



**International Summer School on Natural Products (ISSNP, www.issnpschool.org)
presents**

The Workshop “From the Collection to the Identification of Novel Compounds”

1. Event details

- MaRhe Center, <https://marhe.unimib.it/>
- 15-21 March 2026

2. Organizers / Hosts

- Prof. Valeria Costantino, Department of Pharmacy, University of Napoli Federico II

3. Additional info

The Workshop includes the “Diving lab” section. To join this section, the Open Water or equivalent certification is required, along with **15 dives, of which 5 must have been completed in the last 6 months**. A dive insurance (DAN) and a dive computer are also required.

1. PRINT AND BRING WITH YOU:

- The Business Visa Certificate, which you should have already received.
- QR code generated by filling out the IMUGA (see below) → an on-screen screenshot on your phone is also acceptable to show.

2. IMUGA

Starting 96 hours before arriving in the Maldives, you need to fill out the online traveler form with all the requested information at this link: <https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/traveller> (select ‘New Declaration’). After completing the online form, a QR CODE will be generated, which you should print out or photograph (taking a screen-shot) and keep on your phone. Please find here below some tips for completing the online form:

- Upload your passport in JPG format to auto-fill some fields.
- Purpose of visit: Business.
- Do not enter anything in the visa number field.
- Check your details and upload a photo of yourself, even a selfie.
- Country of departure: insert the country you will depart from.
- Port of entry: Velana International Airport.
- PNR number: this is the booking code of your ticket.
- Accommodation details: MaRHE Center
- Island: F. Magoodhoo.
- Port of departure: Velana International Airport.
- Destination after Maldives: insert the country you will go back to.
- Complete the health declaration.

- Customs Declaration: Remember that you CANNOT bring alcohol, drugs, religious or pornographic material, pork products, plants, etc. (avoid bringing anything listed on that page)
- Finally take a screenshot and save it in your phone or print it out

4. ARRIVAL

Once you arrive in the Maldives, you will need to follow the line for **WORKING VISA**. You should say that you have a **business visa**, show the printed document we sent you, and a stamp will be placed in your passport.

5. MEETING POINT

After retrieving your luggage and exiting, the meeting point will be at 12:00 PM on March 15th at the airport Info Point. At the Info point you will find our staff, who will come with you on the boat that will take you to Magoodhoo - MARHE Center (it will take about 2.5/3 hours to reach Magoodhoo). For those who suffer from seasickness, it is better to take medicine before starting the trip to the Center.

6. MONEY EXCHANGE

Remember that at the airport (right next to the info point), you can exchange money (or withdraw cash). We advise against exchanging too much money, as there are not many souvenirs to buy on Magoodhoo, only essential items. We suggest not to exchange more than 50-100 euros into Maldivian rufiyaa.

7. SIM CARD

If anyone wants to get a local tourist SIM card upon arrival in the Maldives, they can choose either an eSIM or a physical SIM card at the airport by visiting the counter of one of the two Maldivian phone providers, **Ooredoo** or **Dhiraagu**. If you wish to purchase a SIM card, it must be done immediately at the airport, as there is no possibility to do so in Magoodhoo. At the MARHE Center, there is Wi-Fi, but it does not have optimal coverage in all areas (e.g. rooms are not well covered).

8. IMPORTANT ITEMS TO REMEMBER:

- Maximum-protection sunscreen
- Clothing suitable for a tropical climate (Please note that the Maldives is a Muslim country, and in local communities, shoulders should be covered, and shorts should be no shorter than just above the knee).
- Mosquito repellent
- Medications you use regularly (While there is a medical facility and a pharmacy on the island, we strongly recommend bringing your regular medications).
- Electrolytes/mineral supplements (suggested).
- Water bottle (Potable water dispensers are available).
- Boric water (Strongly recommended because it is used to rinse and disinfect ears after water activities to remove plankton that might cause discomfort).

9. MaRHE VIDEO

Lastly, [here's a link](#) to a video on rules and behaviours to follow during your stay at the MaRHE Center. Please watch it—it's easy to follow, yet very important.

10. CONTACTS

We are available for any questions or needs. Below, you will find the phone contacts of the MaRHE staff, which you can use in case of emergencies or need.

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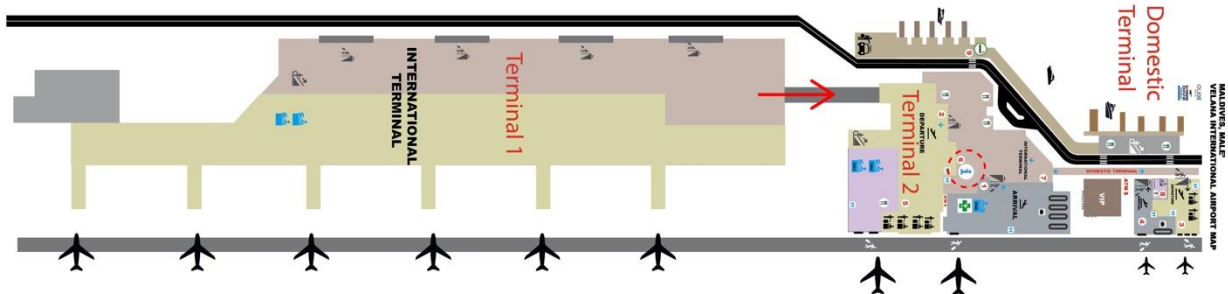
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AGENDA

15 March 2026

Arrival at Malé Airport before 11AM (local time). **Meeting Point:** 12:30 AM on March 15th at the airport Info Point.

