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# Hunter-gatherers across the Alps: Mobility, Expansion, and Post-Glacial Repopulation



67<sup>th</sup> CONFERENCE OF THE HUGO OBERMAIER SOCIETY  
April 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Ferrara  
**HYBRID CONFERENCE**

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# Hugo Obermaier-Society

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## Circular on the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Ferrara/Italy April 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the invitation of the Università degli Studi di Ferrara

Dear members and friends of the Hugo Obermaier-Society,  
Dear colleagues,

the **annual meeting 2026** at the invitation of the *Università degli Studi di Ferrara* will be held in Ferrara as a **hybrid conference**.

We hereby announce the **call for papers**. Contributions (presentation of max. 15 minutes and/or poster) can, but do not have to be related to the meeting's focal topic:

### **“Hunter-gatherers across the Alps: Mobility, Expansion, and Post-Glacial Repopulation”**

We kindly ask for your understanding that if there are too many oral contributions, participants may be asked to present their research in the form of a poster. **Note that if you do not hear from us within two weeks after the submission deadline, consider your abstract as accepted.**

**We strongly encourage everyone to join the meeting in person.** Nevertheless, to promote inclusivity, online participation will be possible. The link for the online participation will be sent by e-mail to all registered online participants on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Attached to this invitation you will find a template for the **abstract of your presentation**. **Abstracts other than the required formatting will not be accepted.** Please send your abstract (including an optional figure: TIFF or JPEG, 300 dpi) until **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026** to [info@obermaier-gesellschaft.de](mailto:info@obermaier-gesellschaft.de).

**In order to participate please register at the society's website <https://obermaier-gesellschaft.de/>. The online registration opens on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and ends on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

The bank account details are:

**IBAN: DE36 6009 0100 0349 5270 08 and BIC/SWIFT: VOBADDESS.**

This information is also shown on the invoice you will receive after the online registration. Please transfer the **conference fees until March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. Registration for the excursions follows the order of payment. **Please note that after the registration deadline, we cannot refund any conference fees that already have been paid.**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> circular with the conference program and more detailed information will be sent some weeks before the conference. Further information on the society and the annual meeting can be found at our website: <https://obermaier-gesellschaft.de/>

The conference booklet will be available as PDF file. Since the conference booklets are accessible online, we refrain from automatically mailing the printed version to those members who will not

participate in the meeting, or who participate online. If you wish to receive a printed version of the 2026 booklet, please let us know until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 by sending an email to [info@obermaier-gesellschaft.de](mailto:info@obermaier-gesellschaft.de)

Note that this year **within the online registration** there will be the opportunity to **support unemployed and student members** of the society that plan to present at the conference.

**If you are an unemployed or student member of the society, you would like to submit a presentation at the conference, but need support – please reach out to us.**

Please note that support can only be granted if we receive funds. Thank you very much!

## **Preliminary Program**

***Tue, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026***

***Conference venue: Palazzo Giordani, Corso Ercole I d'Este 44-46***

ca. 12:00                      Opening of the conference office

***Wed, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026***

***Conference venue: Palazzo Giordani, Corso Ercole I d'Este 44-46***

***Thu, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026***

***Conference venue: Palazzo Giordani, Corso Ercole I d'Este 44-46***

ca.18:30                      General Assembly

***Fri, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Excursion A: (approximately 07:30 – 19:30)***

**Grotta di Fumane & National Archeological Museum in Verona**

**✘ Please register on the online registration form**

***Sat, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Excursion B: (approximately 07:30 – 20:30)***

**Riparo Tagliente, Grotta di San Bernardino & Petroarchaeological prehistory exhibition at Barbarano**

**✘ Please register on the online registration form**

## **Travel advices**

### **Logistics**

Connections. Bologna Guglielmo Marconi International Airport is a gateway with direct flights from the most relevant cities all over Europe. From Bologna airport to Ferrara there are bus connections and train shuttle leaving every 30 – 50 minutes (<https://www.ferrarabusandfly.it>). Bus shuttle also connects the airport to Ferrara railway station and the Castle. Similarly, almost all Italian destinations are connected to Ferrara by trains directed to and from Rome, Naples, Venice, Milan, Bari among others.

### **Accommodation**

The number of hotels, hostels, B&B and other accommodation structures in Ferrara is countless.

A list of recommended hotels:

Hotel Europa (Corso della Giovecca n.49)

Hotel Annunziata (Piazza della Repubblica n.5)

Hotel De Prati (Via Padiglioni n.5)

Alchimia B&B (Via Borgo dei Leoni n.122)

Hotel Carlton (Piazza Sacrati)

Hotel Avanguardia Club (Via Borgo dei Leoni n.99)

Hotel Astra (Viale Cavour n.55)

Princess Art Hotel (Via Mascheraio n.29-47)

To avoid overbooking at Ferrara, we recommend Hotel Cristallo in Rovigo (<https://www.cristallorovigo.com>), close to the railway station and shortly connected to Ferrara by train.

### **Restaurants**

Caffè Europa (Corso della Giovecca n.51)

Osteria Il Frantoio (Via dei Baluardi n.51)

Cusina & Butega (Corso Porta Reno n.29)

Trattoria Il Sorpasso (Via Saraceno n.118)

Estebar (Via Scienze n.13/15)

Il Ciclone (Via Saraceno n.36)

Hostaria Savonarola (Piazza Savonarola n.14/16/18)

Toga Bar (Via Arianuova n.5)

Bar Macao (Via Fossato di Mortara n.60)

Cà d'Frara (Via del Gambero n.7)