

## THE THEMES OF THE SYMPOSIUM

The 5th Regional Symposium of the International Fossil Algae Association was organised by Davide Bassi and Anna Fugagnoli in the Dipartimento delle Risorse Naturali of the University of Ferrara. This symposium follows the tradition of successful regional meetings previously held in Granada (1989), Munich-Vienna (1993), Cracow (1997), and Cluj-Napoca (2001) (<<http://www.ku.edu/~ifaa/>>).<<http://www.ku.edu/~ifaa/>>.

Presentations were organized in three sessions:

- 1) General themes
- 2) Calcareous red algae
- 3) Calcareous green algae

Two workshops have been held. One focused on the classification criteria of Dasycladales and Bryopsidales (Halimedaceae) green algae (chairman Ioan I. Bucur). The second workshop deal with the palaeobiogeography of calcareous algae (chairman Juan C. Braga). Titles of the presentations can be found at <<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/IFAA->

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A post-meeting field excursion focused on shallow water carbonates including Middle-Upper Eocene calcareous algae and larger foraminifera (Colli Berici, Monti Lessini, north-eastern Italy), Lower Jurassic microbial structures, dasycladaleans, larger foraminifera on the 1st day (September 1st), and dinosaur footprints (Rovereto and Altopiano di Lavarone, Trento area) (September 2nd), and dasycladaleans at the K/T boundary (Friuli and western Slovenia areas) (September 3rd). The field excursions has been organised by the University of Ferrara, the Museo Tridentino di Scienze Naturali, the University of Naples Federico II, the University of Trieste, the University of Tübingen, the Slovenian Geological Survey, and the Slovenia Academy of Sciences. The field trip guide-book is published in the Studi Trentini di Scienze Naturali, Acta Geologica, supplement 80 (2003), ISSN 0392-0534, Trento.