



Second announcement and call for registration

PROGRAM UPDATE

The International Commission on Poplars and Other Fast-Growing Trees Sustaining People and the Environment (IPC) will hold its twenty-sixth Session in Rome, Italy at FAO from 6-9 October 2020, with three days of dedicated scientific and technical discussions to take place around the formal Session.

The theme for this Session is “The role of *Salicaceae* and other fast-growing trees in sustainable wood supplies and climate change mitigation”.

The information for the Session is on the conference website at www.ipc2020.it

CALL FOR PRE-REGISTRATION AND PAPER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION, OPEN ON THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE

Registration for all events at the congress and submission of abstracts is available at <https://www.ipc2020.it/registration>;

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 22 April 2020

Registration for the study tours is first-come, first served, with a deadline of 30 June 2020.

There is no registration fee for participation in the meetings on FAO premises.

CALL FOR APPLICANTS TO HOST SIDE EVENTS

Co-hosted with Italy, the Session and technical discussions in FAO will be accompanied by informative and optional side events.

The IPC welcomes interested organizations to host side events at the margins of the IPC meeting. Proposals for side events should be submitted to the IPC-Secretariat (IPC-Secretariat@fao.org). They should include the theme of the side event, including its relevance to the IPC, and the format of the event (including materials to be used and presented). Side events will be approximately 90 minutes long, they will be held on FAO's premises during the lunch and evening breaks.

The deadline for submission is 11 May 2020.



THIS SESSION'S KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr Giuseppe Scarascia-Mugnozza, University of Tuscia, Italy.

Topic: Poplars and other planted forests: their role for mitigation and adaptation in a changing world

Dr Giuseppe Scarascia-Mugnozza received his PhD in forest ecophysiology at the University of Washington, Seattle-USA (1991) and since then is full professor of Silviculture at the University of Tuscia, Italy. He has coordinated the European Large Infrastructure POP/EUROFACE studying climate change impacts on poplar agroforestry systems, and has been Co-Principle Investigator of numerous research projects on carbon and water balance of temperate and Mediterranean forest ecosystems. He has served as Chair of the European Forest Institute, as Italian delegate in many Committees on scientific cooperation in Europe and as director in various national forest and biotechnology research institutes. He is presently member of the Italian National Committee for Natural Capital and of the Academie d'Agriculture de France.



Dr Zhiqiang Zhang, Professor and Dean of College of Soil and Water Conservation at Beijing Forestry University, China.

Topic: The use of fast-growing trees for environmental restoration and wood production in China; transferable learnings and successes

Dr. Zhiqiang Zhang is the Professor and Dean of the College of Soil and Water Conservation at Beijing Forestry University, China. His research interests include forest hydrology, erosion control, and watershed management. He is the Principle Investigator for over thirty research grants and he has published over two hundred books, book chapters, and papers in international and domestic journals. He is currently serving as a member of IUFRO Forest and Water Task Force; the Secretary of the Chinese National Advisory Committee for Professional Graduate Studies in Forestry; and the Associate Editor-in-Chief and Editor for *Science of Soil and Water Conservation*, *Soil and Water Conservation Research*, *Forest Research*, and *China Urban Forestry*.



Patrick Worms, Senior Science Policy Advisor, World Agroforestry Centre.

Topic: what we have achieved and what is the potential of fast-growing trees for agroforestry

Patrick Worms is the Senior Science Policy Advisor, World Agroforestry Centre. A molecular geneticist, he represents the world's premier research institution devoted to the study of the roles of trees in agricultural landscapes in Brussels. In addition, Patrick Worms is the President of the European Agroforestry Federation; a Trustee of the International Union of Agroforestry; a Senior Fellow of the Evergreening Global Alliance; a Steering Committee Member of the Initiatives for Land, Lives and Peace; and a Member of the Ecosystem Restoration Camps Advisory Board.



Dr Marielle Brunette, INRAE Expert on the economics of risk management in forestry.

Topic: Foresters' approach to risk mitigation in the context of climate uncertainty

Dr Marielle Brunette specializes in the topic of risk management in forestry with various economic approaches (theory, experimental economics and econometrics) and different research questions about forest insurance, prevention towards natural hazards and adaptation to climate change for different risks. She has published more than 25 scientific papers on the topic in peer-reviewed journals and is part of several organizations, including RMT AFORCE, IUFRO division 04.04.07 Risk Analysis, and the Climate Economics Chair in Paris. Marielle Brunette is an economist at the National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE) in Nancy, France, since 2009. She is practicing her research activities at INRA Grand-Est, in the Bureau for Economic Theory and Applications (BETA).

PRE AND POST-SESSION STUDY TOURS

The National Commissions of France and Italy are organizing optional study tours in Bordeaux and the Po Valley, which will complement the Session in Rome. Each tour has limited availability, and reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

The full programs and costs are available at <https://www.ipc2020.it/pre-post-congress-tours/>

STUDY TOUR IN FRANCE, 01- 04 OCTOBER 2020

Pre-session Tour in France organized by the Conseil National du Peuplier

Theme: Overview of environmental and socio-economic services offered by Poplar cultivation in Nouvelle Aquitaine Region (France)

Organizing Committee: Conseil Régional Nouvelle Aquitaine, DRAAF Nouvelle Aquitaine, Chambre du Peuplier, Association Propopulus, CRPF Nouvelle Aquitaine-IDF, Association Peuplier Nouvelle Aquitaine, Coopérative Alliance Forêt-Bois, FCBA, INRAE.



STUDY TOUR IN ITALY, 09 -12 OCTOBER 2020

Post-Session tour in Northeast Italy organized by CREA

Theme: Sustainable plantations and poplar wood utilization in Northeast Italy

APPLICATION FOR TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR THOSE FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The IPC has limited funds to support travel and accommodation of delegates to the Session in Rome who would otherwise be unable to attend. Support will be prioritized for those:

- Coming from low and middle income countries
- Traveling from IPC member countries
- With accepted paper abstracts
- Who increase the diversity and representativeness of delegates at the meeting

Upon confirmation of registration and acceptance of abstracts, interested applicants should write IPC-Secretariat@fao.org with their request for support.