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# “The Wake of Monaco”

**Scientific-cultural Atelier of Offroad Club Monaco's  
Permanent Academic and Scientific Committee**

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Oceanographic Museum of Monaco  
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## 1. General Framework

The **Offroad Club Monaco** promotes, through its **Permanent Academic and Scientific Committee**, the scientific-cultural Atelier entitled: **“Historical Heritage, Cultural Traditions and Environmental Legacy of the Mediterranean from the Foundation of the Principality of Monaco to the Sporting and Technological Challenges of the Present Time”**, which will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026, at the **Conference Hall of the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco**.

The event, of international scope, is organised by Offroad Club Monaco’s Permanent Academic and Scientific Committee in collaboration with the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco and is held under the patronage of the **Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation**, the patronage of the **Embassy of Italy in Monaco**, and in partnership with the **Municipality of Monaco**.

Offroad Club Monaco is an organisation with multidisciplinary perspectives. On the occasion of its first international workshop, O.C.M. 2026, to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, it seeks to express and disseminate its philosophy through scientific sessions dedicated to the historical, cultural and environmental heritage of the Mediterranean, from the foundation of the Principality of Monaco to the sporting and technological challenges of the present time.

Within an interdisciplinary, innovative and “off-road” framework, the scientific-cultural sessions will explore various topics: from the origins of the Mediterranean world and the genesis and development of Monaco and the maritime and coastal region around the Ligurian Sea, to the evolving vision of the Mediterranean, the development of diversity among the communities inhabiting its coasts and their rights, and the history of environmental heritage.

Further in-depth discussions will address cultural encounters between northern and southern Mediterranean shores, the foundations of tourism and the economic development of the yachting-and-marine sector, as well as perspectives for a “sustainable” and inclusive sociology of sport in dialogue with new technologies and revolutionary performance techniques.

With the members of the Permanent Scientific and Academic Committee of Offroad Club Monaco attending the conference, the event will also provide the opportunity to develop and launch the second Offroad Club Monaco Workshop 2027–28.

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The theme chosen for the March 2026 workshop O.C.M. is therefore the history and cultural and environmental heritage of the Mediterranean, from the Grimaldi foundation of Monaco to the sporting and technological challenges of the present time. It aims to articulate, within a geo-temporal framework, the complex dynamics of human events and knowledge in the Mediterranean region during the modern and contemporary ages, particularly focusing on the maritime quadrant between the Ligurian and Provençal continental coasts and the insular Corsican coasts - an area rich in anthropological and environmental heritage, as well as a dynamic centre of maritime economy and tourism, until today a stage for sporting competitions and cutting-edge technological performances.

The topics presented in the workshop will illustrate histories and realities based on **“off-road” perspectives and approaches**, on performances and goals driven by the aspiration to **“overcome limits”**, through physical and sporting activities that combine the well-being of outdoor life with the **use of sustainable and inclusive “new technologies”**.



The workshop brings together speakers from different disciplinary fields, united by innovative scientific research approaches and cultural perspectives capable of original and transversal “off-road” insights. The workshop will also include contributions from the institutional, entrepreneurial and sporting fields.



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From **Sapienza University of Rome** the first session on “history, culture, rights and diversity” will be introduced starting with Mediterranean history, the great adventure of the Grimaldi foundation of the Principality of Monaco. A chronological reference that becomes historiographical and cultural through subsequent contributions. From the prestigious **“Museo-Orto Botanico” of Rome** there will be a presentation on the history and development of botanical and natural science institutions traditionally spread throughout the Euro-Mediterranean region.

From **University of Genova** will come a historical-cultural and artistic contribution on the geopolitics Mediterranean dynamics related to the projection of Genoese maritime power, particularly along the Italian and French coasts of the Ligurian maritime quadrant, among economic-commercial networks and artistic-cultural influences.

From the **École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) of Paris** will come a presentation on the Mediterranean region in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The interpretative key will be provided by the studies of Benoit de Maillet and his work *Telliamed*, which pioneeringly outlined evolutionary lines of living beings considered extraordinarily innovative for their proto-evolutionist character.

