



## **XVII AIMC CONGRESS**

**SICILY - M O N R E A L E**

**25 - 26 - 27 MAY 2020**

**Congress title:**

**CONTEMPORARY MOSAIC – *rutes in evolution***

### **PROGRAM**

#### **MONDAY 25 May 2020**

- 9.00 – 12.00           **RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION**  
“Aula Consiliare” - Monreale.
  
- 15.00                   **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE XVII AIMC 2020 CONGRESS**  
Congress Hall “Casa del Sorriso” via Baronio Manfredi, 27 Monreale.
  
- 16.00 – 18.00       **SPEAKERS’ PRESENTATIONS**
  
- 18.00 – 18.30       **DEBATE**
  
- 19.00                   **INAUGURATION OF THE AIMC MEMBERS’ EXHIBITION** – Monumental complex  
Guglielmo II
  
- 20.30                   **BUFFET**

#### **TUESDAY 26 May 2020**

- 9.00 – 11.15       **SPEAKERS’ PRESENTATIONS**
  
- 11.15                   **DEBATE**
  
- 15.00 – 16.45       **SPEAKERS’ PRESENTATIONS**
  
- 16.45                   **DEBATE**
  
- 17.30                   **EXCLUSIVE GUIDED VISIT AT THE BENEDICTINS’ CLOISTER (CHIOSTRO DEI BENEDETTINI)**

### **WEDNESDAY 27 May 2020**

- 09.00 – 11.00            SPEAKERS' PRESENTATIONS
- 11.15                      DEBATE AND CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS WORKS
- 15.00                      **GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE AIMC MEMBERS**
- 20.00                      GALA DINNER

### **Participation fee to the Congress and the exhibition: euro 100**

Above fee includes:

- The participation to the Congress;
- Translation expenses;
- Handling of the mosaic works;
- Setting up the exhibition;
- Return packaging of the works;
- Exhibition catalog;
- A buffet dinner;
- A Gala dinner;
- A folkloristic spectacle;
- Entrance at the Chostro dei Benedettini.

### **Participation fee only for the Exhibition: euro 50**

Above fee includes:

- Handling of the mosaic works;
- Setting up of the exhibition;
- Return packaging of the works;
- The exhibition catalog.

## AFTER - CONGRESS EXCURSIONS

**28 - 29 - 30 May 2020**

### **THURSDAY 28/05**      **MONREALE – CEFALU’ – PIAZZA ARMERINA – VILLA DEL CASALE - MONREALE**

8.00: departure by bus from Monreale to Cefalù. Stop along the way.

9.30: arrival and meeting with the guide to visit the cathedral and the historic center of the town of Cefalù.

11.00: free time available.

12.00: transfer by bus for lunch at the Trinacria agriturismo in Piazza Armerina.

16.00: guided tour of the Villa del Casale.

18.00: return by bus to Monreale with estimated arrival at 20.30.

The price includes:

- Bus transfer;
- Entrance to the roman Villa del Casale;
- Guided visit in Italian/English with Whisper earphones both in Cefalù and at the Villa del Casale of Piazza Armerina;
- Lunch in a typical Sicilian farmhouse, which includes: rustic appetizer, first course, main course with side dish, dessert, water and wine always included;
- A guide for the entire duration of the excursion.

**Participation fee on 50 persons basis: - Euro 75**

### **FRIDAY 29/05**      **MONREALE – CITY OF PALERMO - MONREALE**

8.30: departure by bus from Monreale to Palermo.

9.00: arrival and meeting with the guide to visit the historic center of the City of Palermo, San Giovanni degli Eremiti, Martorana church, Piazza Pretoria, quattro Canti, Mercato di Ballarò, Teatro Massimo.

13.00: free lunch (possibility to taste the delicacies of Palermo street food). Free time.

18.00: return by bus to Monreale with estimated arrival at 19.00.

The price includes:

- Bus transfers;
- Entrance and guided visit in Italian/English to the Teatro Massimo;
- Guided visit in Italian/English with Whisper earphones to the historic center of Palermo;
- A guide for the entire duration of the excursion.

**Participation fee on 50 persons basis– Euro 28**

### **SATURDAY 30/05**      **MONREALE – CITY OF TRAPANI – SALINE – SALT MUSEUM – ERICE - MONREALE**

8.00: departure by bus from Monreale to Trapani.

10.00: arrival and meeting with the guide to visit the Salt Museum.

