

Keynote speakers:



Adrián Escudero is full Professor at the Rey Juan Carlos University, a Spanish public institution located in Madrid, is a plant ecologist interested not only in theoretical issues but also in those related to global change, conservation and restoration and, profoundly interested in the human well-being. He served as a responsible of the Biodiversity and Conservation Department, one of the most productive and influential research units in Ecology in Europe, for more than ten years. He received his PhD in botany from the Complutense University (Madrid) in 1992. He has published more than 300 publications in scientific journal of recognized impact and supervised more than 20 PhD thesis. He is passionate with scientists engaging with the society to promote sustainable solutions for our future.



Alessandro Chiarucci is full Professor at the Alma Mater Studiorum-University of Bologna, where he works as Coordinator of the Master in "Global Change Ecology and Sustainable Development Goals" and he is the Director of the Bologna Botanical Garden. He is one of the Chief Editors of the Journal of Vegetation Science and Applied Vegetation Science. He is a community ecologist with interests in macroecological and biogeographical patterns, as well as methods for assessing species diversity. His research mission is to understand the patterns and processes of species coexistence, in relation to the spatial and temporal scales, and to improve the methods adopted for biodiversity assessment. He published several contributions on on sampling design and estimation methods, in order to improve the inference capacity of ecological studies.



Maria Pilar Rodríguez Rojo is Associate Professor of Botany at the University of Castilla-La Mancha (Toledo, Spain). Her field is vegetation science, specifically on survey of Central Iberian vegetation and mapping and assessment of Habitats in Red Natura 2000. Her recent publications have dealt with the classification and diversity patterns of grasslands in the Iberian Peninsula and across Europe.