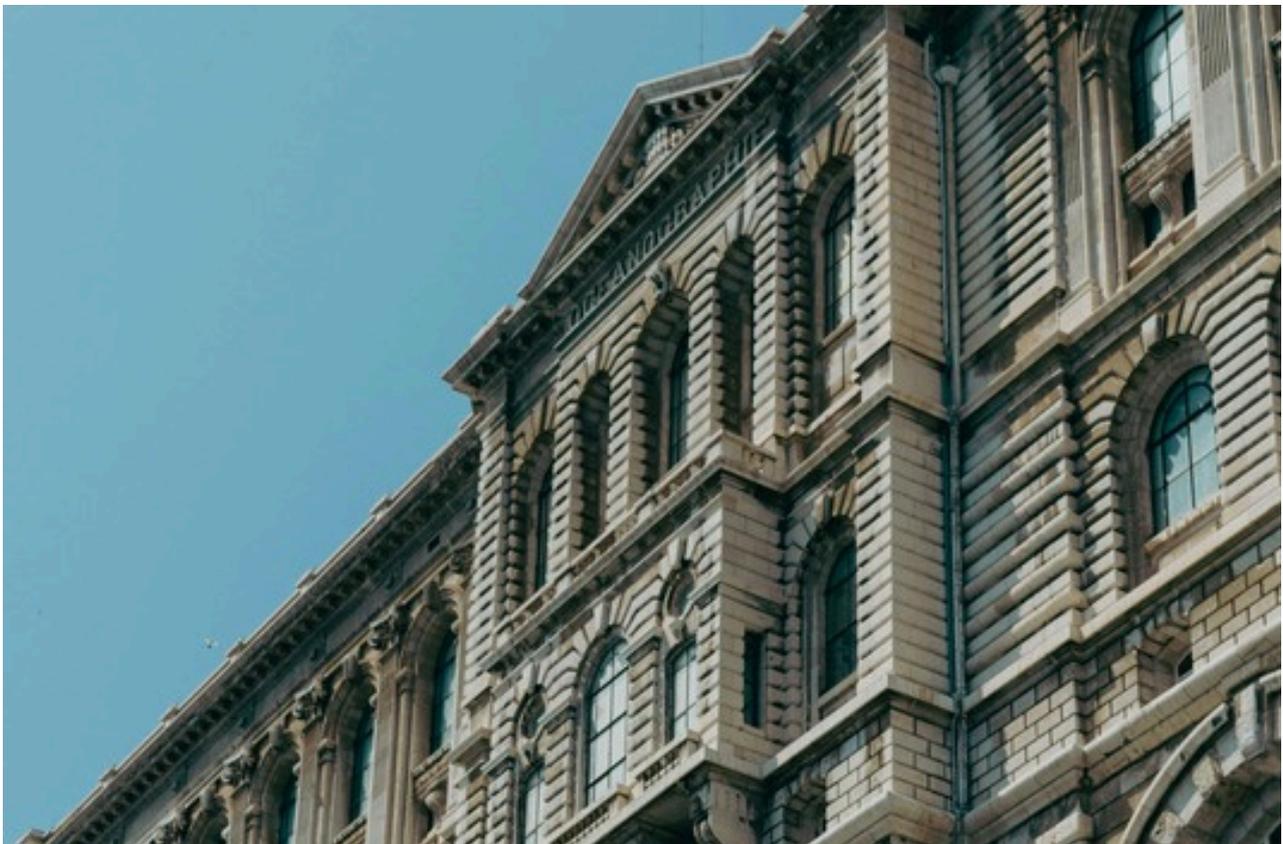


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From **University of Corsica - Cattedra Unesco**, there will be a preliminary in-depth study on the Mediterranean region around Corsica, populated by ethnically and culturally diverse communities with similar identity claims and cross-cutting demands for recognition of minority rights and prerogatives. A further contribution will focus on the cultural encounter and exchange that has long existed between Mediterranean shores - from the French and Italian coasts through the islands of Corsica, Sardinia and Sicily to the African coasts - through intercultural literary pathways.

From l'**Orientale University of Naples**, a contribution on the development of networks, relations and international institutions between continental Europe and the Mediterranean in the modern and contemporary eras will be presented.

From the **International University of Monaco** some analyses will be articulated on the key themes of new economic challenges linked to the enhancement of Mediterranean territories, with particular attention to the economic capacity of yachting-and-marine related activities, a major growth factor both on the French Riviera and the Ligurian coast.





