and moderate one of the program sessions?
(YES/NO):

Do you need an invoice? (YES/NO):

If yes, please provide billing details (Institution Name, Address, Tax ID, DIR3 Codes):

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