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Please Join Us for a Special Earth Day Program on

The Impact of Climate Change: Planetary and Human Health

Welcome Remarks by

Lorella Rigonat, GLOBE Italy

With

Rashid Shaikh, Director of Science Emeritus, Health Effects Institute - Boston, MA

Peter C. Falcon, Earth Science Outreach Coordinator, NASA/JPL

Michele Morgante, Professor of Genetics, University of Udine

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the program will be in English



Rashid Shaikh is Director of Science Emeritus at the Health Effects Institute (HEI), a non-profit, independent research organization with a mission to provide high-quality, impartial, and relevant scientific information on the health effects of air pollution. He is responsible for the management and oversight of HEI's diverse research initiatives and review activities. Previously, he was the Director of Programs at the New York Academy of Sciences. Shaikh also served as Director of HEI's asbestos program and as the Director of Scientific Review and Evaluation.



Peter Falcon is an Earth Science Education and Communications Specialist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). He has worked at JPL for over 26 years, starting as a summer intern and academic part time employee, before transitioning to a full-time employee. He is the former education and communications lead for the QuikSCAT mission, SeaWinds mission, ISS-RapidScat mission, and the JPL lead for the Cloudsat mission. He is also a GLOBE partner and mentor trainer, and helps establish GLOBE Schools by conducting professional development workshops.



Michele Morgante is Full Professor of Genetics at the University of Udine, and the Scientific Director of the Institute of Applied Genomics, a private non-profit research center he helped establish in 2006. He is a member of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei and Academia Europaea. After completing his studies at the University of Padua, he spent two years as a post-doc with the DuPont genomics group in Wilmington, Delaware (USA), where he concentrated on analyses and applications concerning microsatellite regions in plant genomes. Subsequently, he became a researcher at the Plant Production Department at the University of Udine.



Lorella Rigonat is the National Coordinator of GLOBE Italy with Sandro Sutti. Together they represent the network of Italian schools participating in the "Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment" (GLOBE), the program that combines the world of science and scientific research with the world of schools to benefit the planet. She has participated as a speaker and professor in a great number of international conferences and educational workshops in the Europe-Eurasia region on behalf of GLOBE.