



LABIRINTO D'ACQUE 2018

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The most important Italian event
on the occasion of the World Water Day

THE OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF THE UNESCO ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE STATE OF WATER RESOURCES

THE PRESENTATION OF THE "NATURE FOR WATER" PROJECT CURATED
BY THE LEONARDO DICAPRIO FOUNDATION (LDCF) AND THE UNITED
NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP)

21st-24th March 2018 at Franco Maria Ricci's Labirinto
della Masone,
Fontanellato, Parma

From the 21st to the 24th of March 2018, under the High Patronage of the President of the Italian Republic and under the High Patronage of the European Parliament, the International Summit *Labirinto d'Acque* is to be held at Franco Maria Ricci's Labirinto della Masone. Dedicated to the theme of water, it will consist of four days of important and conferences and encounters with figures of national and international stature, taking stock of the present and future of the planet's water resources.

During this highly important event the UNESCO WWAP will present the UNWWDR 2018 (United Nations World Water Development Report 2018) entitled "*Nature-based Solutions for Water*" and, together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation will present the project "*Nature for Water*".

Since its opening to the public, Franco Maria Ricci's Labyrinth has shown concern for environmental matters and the intention of this summit is to stimulate the public to "consider water" and reflect on our time that is witnessing a phase of significant climate change. As well as to "consider water", the event will be an invitation to "envision water" in all of its life-cycle, stages and metamorphosis; a continuous flow of musical, artistic and international cultural stimulations that will take place during the course of several days in the spaces of the Labirinto della Masone, in the heart of the world's largest maze.

The summit will kick off on Wednesday the 21st of March 2018 with two key events; the international conference "The virtuous path: from water scarcity to water efficiency" and the first encounter of *Salotti d'acqua – Water salons*, a conversation between important guests of the summit including Karl Burkart (Director of Innovation, Media & Technology at the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation), who will present the project "*Nature for Water*" together with a representative of the United Nations, and Monique Barbut (Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification):

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The international conference will be organised by the University of Parma together with ISPRA Environment Institute, CHy-WMO, UNESCO WWAP, AdBDP (Po River Basin Authority), AIPo (Interregional Agency for the River Po) and ARPAE (Regional Agency for Prevention, Environment and Energy of Emilia-Romagna). This High Level symposium will include talks by a representative of ISPRA, by Silvano Pecora (Chy-WMO) and Michela Miletto (Coordinator of the WWAP, the United Nations World Water Assessment Programme) who will officially present the World Water Development Report 2018 entitled “Nature-based Solutions for Water”. In the afternoon the conference will deal with the theme “Frontier Solutions for Water Efficiency”, where distinguished researchers will illustrate and compare the results of studies and innovative research regarding the efficient use of water.

Thursday the 22nd of March, World Water Day, will be animated by the presence of numerous scientists and scientific personalities moderated by Luca Mercalli. These will include Enrico Giovannini, previously Minister of Labour and Social Policies and currently president of the Alleanza Italiana per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile (ASVIS – Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development), Fabio Trincardi (CNR), Gianfranco Bologna (WWF), Grammenos Mastrojeni (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and Alok Jha, leading broadcaster and journalist of the *Guardian*. The day will end with *Salotti d'acqua – Water Salons* with an interview, curated by Piero Bianucci, with the astronauts Samantha Cristoforetti – the first Italian woman in space – and the Russian Gennadij Padalka – who has spent more time in space than anyone else – dedicated to the theme of water in the universe.

The central theme of Friday the 23rd of March in the conference “The Blue Challenges and Opportunities: from strategies into actions” curated by the Region of Emilia Romagna, will be the vision, governance and innovation of policies for the struggle against climate change and its repercussions on water resources and agriculture. Participants will include one of the foremost experts on the subject, Brian Richter, who will give the initial key lecture and Pietro Laureano (UNESCO) as well as representatives of international bodies and institutions from various parts of the world. Like the Region of Emilia Romagna, these are subject to the effects of climate change and will bring their experience of particularly effective policies and measures. They include the State of California that will deal with the theme of the politics of resilience in water management and the nation of South Africa, where access to water is the key to democracy and equality. In *Salotti d'acqua – Water Salons* the theme of the artistic and scenic aspects of water will be investigated in the *lectiones magistrales Acqua, Arte e Architettura* by the French architect Thierry Huau, introduced by Franco Maria Ricci and the architect Pier Carlo Bontempi. The day will be brought to a close with a live artistic performance by the renowned English film director Peter Greenaway, with cinematic and philosophical evocations of water.

The last day of the summit, Saturday the 24th of March, will deal with the theme of water as nutrition and a source of health and wellness. This will be presented in two diverse studies: “Ricerca, sviluppo e innovazione nella medicina termale – Research, development and innovation in spa medicine” with talks by various lecturers including Prof. Umberto Solimene

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(president of FEMTEC, the World Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climotherapy) and Zeki Karagulle (University of Istanbul) and “Acqua primo alimento – Water, primary nutrient”, where amongst others Paolo Pinton (UNIFE), Claudio Macca (Spedali Civili Brescia) and Marta Antonelli (Barilla CFN Foundation) will talk about water not as just a simple chemical formula but how it constitutes a nutrient that allows the body to perform numerous vital functions. In *Salotti d'acqua – Water Salons* the day and the entire event will be concluded by a special guest: Federica Pellegrini, who will address the public on the theme of Water and sport. Labirinto d'Acque will thus be an occasion that is highly instructive but also full of surprises dedicated to a theme that is fundamental to our time, in an exceptional location that unites art, culture and nature. The summit, initiated under the High Patronage of the President of the Italian Republic, under the High Patronage of the European Parliament and with the patronage of the Highest Institutions of the State, of the Region of Emilia Romagna, the City Council of Parma, the Town Council of Fontanellato and the Unione Parmense degli Industriali, has been organised by the Fondazione Franco Maria Ricci with the supervision of Luca Mercalli (Società Meteorologica Italiana – Italian Meteorological Society), with the scientific assistance of the University of Parma, UNESCO WWAP, Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale (ISPRA Environment Institute), the Po River Basin Authority, WWF, BARILLA CFN Foundation (BCFN). The event is enriched by the help of Iren, Sangemini-Acque Minerali d'Italia, Cattolica Assicurazioni, SCIC Cucine d'Italia, Dulevo International, the Inacqua Cooperative and the Società Dolce Social Cooperative and Fondazione Cariparma. Moreover, Labirinto d'Acque will be included amongst the events promoting the candidature of Parma as Italian Capital of Culture 2020. The conferences are free of charge with obligatory registration. Those who wish to may visit the Labyrinth and art collection of Franco Maria Ricci, on payment of regular admission.

THE COMPLETE PROGRAMME IS ATTACHED

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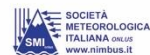
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