

Call for Proposals to Host the Ninth International Poplar Symposium

The International Union of Forest Research Organizations' (IUFRO), Poplar and Willow Genetics Working Party 2.08.04, convenes the International Poplar Symposium (IPS) every four years for the presentation and discussion of the most recent and important scientific findings in *Populus* and *Salix* genetics, molecular biology, physiology, ecology, wood science, etc. The next symposium, IPS-IX, will be held in 2026. IPS-IX will follow previous poplar symposia held in Seattle, Washington, USA (IPS-I, 1995), Orleans, France (IPS-II, 1999), Uppsala, Sweden (IPS-III, 2002), Nanjing, China (IPS-IV, 2006), Orvieto, Italy (IPS-V, 2010), Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (IPS-VI, 2014), Buenos Aires, Argentina (IPS-VII, 2018), and most recently, Novi Sad, Serbia (IPS-VIII, 2022, virtual).

The Poplar and Willow Genetics Working Party 2.08.04 welcomes all proposals to host IPS-IX. Proposals should include the following sections:

- 1) Host and co-host(s) organizations
- 2) Travel routes to conference venue from major ports of entry into host country
- 3) Description of conference meeting halls and facilities (i.e., venue)
- 4) Hotel accommodations
- 5) Potential conference theme
- 6) Description of field trip to visit poplar and willow field experiments and industrial applications (if possible)
- 7) Month during which conference would be held
- 8) Sites of historical and cultural interest for touring
- 9) Conference committee
- 10) Scientific program committee
- 11) Local science program that can be showcased at IPS-IX
- 12) Opportunity for conference sponsorships
- 13) Experience in hosting international/national conferences
- 14) Opportunities for accompanying spousal/guest program

Please limit your proposal to four pages and submit to Dr. Ron Zalesny (USDA Forest Service, USA), 2.08.04 coordinator, via electronic mail (ronald.zalesny@usda.gov) **by 1 May 2023**. Our selection committee will announce its decision for the location of IPS-IX by 1 June 2023.

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