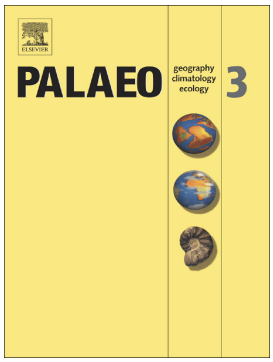

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ABSTRACT

A multiproxy approach in a sediment core from Lake Trasimeno has been used to reconstruct the climate history of central Italy during the Late Pleistocene to Early Holocene period (ca. 47,000 – 9,000 cal yr B.P.). Ostracod assemblages and sedimentological data (lithology and carbonate content) have been used to infer past hydrological changes in the area. Ostracods were analyzed throughout the core using diversity indexes and multivariate analyses (Cluster and PCA). Three main associations linked to lake level and salinity variations were recognized: 1) the *C. torosa* association, indicating permanent lacustrine