The 2019 edition of ICOMOS's International Day for Monuments and Sites is focused on raising awareness about “the relevance of rural landscapes, the challenges that encompass their conservation (...) and how rural landscapes are intrinsically related to sustainable development.”

**So far yet so close** is an initiative by Paesaggi Meridiani aimed at promoting the knowledge of irrigated rural landscapes in different geographical areas, to explore similarities and differences and to identify possible strategies and/or actions for their protection.

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**PROGRAMME**

**18 APRIL, TRICARICO (MT), PALAZZO DUCALE**
16:30 Presentation / Saluti istituzionali e Presentazione
17:00 “Typical Human Settlements and Related Irrigated Rural Landscapes: Examples from the MENA Region and Europe” Lecture by / Lectio di Feirouz Megdiche (University of Lausanne)
18:00 Exhibition Opening / Apertura della mostra

**19 APRIL, TRICARICO (MT) AND IRSINA (MT)**
10:00 Field trip to / Visita agli “Orti Saraceni”, Tricarico
15:30 Field trip to / Visita ai “Bottini”, Irsina

**30 APRIL, TRICARICO (MT), PALAZZO DUCALE**
17:30 Talks on rural landscapes with / Dialoghi sui paesaggi rurali con:
   Francesco Canestrini (MiBAC)
   Amerigo Restucci (IUAV, ICOMOS Italy)
   Pancrazio Toscano (Teacher / Maestro)

**4 MAY, TITO (PZ)**
9:00 The practice of “duvada” / Il rito della “duvada”
11:00 Field trip to the gardens / Visita agli orti, Tito
   (Libera Associazione RI-CREA, Tito)