

European forests in a changing environment:

Air pollution, climate change and forest management

7th ICP Forests Scientific Conference
21–23 May 2018 – Riga/Latvia

2nd Announcement and Call for Abstracts



Invitation



Background

Forests represent an immense resource, providing a number of ecosystem services from provision of wood and non-wood products, to the protection of biodiversity, provision of habitats, clean water supply, soil protection, climate regulation and recreation essential for human well-being.

Atmospheric pollution with nitrogen and heavy metals as well as ozone formation and climate change may jeopardize the provision of such ecosystem services, and the effects on various forest ecosystem components need to be critically evaluated and permanently monitored.

Since 1985, ICP Forests monitors forest condition and environmental drivers across Europe. The data is used by a large number of scientists investigating various policy relevant research questions.

Main topics

Although open to contributions in the field of air pollution effects on forests, main topics are:

- Changes in environment and climate and effects on processes in forests under various management regimes
- Time series on forest ecosystem processes and their (inter)relationships
- Climate change adaptation of forests and their contribution to climate change mitigation

Conference structure

In response to the requests by the participants of our previous conference, the 7th ICP Forests Scientific Conference will be longer and more emphasis will be given to the poster presentations. The conference will be organized through one and a half day with keynote presentations (30 min) at the beginning of sessions followed by standard presentations (20 min). We particularly welcome poster presentations, which will be announced by a one minute oral flash presentation prior to a social poster session.

The conference provides an annual platform to bring together forest scientists connected to ICP Forests as data providers and/or data users as well as scientists from other forest research infrastructures.

Expected outputs

Abstract book and Conference Proceedings. A selection of presented results will be considered for the ICP Forests Executive Report 2018.



Registration



Venue

Main Office of Joint Stock Company “Latvia’s State Forests” (LVM)
Vaiņodes str. 1, Riga, LV –1004, Latvia.

Costs

Scientific Conference inclusive dinner: 50 € . Excursions (one half day): 45 €.

Registration

Please, visit the conference web site: sc2018.thuenen.de. All information will also be available on the ICP Forests website at: <http://icp-forests.net/events>.

Hotels

Please, make your own hotel arrangement. A list of hotels will be found in due time at the conference website <http://icp-forests.net/events> and at the ICP Forests website <http://icp-forests.net/events>.

Time schedule

09/03/2018	Deadline for abstract submission
26/03/2018	Confirmation of oral and poster presentation
16/04/2018	Deadline for regular online registration
02/05/2018	Final deadline for late registration
21/05/2018	Welcome reception and registration
22-23/05/2018	Scientific Conference
23/05/2018	Half day joint excursion with participants of the Task Force Meeting of ICP Forests

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Abstract preparation and submission



Guidelines for abstract preparation

Please consider the following requirements:

- English language only;
- thorough spell checking (no editing will be possible);
- maximum of 2000 characters including blanks (c. 300 words);
- maximum of 10 co-authors;
- maximum of 3 references.

The Guidelines for abstract preparation is also available on the submission web site.

Abstract submission

Interested scientists are invited to submit their abstracts via the on-line submission tool on the web site <http://sc2018.thuenen.de/abstracts>.

Please submit your abstract no later than March 9, 2018.

The abstract will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. Confirmation of oral or poster presentation will be sent to authors in the end of March.

Scientific Committee

Karin Hansen	Chair of the Scientific Committee of ICP Forests, IVL, Sweden;
Bruno De Vos	INBO, Research Institute for Nature and Forest, Belgium;
Nenad Potočić	Croatian Forest Research Institute, Croatia;
Tom Levanič	Slovenian Forestry Institute, Slovenia;
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