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From the **Politecnico di Torino**, a perspective will be articulated that integrates the scientific-cultural mission of universities with the need for the mission of physical activity, as required by the challenges of sustainability in today's world. This perspective addresses the theme of heritage through the different modalities of the Mediterranean world, from environmental and cultural heritage to maritime sports performance.

From the **University of Rome "Foro Italico"** there will be a contribution on the historical-cultural and socio-economic value of sport and competitive culture which, starting from an original vision of physical and recreational activity, proposes itself as a field for the application of new inventions and technologies capable of meeting the challenge of environmental sustainability.



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## 2. Conceptual Framework

The philosophy of Offroad Club Monaco is expressed through the concept **“THE WAKE OF MONACO”**: the wake originating in Monaco, is enriched by overcoming its limits thanks to the interaction among peoples connected by shared values respectful of the environment, inspired by the pioneers of history and their teachings, and always returning to Monaco, which for Offroad Club Monaco represents home.

Through this workshop, O.C.M. promotes scientific analysis on sustainability, natural environment conservation in respect of ecological balance, and heritage enhancement. The goal is to create a bridge between academic knowledge and the emotion of living “off-road,” encouraging the dissemination of studies and best practices for the enhancement and protection of both terrestrial and marine environments in line with contemporary global challenges. Offroad Club Monaco intends to move toward a better future by bringing together sport, culture and sustainability.

O.C.M.’s mission is to create bonds between people and communities, promoting international friendship while respecting the environment; believing that there are still new off-road wakes to trace and experiment, just as our ancestors did, creating a legacy that will be enriched by our experiences.

This unique workshop draws inspiration from our predecessors such as Prince Albert I, scholar of Oceanography and founder of the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco, whose legacy was further enriched by the direction of Jacques Cousteau, great scholar and explorer of the seas; Ranieri III, who confirmed and enhanced the work of Prince Albert I; and finally Prince Albert II, guardian of the oceans.



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### 3. Scientific structure of the atelier

The atelier's works will be dedicated to the analysis and enhancement of the historical, cultural and environmental heritage of the Mediterranean, as well as the sporting experiences that take place there, while supporting the initiatives of the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco.

There will then be a reflection on the context of maritime competition in the modern age, followed by "off-road" contributions focused on the environmental and anthropological richness connecting Monaco, Italy, Corsica and Southern France.

A section will be dedicated to contemporary "off-road" practices in sport, competition, yachting and technological innovation in respect of environmental sustainability.





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## 4. Topics of the sessions

The sessions will address different topics - **history, culture, rights, diversity, environment, tourism, sustainability, sport and new technologies** - through historical-cultural insights into Mediterranean geopolitical dynamics from the foundation of the Principality, into maritime power projection, and into economic-commercial networks and artistic-cultural influences between the Ligurian coast, Cote d'Azur and Corsica.

Further contributions will focus on intercultural encounters, the foundations of tourism, and the economic development of the yachting-and-marine sector, as well as perspectives for a “sustainable” and inclusive sociology of sport in comparison with new technologies and revolutionary performance techniques.

There will also be **interactive contributions** from the sporting, institutional and entrepreneurial fields.





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## 5. Programme overview

09:00 – Arrival of participants - welcome coffee

09:30 – Presentation of the workshop Mr Diego Nargiso, Senior Sport Manager at Politecnico di Torino, moderator -Welcome speech: The Oceanographic Museum - Speech: Mr Romain Ciarlet, Vice President and CEO of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation - Speech: Mr Georges Marsan, Maire of Monaco - speech: Mr Massimiliano Mordenti, CEO of Off Road Club Monaco

10:00 – Opening of the workshop by Doctor Andrea Carteny, Coordinator of the Permanent Academic and Scientific Committee of the Offroad Club Monaco - Sapienza University - Roma

First session - coffee break - Second session - Interactive contributions

13:00 – Closing of the conference and cocktail déjeuner

Visit the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco.

## 6. Academic contributions

The workshop involves scholars and researchers from leading academic institutions: **Sapienza University of Rome, Corsica University “Pasquale Paoli”, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) de Paris, “Foro Italico” University of Rome, Genova University, “L’Orientale” University of Naples, Politecnico di Torino, Université Cote d’Azur, University of Salento, International University of Monaco, Studi Link University.**

The event is held under the supervision of the **Permanent Academic and Scientific Committee of the Offroad Club Monaco**, coordinated by **Doctor Andrea Carteny** of **Sapienza University of Rome**.



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