

2nd CIRCULAR

VIII Congreso Ibérico Permafrost



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Salardú, Val d'Aran, Catalonia, Spain
June 26-28, 2025



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Preliminary schedule

Thursday 26/06:

Registration
Opening of the conference
Keynote lecture
Oral and poster sessions

Friday 27/06:

Keynote lecture
Oral and poster sessions
Closing of the conference
Dinner

Saturday 28/06:

Field trip

Save the date!

The conferences of the Iberian branch of the International Permafrost Association (IPA) have been held for two decades and bring together all those who study issues related to permafrost and periglacial processes in cold environments, including also the study of snow, glaciers and other elements of the cryosphere. It is an international forum that promotes collaborative strategies between Portuguese and Spanish research groups studying processes in cold regions.

The VIII Iberian IPA congress will take place from June 26 to 28, 2025, in Salardú, Val d'Aran. Oral communications and posters will be presented showing the most recent results of research carried out by Iberian researchers across our three poles (Antarctic, Arctic and high mountain areas). There will be presentations by foreign researchers, experts in different topics of permafrost science, and a field trip to visit the fantastic landscapes of the Val d'Aran.

Important deadlines

- ▶ The **call for abstract submissions** will be open **late January 2025**
- ▶ Decision on abstracts (orals/posters) in April 2025
- ▶ Early bird registration from **February 2025** until the **mid-April 2025**
- ▶ **3rd Circular:** early May 2025
- ▶ **Congress celebration:** end June 2025

Organizers



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Registration

Registration fee is detailed in the table below and the price includes:

Accreditations for congress participation and presentations (oral and posters), coffee breaks, gala dinner and the field trip which includes bus and picnic.

	Early Bird (before 18 th April)	Late Bird (after 18 th April)
Researchers	225	250
Students	150	175

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Scientific Committee

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Contributions

The contributions will be presented as oral or poster Communications and the accepted languages will be Portuguese, Spanish or English.

All abstracts will be evaluated by members of the Scientific Committee, which will determine whether they are accepted and how to present them.

More information will be provided shortly.

in the heart of the Pyrenees!



Salardú, Val d'Aran



Hostel Era Garona Salardú, Val d'Aran



The congress will be held at the Era Garona high mountain hostel, located in the northwest of the Catalan Pyrenees, in the Aran Valley, in the province of Lleida.

The Era Garona hostel is of typically Aranese construction. It is 10 km from Vielha, capital of the Aran Valley, 4 km from the Baqueira – Beret ski resort and 40 km from the Aigüestortes National Park and the Sant Maurici lake.

How to arrive

from Barcelona

By car: Approximately 285 km, with an estimated travel time of 3 hours and 42 minutes by car.

By bus: The company ALSA (<https://www.alsa.es>) provides regular services from Barcelona (Barcelona Estació Nord) to Vielha, the capital of the Val d'Aran. From there, Salardú can be reached via local transportation (<https://www.visitvaldaran.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Horaris-Bus-Intern-2023.pdf>).

For internal transport there are other less economical options such as taxis: <https://www.visitvaldaran.com/descubre-la-val-daran/transporte-interno/>

from Lleida

Lleida is a key hub in Spain's high-speed and regional rail network (<https://www.renfe.com/es/es>). The main trains arriving in Lleida come from several key cities in Spain: Madrid (around 1.5 to 2 hours), Barcelona (1 hour es to 1.5 hours), Zaragoza (1.5 to 2 hours).

By car: The road distance is approximately 172.8 km.

By bus: ALSA (<https://www.alsa.es>) offers services from Lleida to Vielha, from where you can access Salardú via local transportation.

It is recommended to check the bus schedules and availability in advance.

Accommodation

Accommodation and meals will be paid for by the attendees. Salardú has a wide range of hotels and, as it is a small town, all accommodation is within a few minutes walk from the conference venue.

[Hostel Era Garona](#)

The conference venue itself is also an accommodation facility, so, mostly if you come in groups it can be convenient to stay there.

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