13.00: lunch at a typical restaurant in Trapani.

15.30: transfer by bus to Erice and guided tour of the town, free time available.

18.00: return by bus to Monreale, arriving at 19.30.

The price includes:

- Bus transfers;
- Entrance to the Salt Museum and guided visit;
- Lunch in a restaurant, including: appetizer, first course, second course, mixed salad, sorbet, water, wine, coffee;
- Guided visit in Italian/English to the city of Erice;
- A guide for the entire duration of the excursion.

**Participation fee on 50 persons basis - Euro 50**

### **PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES:**

**Registration for the Congress takes place by October 31st**, by sending the enclosed **REGISTRATION FORM** duly filled in and by paying **€ 50** by bank transfer to: AIMC Monreale2020

**IBAN CODE: IT02R0326843450052288679980**

In the reason of payment it must be written:

name and surname of the AIMC member and “ADVANCE PAYMENT / BALANCE FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE AIMC CONGRESS MONREALE 2020”

**The balance should be paid by 15 February 2020. All charges are at the participant’s expense.**

### **Congress work**

The official languages of the Congress are Italian and English.

**Congress theme: CONTEMPORARY MOSAIC – *rutes in evolution*.**

### **Participants’ Papers (Presentations)**

The AIMC members who intend to intervene as speakers, will have 15 minutes available and will have to deliver their speech in Italian or in English. The presentation must be sent in Word format to the following e-mail address: [aimc.monreale2020@gmail.com](mailto:aimc.monreale2020@gmail.com)

In the email title, it must be written: “CONGRESS PRESENTATION” and the name and surname of the speaker. For the presentations, it will eventually take place a selection. A summary, written by the speaker, will be published in the catalog and must be sent by **15 JANUARY 2020**. This summary must be written in Italian and in English and must not exceed, for each language, 3.200 characters, spaces included.

## **Debates**

Each congress day will be concluded, after the individual presentations, with a debate, open to all participants.

Coffee will be offered during the scheduled breaks.

## **Exhibition of the AIMC members' works**

All AIMC members, even those who do not participate in the Congress, can participate in the exhibition which will be held from **25 to 30 May, 2020** at the Monumental Complex of the Benedictines of Monreale.

The works on display should preferably be unpublished. However, all submitted works will be exhibited.

## **Work requirements**

The work must not exceed the size of 1 m<sup>2</sup> in maximum.

The wall mountings must be fitted with hangers suitable for hanging. The sculptures must be self-supporting.

The works must bear on the back a label indicating : **author's name, title, dimensions, year of execution, technique and materials.**

## **Shipping details**

The works must arrive in Monreale **from 05 to 18 May** at the **Torre Fornace, Piazza Guglielmo II N ° 4 - 90046 Monreale (PA).**

They will be received by the Organizational Manager for the set-up and shipment,

[dr. Mario Micalizzi phone +39 327 4571815](mailto:dr. Mario Micalizzi phone +39 327 4571815)

All transport costs, (A / R) are borne by the participants in the exhibition.

The collection (withdrawal) of the works is scheduled from **8 to 13 June 2020.**

## **Packaging, transport and personal delivery of the works**

All the works sent, must be carefully packed so that they can be easily transported.

Packaging material must be reusable for the return of the works.

In the case of personal delivery of the works, the appointed day will be May 25, 2020, directly at the main office of the Monumental Complex from 9.00 to 16.00, where one of our representatives will collect the work.

## Exhibition catalog

On the occasion of the Congress a color catalog will be published with a photograph of the work, a photograph of the artist and a biographical note of the mosaicist in Italian and English.

Each participant must complete the TECHNICAL DATA SHEET and attach

- **A photo of the work in high resolution 300 dpi and jpeg format,**
- **A personal photo of the artist 6 cm x 6 cm (300 dpi resolution)**

To be sent by **15 JANUARY 2020** to the following email address: [aimc.monreale2020@gmail.com](mailto:aimc.monreale2020@gmail.com)

The biographical note written both in Italian and English must not exceed **IN TOTAL** 1,000 characters (spaces included).

**All material, photos and texts must be sent to the following email address:**

[aimc.monreale2020@gmail.com](mailto:aimc.monreale2020@gmail.com)

A copy of the catalog will be offered to all participants of the congress.

Additional copies will cost € 25.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### How to reach Monreale

**From the International Airport "Falcone-Borsellino"** of Palermo, in the locality of Punta Raisi, you can reach the *Central Railway Station* in Piazza G. Cesare by "**Trenitalia**" subway or by Shuttle "**Prestia & Comandè**".

