



**Save the Date: Viterbo , 25-29 November 2009
VII International Forum on the Protection of Nature**

**Preparations to receive journalists from all over the world are underway for the next
Copenhagen Greenaccord Conference**

“Our Changing Climate: facts, stories and people”

An international appointment for all information operators to be held in Viterbo, Italy

Rome, 06th July 2009 – Work has already begun on the VII International Forum for the Protection of Nature to be held in Viterbo, Italy, from November 25 to 29, 2009. The debate will centre on our climate and aims to be a meeting, on an international scale, in which more than 80 journalists from all over the world can compare notes and gain insight. After the recent G8 environmental meeting in Italy on the subject of climate change and its effect on the environment and persons, the topic continues to be an important subject of debates.

International experts and academicians will present the results of their studies, journalists will share their experiences and common people will bear witness to the effects that climate change is already having on their lives. It will be an opportunity to hear the voices of experience from all walks of life and from all over the world, and, together, for the basis for the presentation of a common appeal on the part of the participating Forum journalists to the Copenhagen Summit.

After the welcoming speeches by the authorities on Wednesday, November 25, Leena Srivastava, the Executive Director of TERI (The Energy Resources Institute) will enlighten us about the basis for a global climate accord. Janet Larsen, the Earth Policy Institute’s Director of Research, will give a talk entitled “How to defend the climate and overcome the world economic crisis”.

John Podesta, President of the Center for American Progress will talk about “Protecting our climate: new economic opportunities under Barack Obama”.

Thursday, November 26, the day’s session will begin with a speech Brian Fagan, Professor Emeritus of the Anthropology Department at the University of California at Santa Barbara, about what history can teach us about climate change. His talk will be followed by Antonio Navarra, the Managing Director of the Centro Euro-Mediterraneo per i Cambiamenti Climatici, who will analyse the evidence of the climate changes we are currently experiencing. There will also be time to study the various environmental aspects of climate change. We will hear a talk about the melting glaciers of the Antarctic and Alton Byers, the Director of research and Training at the Mountain Institute will speak about the shrinking of icebergs. Mbiwo Constantine Kusebahasa (Uganda) and Diego Redini (Italy) will share their experiences as farmers.

On Friday and Saturday we will hear first hand experiences from farmers in Kenya, Alaska, India, Australia, Fiji, Mongolia and Guatemala. The difficult relationship between climate and man will also be analysed. Erik Assadourian, a researcher at the Worldwatch Institute will give us an update on our planet’s health, Riccardo Valentini, Professor at the Università della Tuscia will enlighten us about the reality of climate change as it affects the agricultural industry. William Rees, Professor at the University of British Columbia, will speak to us about our “Carbon footprint”.

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