

XII International Conference on Phraseology and Paremiology – Phrasis

Phraseology and Paremiology Tradition, Figures and Innovation



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Associazione Italiana di Fraseologia e Paremiologia – PHRASIS
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CALL FOR PAPERS

The significant growth in phraseological and paremiological studies observed over recent decades can be attributed to a range of factors that have led the international scholarly community to devote increasing attention to a field of research whose very rationale lies in interdisciplinarity and interlinguistic comparison. This field develops within the framework of a tradition that, in the face of growing semiotic and communicative variability, is necessarily oriented towards the constant redefinition of its analytical horizons. Among the principal factors that have contributed to the growing interest in phraseology, understood in its broadest sense, are the increasing accessibility of ever-expanding bodies of linguistic data, the progressive recognition of phraseological units as fundamental components in processes of language teaching and learning – including from a contrastive perspective – as well as the development of increasingly powerful models of Artificial Intelligence, capable of performing linguistic tasks such as translation and human–machine dialogic interaction with a relative degree of accuracy.

A further decisive role has been played by the attention devoted, since the so-called *cognitive turn*, to the neurophysiological processes underlying the processing of certain structures that have become stabilised through use. This has stimulated research to analyse the recurrent or systematic features that characterise the linguistic expression of individual speech communities. Within this framework, rhetorical figures naturally find their place, beginning with metaphor, understood as a panchronic phenomenon grounded in a mechanism of analogy which, in its “conventional” form, may arise from the way human beings perceive themselves in relation to the reality in which they live, but above all – with specific reference to our field of study – metaphor as a logical and motivational root identifiable at the basis of proverbial expressions. Alongside metaphor, particular relevance is attributed to simile, widely exploited in hyperbolic expressions entrenched in usage or observable in specific narrative forms; synaesthesia, a phenomenon long investigated through experiments conducted on pre-verbal subjects and which continues to attract renewed scholarly interest, both in its lexicalised and literary manifestations; and figures based on relations of contiguity, such as metonymy and synecdoche, which are frequently identifiable at the origin of fixed expressions and idioms.

The invitation to participate in the twelfth edition of the congress of the Phrasis association congress, to be held over two days, is intended to foster scholarly dialogue on the aspects outlined above and welcomes contributions grounded in a variety of theoretical and applied approaches, without privileging any specific orientation. The aim is to promote a productive, interdisciplinary, and pluralistic exchange between methodological traditions and new analytical perspectives in phraseological research, not only in response to recent technological developments and contemporary communicative models, but also in light of the ongoing debate on the social constructions conveyed through linguistic expression. To this end, proposals are invited on the following thematic areas:

- Theories and history of phraseology and paremiology
- Analytical methodologies in phraseology and paremiology
- Taxonomic issues and identification criteria in phraseology and paremiology
- Historical phraseology and phraseological philology
- Origin and motivation of phraseological units and paremias
- Semantics of phraseological units
- Homonymy, synonymy and polysemy in phraseology and paremiology
- Linguistic and cognitive aspects of phraseology and paremiology
- Rhetorical aspects of phraseological and paremiological expression

- Phraseology and paremiology in oral and written literature
- Phraseological modification and the creation of new phraseological units
- Phraseology, paremiology and linguistic variation
- Sociocultural determinants in phraseological and paremiological elaboration
- Taboo and euphemisation in phraseology and paremiology
- Social constructions and discriminatory aspects of phraseological and paremiological expression
- Phraseological units and paremias in language policies
- Phraseodidactics
- Phraseology and paremiology in specialised languages
- Corpus linguistics and phraseological research
- Phraseology and paremiology in new communicative models
- Phraseology, Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence
- Phraseology and paremiology in machine translation and from an interlinguistic perspective

Papers and posters may be presented in one of the following languages:

- English
- French
- German
- Italian
- Romanian
- Spanish

→Submission Procedures

For the submission of proposals for oral presentations or posters, interested participants must complete the online submission form available on the association's website (<https://www.phrasis.it/2026-rende/>) **by 30 May 2026**.

The form consists of a series of structured fields, all of which are mandatory. The system will not allow submission if any required fields are incomplete. Contributors are therefore strongly advised to adhere carefully to the instructions provided for the completion of each field (terminology, character limits, and required content).

Once the form has been correctly completed, authors must click the *INVIA* button in order to finalise the submission.

No other submission methods will be considered.

Please note that submitting a proposal does not automatically register you for the congress.

Registration must be completed only after the Scientific Committee notifies the evaluation outcome and the payment of the conference fee.

→Notification of acceptance

Proposals for oral presentations and posters will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee.

Notification of acceptance will be communicated to authors **by 20 June 2026**.

The modalities of presentation (length of presentations, session organisation, technical specifications, and formats) will be determined based on the number and type of accepted contributions and will be communicated to selected authors subsequently.

Detailed information regarding session organisation and poster preparation will be provided at a later stage through the official channels of the congress.

→Publication of Contributions

A selection of contributions presented at the congress may be proposed for publication in dedicated scholarly venues (edited volumes and/or journals), according to procedures and timelines that will be communicated subsequently. All contributions selected for publication will be subject to anonymous peer review, in accordance with the editorial procedures of the chosen outlets.

→Conference Fees

Registration for the congress may be completed **from 20 June to 20 August 2026**, by payment of the participation fee according to the following rates:

- Professors and researchers: €100 (€65 for Phrasis members whose membership fees are up to date)
- posters, PhD students and Research Fellows: €50 (€45 for Phrasis members whose membership fees are up to date)

In the case of co-authored contributions, each author is required to pay the registration fee individually.

Reduced rates are reserved exclusively for Phrasis members whose annual membership fees are fully paid. For information regarding membership status, please contact the association's treasurer (tesoreria@phrasis.it).

→ Payment and Registration Confirmation

Registration for the congress must be completed by bank transfer.

Following notification of acceptance by the Scientific Committee, selected authors will receive a personal link to a dedicated online form, which must be completed compulsorily in order to confirm registration.

The form requires completion of all requested fields and the mandatory upload of proof of payment. The system will not allow submission if data are missing or documentation is incomplete.

Completion of the form constitutes the sole valid method for confirming registration for the congress.

The payment and confirmation procedure must be completed **no later than 20 August 2026**.

Alternative payment methods may be considered only in exceptional cases, subject to prior agreement with the organisers.

Papers and posters by authors who have not completed registration by the stated deadline and who have not finalised the confirmation procedure via the online form will not be included in the final congress programme.

→Bank Account Details

Account holder

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For accounting and administrative reasons, bulk bank transfers are not accepted. Each participant must make an individual transfer that can be clearly attributed to the registrant.

Payment reference

The bank transfer reference must include the following information:

- Surname and given name of the participant
- Membership status with respect to the association (member / non-member)
- Reference: *Congresso Phrasis Rende 2026*

The information provided in the bank transfer reference must correspond to that entered in the registration confirmation form.

→Main deadlines

February 2026: publication of the call for papers

30 May 2026: deadline for proposal submission

20 June 2026: notification of acceptance by the Scientific Committee

20 June-20 August 2026: registration and confirmation period

→ Scientific Committee

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