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## CETAF 59<sup>th</sup> General Assembly - CETAF59

**Host:** Università degli Studi di Firenze-Sistema Museale di Ateneo, Florence, Italy

**University of Florence:** Prof. Alessandra Petrucci (AP), UniFi Rector

**NHM UniFi and CETAF Representative:** Prof. David Caramelli (DC), President

**Dates:** Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 May 2026, with pre-meetings on 26 May

**Locations:** Wednesday and Thursday: piazza San Marco 4, Aula Magna (1st floor); Friday: Sala Strozzi, via G. la Pira 4 (ground floor).

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**Guests:** Gabriele Bucci (GB), JRU DiSSCo-IT; Bastain Fromm (BF), Arctic University Museum of Norway, NO; Katja Kaiser (KK), MfN DE; Massimo Labra (ML), National Biodiversity Future Center; Emiliano Mori (EM), CNR-IRET; Ante Vujic (AV), Faculty of Sciences, University of Novi Sad, SR.

## PRE-MEETING events

**DAY 0 : Tuesday 26 May 2026**

14h00 – 18h00 CET

Sala Ostensio (ground floor) , via P.A. Micheli 3

14h00-18h00	Internal meeting: e-Learning WG meeting
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**DAY 1 : Wednesday 27 May 2026**

9h00 – 13h00 CET

Sala Strozzi (ground floor) - Herbarium (3rd floor), via G. La Pira 4

9h00-13h00	Internal meetings: EJT Executive Board / CETAF Executive Committee
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## CETAF59 AGENDA

**CETAF59 Main Goal:** Foster interaction across the taxonomic community to boost collaborative work and advance collective achievements, in light of the CETAF Strategy 2025-2030, while identifying key priorities for CETAF community best positioning in the broader environmental landscape, in Europe and globally.

**DAY 1: Wednesday 27 May 2026**

14:00 – 17:30 CET

Aula Magna, piazza San Marco 4 (1st floor)

13:30-14:00	Registration
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### Welcome and Opening

12:00 – 15:20 CET

14:00-14:20	Welcome by Prof. Alessandra Petrucci, Rector of the University of Firenze Greetings from the University Museum System President, Prof. David Caramelli		
14:20-14:25	1	Opening of the CETAF 59 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly	EvH
14:25-14:55	2	Presentation of Italian Research Roadmap	GB/LC/ML

14:55-15:00	3	Approval of the Agenda		V	EvH	
15:00-15:20	4	The potential of ancient DNA samples for studying evolutionary patterns		DC		
<b>SESSION 1</b> 15:20 – 16:30 CET						
<b>CETAF Highlights – <i>what is new?</i></b> <i>(Convener: JH)</i>						
15:20-15:50	5	New Members of the CETAF Community				
		5.1	Arctic University Museum of Norway, NO		V	AA
		5.2	Faculty of Sciences. University of Novi Sad, RS		V	AV
15:50-16:10	6	Attraction of talent to taxonomy, the e-Score winner of 2026		GK+winner		
16:10-16:20	7	Main updates from the General Secretariat- Annual Report 2025		AC		
16:20-16:30	8	Accomplishments in 2025 – Mid-term review		JH		
<b>16:30-16:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>					
<b>SESSION 2</b> 16:45 – 17:30 CET						
<b>CETAF strategic implementation – <i>reflection for the future</i></b> <i>(Convener: AC)</i>						
16:45-16:55	9	Second year of the CETAF Strategy Implementation				
		9.1	CETAF Executive Committee Work Plan for 2026		AC	
16:55-17:15	9.2	9.2.1	CETAF implementation strategies: Communication		MS	
		9.2.2	CETAF implementation strategies: Advocacy)		ML	
17:15-17:30	9.3	Contributions from the CETAF initiatives (EJT+DEST)		IG/IS-AM		
<b>End of CETAF59 Day 1</b>						
<b>18:00-19:00</b>	<b>Guided tours to Collections</b> - Botanical Garden (via P.A. Micheli 3); Herbarium, Geology and Paleontology (via G. la Pira 4)					
<b>CETAF59 Dinner</b> <b>Botanical Garden - via P.A. Micheli 3</b>						

**DAY 2 : Thursday 28 May 2026**

**9:00 – 17:30 CET**

**Aula Magna, piazza San Marco 4 (1st floor)**

## **SESSION 2-continuation**

**9:00 – 9:30 CET**

### **CETAF strategic implementation – *reflection for the future***

09:00-09:10	10	Update on CETAF Partnerships	JH
09:10-09:30	11	Keynote speech on Colonial Objects	KK

## **SESSION 3**

**9:00 – 13:00 CET**

### **CETAF Working Groups strategic integration (*Convener: GK*)**

09:30-9:35	12	Introduction to Pre-print recommendations for taxonomic treatments	JH
09:35-10:15	13	E-Learning Interactive session ( <i>Open Discussion</i> )	IS-AM
<b>10:15-10:45</b>	<b>Group photo - Coffee break</b>		
10:45-11:30	14	Supporting Small Collections in Implementing Digital Strategies (ISTC) ( <i>Round Table</i> )	AG
11:30-13:00	15	Future Developments in Integrative Taxonomy (SciReg) ( <i>Discussion Panel</i> )	EvdV/EH
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>		

## **SESSION 4**

**14:00 – 15:30 CET**

### **CETAF internal business - *Administration* (*Convener: FD*)**

14:00-14:10	<b>16</b>	CETAF Annual Accounts 2025	<b>V</b>	FD
14:10-14:20	17	Financial report from the first trimester of 2026		FD
14:20-14:30	18	Evaluation of sessions of CETAF59		CP
14:30-14:45	19	Formats for discussion in future Spring GAs		SO

14:45-15:00	20	Presentation of the Directors' Summit	EvH	
15:00-15:20	21	Any Other Business		
		21.1	Invitation to CETAF60 in Edinburgh by the Host Institution	PH
		21.2	Invitation to CETAF61 in Crete by the Host Institution	IS
15:20-15:30	22	Closing remarks	EvH	
<b>FORMAL CLOSURE of the CETAF59 General Assembly</b>				
<b>16:30-18:00</b>	<b>Guided tours to Collections -</b> La Specola (Zoology, Mineralogy) in via Romana 17, Anthropology in via del Proconsolo 12			

## POST-MEETING event

**DAY 3 : Friday 29 May 2026**

**9:00 – 13:00 CET**

**Sala Strozzi, via G. la Pira 4 (ground floor)**

### OPTIONAL SESSION

9:00 – 13:00 CET

#### CETAF community developments

9:00-11:00	23	Collections Management System-PlutoF infrastructure - <i>Training Workshop</i>	UK
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		
11:30-12:30	24	Specimens metadata in Earth Sciences - <i>Interactive session</i>	LT/OH
12:30-13:00	25	Community initiatives in the European landscape - <i>Presentation</i> TETTRIs Satellite L.U.C.E. Lighting up the Understudied but Charismatic fireflies of Europe: knowledge on fireflies	EM
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>CLOSURE of the Post-Meeting event</b>			