Meeting Point: the meeting point will be at 12:30 PM on March 15th at the Airport Info Point in Terminal 2. To reach it, if you land at Terminal 1, you will need to walk along the entire corridor until you reach Terminal 2, turn right, and head toward the pharmacy and the luggage storage. There you will find a circular desk (marked with a small circle on the map). This meeting point and time also applies to those who arrive in Malé early in the morning or the day before, but who will need to meet with the whole group to take the boat together.



Private boat transfer to MaRhe Center (about 2.5 hours).

Arrival, briefing, accommodation, and early dinner or snack-time depending upon the arrival time.

17.30-18.30 Info Session and Networking Meeting (introducing each other) with Federica Siena, Luca Fallati and Lorenzo Toniolo (UNIMIB and Marhe Center)

Free time

19:00: 20:00- Dinner

20:00-22:00 Networking (teamwork and round table and/or presentation by participants)

Giorgio Chiappetta & Nadia Pellgrino, *DinoSub* with Lucas Di Cerbo:

DinoSub: A history of Sea preservation

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07:00-8:00 Breakfast

08:15-8:30: Opening: Valeria Costantino, UNINA, ISSNP Board

08:30-9:30: Lecture and open discussion, Chair: Valeria Costantino

Prof. Vitor Vasconcelos, CIIMAR and ISSNP International Scientific Board

Blue Natural Products & Sustainable Research

10:00-12:00: Diving Lab (diving or snorkelling, and sampling)

12:30-14:00: Lunch and free time

14:00-16:00: Diving Lab (diving or snorkelling, and sampling)

16:30-17:30: Talk **Ing. Carlo De Sterlich** - UNINA: “*Safe on Land and Underwater: Best Practices for the Lab and Diving Lab*”

17:30-18:30: Lab Time (working in the lab- all together- **Referent person: Dr Viviana Di Matteo** - UNINA)

19:00: 20:00- Dinner

20:00-22:00 Round-Table- Chair **Dr. Serenella Gagliardi**, Food and Culture Consultant,

The Maldives: the Identity of a Paradise

17 March 2026

07:00-8:00 Breakfast

08:30-9:30: Lecture and open discussion

Prof. Valeria Costantino – UNINA

From the Collection to the NPs discovery. The Nagoya Protocol and ABS Sharing.

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14:00-16:00: Diving Lab (diving or snorkelling, and sampling)

16:30-18:00: Lab Time: working session in the lab- all together- Lab Instructors: **Vitor Vasconcelos** and **Pedro Leao** - CIIMAR

19:00: 20:00- Dinner

20:00-22:00 Round table and talk by **Dr. Giovanni Bottiglieri** – MBA spa

Marine Protection: Environmental Responsibilities of the Shipping Sector

18 March 2026

07:00-8:30 Breakfast

09:00-12:00: Diving Lab (diving or snorkelling, sampling)

12:30-14:00: Lunch and free time

14:00-16:00: Diving Lab (diving or snorkelling, and sampling)

16:30-17:00: Lecture and open discussion- Chair: Dr. Viviana D Matteo

Dr. Germana Esposito (online)– UNINA

The Metabolomic approach using Molecular Networking and other tools

17:00-18:30: Lab Time (working session in the lab- all together- **Referent person: Dr Viviana Di Matteo**)

19:00: 20:00- Dinner

20:00-22:00 Round table by **Dr. Thomas Gale** – University of Greenwich

To what extent is green chemistry helping to preserve our oceans?

19 March 2026

07:00-8:00 Breakfast

08:30-9:30: Lecture and open discussion, Chair: Joana Almeida

Dr. Pedro Leao – CIIMAR

Harnessing the Biosynthetic Diversity of Cyanobacterial Biofilms

10:00-12:00: Diving Lab (diving or snorkelling, and sampling)

12:30-14:00: Lunch and free time

14:00-16:00: Diving Lab (diving or snorkelling, and sampling)

16:30-18:00: Lab Time (working session in the lab- all together)

Lab Instructors: Viviana Di Matteo – DNA extraction

19:00: 20:00- Dinner

20:00-22:00 Networking by **Lucas Di Cerbo – UNINA**

Team Building & Effective Communication: from the Sea floor to the Laboratory

20 March 2026

07:00-8:00 Breakfast

08:00-10:00: Lecture and open discussion, Chair: Pedro Leao

Dr. Thomas Gale - University of Greenwich

Reviewing Structure-Activity Relationships in Marine Natural Products

10:00-12:00: Diving Lab (diving or snorkelling, and collection)

12:30-14:00: Lunch and free time

14:00-16:00: Diving Lab (snorkelling)

16:00-18:00: Lab Time (working session in the lab- all together- **Referent person: Dr Viviana Di Matteo - UNINA**)

19:00: 20:00- Dinner

20:00-21:30: Dr. Luca Pallonetto, UNINA

AI & Natural Products Research

21:30-22:00- Conclusions and future, Valeria Costantino et all