"**Trenitalia**" ticket cost: starting from euro 5,90

"**Trenitalia**" timetables: for the "**Trenitalia**" timetables consult the website [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)

Shuttle "**Prestia & Comandè**" ticket cost: euro 6,00/6,30

Shuttle "**Prestia & Comandè**" timetables:

- from **International Airport "Falcone-Borsellino"** to Palermo: from 05:00' and then every half hour until 01:00'

- from Palermo to **International Airport "Falcone-Borsellino"**: from 04:00' and then every half hour until 22:30'

**From the Central Railway Station**, in Piazza G. Cesare of Palermo, Monreale can be reached with the **Amat** urban bus service: leaving the square in front of the station, take the *bus n° 109* which leads directly to *Piazza Indipendenza*, the main hub between the suburbs and the city center. Here you need to change lines and take **either** the *Ast* line which, going along Corso Calatafimi, leads directly to Monreale in Piazza C. Inghilleri near Corso P. Novelli, at about 200 meters from the Duomo, **or** take the *bus n° 389* of the Amat which stops at via Benedetto D'Acquisto of Monreale.

**By car, from the Palermo airport exit**, take the **A29** motorway which connects the airport with the city of Palermo. At the exit of the motorway, continuing always straight in the direction of Catania – Messina, enter *Viale Regione Siciliana* and after having passed the three main junctions of *Viale Michelangelo – Viale Lazio*, *Via Leonardo da Vinci – Via Notarbartolo* and *Via Pitrè*, turning on the right just before the overpass, enter *Corso Calatafimi*, still on the right, and continue straight on, for about 4 km, until the end, thus reaching the junction of the ring road *SS 186*; continuing on the right, take the ancient "panoramic road" built by Archbishop Francesco Testa, decorated with artistic eighteenth-century fountains and drive for about 2 km, thus reaching Piazza Vittorio Emanuele of Monreale, where the famous Norman Cathedral is located and where it is also indicated where to park the car.

- **From the Port of Palermo**, take the Via Emerico Amari to *Piazza Castelnuovo* where the *Politeama Theater* is located and from there, there are two ways to get to *Piazza Indipendenza* of Palermo from where you can continue to Monreale: *bus n. 824 of Amat line* (Politeama-Sant'Erasmus) and *bus n° 108* (Politeama-Civico Hospital) and get off at Piazza Indipendenza stop.

**Taxi service from International Airport "Falcone-Borsellino" to Monreale**

If you want to reach Monreale with TAXI SERVICE: cost starting from euro 60,00

**Taxi service from Port of Palermo to Monreale**

If you want to reach Monreale with TAXI SERVICE: cost starting from euro 50,00

**Taxi service from Central Railway Station, in Piazza G. Cesare of Palermo to Monreale**

If you want to reach Monreale with TAXI SERVICE: cost starting from euro 50,00

## **Where to eat in Monreale**

Monreale has numerous dining facilities such as: bars, trattorias, rotisseries, pizzerias, restaurants, ice cream shops, easily accessible, where it is possible to eat well even with spending a small sum of money. In addition, for AIMC members, by showing the Congress Badge, you can take advantage of a discount (the affiliated facilities will be communicated on site).

## **Where to sleep in Monreale**

Monreale has several B&B and guesthouses, located within the historic center, and a large hotel located 10 minutes walk from the center. These structures can be easily contacted through the various online search engines, such as Booking, bb30.it etc.

### ***Booking advice***

The organizers of AIMC Monreale Congress, in order to facilitate you in choosing hotel reservation in Monreale, advise you to contact a professional in the tourism sector, who speaks the following languages: Italian, English, French, Spanish. She will take care to indicate and book the most comfortable and functional accommodation for the Congress participants.

#### **Monreal Travel**

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**Since in May usually many tourists visit Monreale, it is advisable to arrange accommodation as soon as possible.**

## **SUMMARY OF VARIOUS DEADLINES**

REGISTRATION FORM and Advance payment: by **31 October 2019**

Presentations: by **15 January 2020**

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET and Photos of work and artist: by **15 January 2020**

Balance Payment: by **15 February 2020**

Arrival of works in Monreale: **from 05 to 18 May 2020**

Return of works: **from 08 to 13 June 2020**

The Presidents of the XVII AIMC Congress

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