



FORTIFICATIONS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST

International Conference - April 15th, 16th, 17th, 2027. Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain

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FORTMED is an International Conference dedicated to the study, analysis, and dissemination of Mediterranean fortifications, as well as those developed in overseas territories (Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Panama, Peru, etc.), as a result of the expansion of construction models, defensive strategies, and technical knowledge.

The **main objective** of FORTMED is to stimulate the exchange of current research and to promote the sharing of results in order to contribute to a better understanding, valorisation, conservation, management, and sustainable use of fortified Cultural Heritage. In this context, the dissemination of research outcomes plays a fundamental role.

The conference adopts an **interdisciplinary** approach, bringing together architects, building engineers, engineers, archaeologists, historians, geographers, geologists, cartographers, experts in design, restoration and architectural history, as well as specialists in cultural heritage tourism, communication, and heritage management. The aim is to foster the development of a collaborative, integrated, and up-to-date perspective that advances research in this field to the highest level. On the occasion of this 10th edition, FORTMED will be held in **Valencia, April 15th, 16th and 17th 2027** at the Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingeniería de Edificación of the Universitat Politècnica de València (Spain).

The main publication of FORTMED is the series **DEFENSIVE ARCHITECTURE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN**, which currently comprises 24 volumes gathering the contributions selected by the Scientific Committee through a double-blind peer review process in the different editions of the Conference. The series is published in open access under a Creative Commons CC BY-NC-SA 4.0 license (ISSN 2792-5633).

Thematic Areas

Topic 1. **Historical and Documentary Research.** Historical cartography. Archives. Treatises. History of construction techniques. Biographies (Maqueda, Antonelli, Vespasiano Gonzaga, Acuña, Barbarroja, Escrivá, Fratin, Cermeño, etc.).

Topic 2. **Theoretical Concepts.** Military engineering. Trace italienne and early modern defensive systems. New concepts. New forms of territorial defence. The construction of “defensive shields”. Artillery. Utopian projects.

Topic 3. **Research on Built Heritage.** Architectural heritage. Studies, knowledge, and dissemination. Castles, towers, fortresses, bunkers, batteries, etc. Preliminary studies. Maintenance and conservation interventions in architectural heritage.

Topic 4. **Geomaterial Characterisation.** Mineralogical, geochemical, and physical analysis. Study of decay processes. Archaeometric research (historical and conservation-oriented). Restoration proposals. Relationships between the physical and technical properties of construction materials and their use: differences and similarities across the Mediterranean.

Topic 5. **Digital Heritage.** Digital surveying, from 3D laser scanning to terrestrial and aerial photogrammetry. Advanced 3D modelling. Evolution of graphic representation. Digital reconstructions. Virtual reality and augmented reality.

Topic 6. **Cultural Heritage and Management.** Cultural landscapes. Participatory management systems. Cultural management and tourism. Interpretation and valorisation of heritage assets.

Topic 7. **Miscellany.** A collection of topics not included in the previous areas but relevant to the main theme of the Conference.

The Organising Committee of FORTMED 2027_Valencia invites all academics and professionals interested in the debate on MEDITERRANEAN FORTIFICATIONS to submit their contributions to the Conference.

Participation takes place in two phases, each subject to review: submission of an abstract (Phase I) and preparation of a full paper or short paper (Phase II).

All papers submitted to the 2027 edition and accepted following a double-blind peer review process will be published in the Conference Proceedings (with ISBN) and will form part of the series Defensive Architecture of the Mediterranean (ISSN: 2792-5633). FORTMED publishes all accepted papers in both print and digital formats (open access).

The inclusion of papers in the publication is subject to the payment of the early or standard registration fee by at least one of the authors.

Conference registration includes the publication of the paper in the digital edition. If the printed version of the Proceedings is requested, its additional cost must be paid together with the registration fee, as specified in the Registration Fees section.

Papers submitted after the deadline will NOT be included in the Conference Proceedings. Likewise, late registrations will not allow the inclusion of papers in the final publication.

AWARDS

A Best Paper Award will be granted for each thematic area.

KEY DATES

20/04/2026 – Call for abstracts opens

01/06/2026 – Abstract submission deadline

22/06/2026 – Notification of abstract acceptance or rejection

03/09/2026 – Paper submission deadline

02/11/2026 – Notification of paper review results

23/11/2026 – Notification of final paper revision

02/11/2026 – Early registration opens

11/01/2027 – Early registration deadline

11/02/2027 – Standard registration deadline

01/04/2027 – Late registration deadline

15/04/2027 – Opening of FORTMED 2027 Conference

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

The official language of the Conference is English. However, Italian and Spanish may also be used in both written texts and oral presentations.

Abstracts for paper proposals may be submitted in English, Spanish, or Italian.

Final papers must include the title, abstract, and keywords in English. The main text should preferably be written in English, although Spanish and Italian will also be accepted. Oral presentations may be delivered in English, Spanish, or Italian.

REGISTRATION FEES

EARLY REGISTRATION (from November 2, 2026 to January 11, 2027)

Participants	€220.00
Scientific Committee members	€180.00
Students (under 30 years old)	€180.00
Optional supplements:	
Gala Dinner ***	€90.00
Printed Proceedings	€60.00

STANDARD REGISTRATION (from January 12 to February 11, 2027)*

Participants	€260.00
Scientific Committee members	€220.00
Students (under 30 years old)	€220.00
Optional supplements:	
Gala Dinner ***	€90.00
Printed Proceedings	€60.00

LATE REGISTRATION (from February 12 to April 1, 2027)**

Participants	€300.00
Scientific Committee members	€260.00
Students (under 30 years old)	€260.00
Optional supplements:	
Gala Dinner ***	€90.00
Printed Proceedings	Not available

* Deadline for payment of the standard registration fee in order for the paper to be included in the Conference Proceedings and for the printing of the Proceedings.

** Late registration does not allow reservation of the printed Proceedings.

*** Limited availability until full capacity is reached.

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