

Coppice Forests: Past, Present and Future

By Alex Mosseler, Coordinator of IUFRO Research Group 8.02.00 Forest Biodiversity

From 9-11 April 2015, the "International Conference on Coppice Forests: Past Present and Future" took place at Mendel University in Brno, Czech Republic. The purpose of the meeting was to assess aspects of coppice forest management systems including silviculture and regeneration, ecology and biodiversity, ecophysiology and tree ecology, socio-economics, production, history and dendrochronology.

The meeting was organized as a joint initiative of the projects Coppice (www.coppice.eu) and LONGWOOD (www.longwood.cz) and co-sponsored by [IUFRO 8.02.00](http://www.iufro.org). It was attended by 130 participants from 23 countries including Australia, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

One of the central aims of this meeting was to look at the possibility of a renaissance in coppicing as a forest management system in light of renewed interest in local biomass production for bio-energy, especially in rural communities, and for biodiversity conservation. Much of the discussion centered on coppicing in the more conventional, longer-lived tree species and forest communities such as oaks, beech, *Castanea*, *Tilia*, and *Carpinus*. However, there were also presentations on shorter-lived, short-rotation coppice species such as willows, birches, alder and Eucalyptus.

Several presentations made it clear that coppicing may present a useful alternative forest management system especially in less fertile, drought-stressed environments, and in places where it is important to protect sites, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity by maintaining continuous forest cover.

Unfortunately, the forestry profession itself may have created a hostile regulatory and policy environment for coppicing as a management system because of perceptions within the professional community that coppicing produces lower quality timber products.



Field visit, photo provided by Tomas Vrska, Mendel University

However, rural communities have long depended on coppicing systems to produce fuelwood to supply their energy needs, as well as nutritional needs for both domestic and wild animals used for human consumption. After many centuries of coppice management, such forest ecosystems may have become adapted to coppicing, and conservation of their biodiversity and ecological functions may best be served by continuing this form of management.

The meeting was followed by four excellent field excursions demonstrating various aspects of coppice management. Special recognition goes to Tomas Vrska, Matjaz Cater, Radim Hedl, Jana Mullerova, and Peter Szabo for their efforts in organizing a very interesting and informative meeting on a subject that may deserve more recognition in future forest management regimes and forest policy development.

Meeting website:
http://coppice.eu/conference-2_en.html

CROJFE 2015 Forest Engineering Conference: Current Situation and Future Challenges

Report by Woodam Chung, [IUFRO Division 3](http://www.iufro.org) Coordinator

The CROJFE 2015 Forest Engineering Conference (<http://www.crojfe2015.com/home>) took place in Zagreb, Croatia on March 18-20, 2015 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Croatian Journal of Forest Engineering, as well as to discuss emerging issues, share state-of-the-art science and technology, and identify foreseeable challenges in forest engineering research discipline and profession.

During the Conference, more than 250 Croatian and international participants recognized and congratulated on the successful history and achievements of the Croatian Journal of Forest Engineering as the leading international journal in the field of forest engineering. Woodam Chung, IUFRO Division 3 Coordinator, delivered a keynote present-



CROJFE 40 Year History and Future Prospects: Presentation by Mario Šporčić Technical Editor. Photo Credit: Matija Bakarić

tation and provided an overview of IUFRO introducing its missions and organizational structures.

Emerging issues, such as forest biomass utilization, supply chain management, precision forestry, and human factors were discussed. The state-of-the-art forest harvesting and transportation systems were introduced, such as mechanized timber harvesting on steep slopes, innovative ways to predict soil moisture, forest biomass supply chains, and new forestry machine development.

The ongoing and foreseeable challenges identified include diminishing research and education capacity, aging forest workforce, decreased academia-forest industry collaboration, and reduced technology transfer across the globe.

The Conference was concluded with an overnight field excursion to the Zalesina Forest Training and Research Center, Faculty of Forestry, University of Zagreb, where the participants learned about Croatian forests and forestry while enjoying the hospitality of Croatian people and culture.

Improving Livelihoods: The Role of the Mediterranean Forest Value Chains in a Green Economy

Report from the IV Mediterranean Forest Week by José G. Borges (Coordinator of [IUFRO Working Party 4.04.04](#)) and Denis Boglio (Member of the Organizing Committee)

The IV Mediterranean Forest Week "Improving livelihoods: the role of the Mediterranean forest value chains in a green economy" (<http://med.forestweek.org/>) addressed key issues of Mediterranean forestry. It targeted further the transfer of knowledge and technology to Mediterranean stakeholders. Through several sessions the participants were exposed to the key themes of the Mediterranean forest value chain.

The Mediterranean Forest Week has become the main event regarding forestry both on the European Union and Middle East and North African sides of the Mediterranean. Every other year it gathers representatives of the research community, the forest administrations, the civil society and the forest sector. It serves as a meeting point for other related events and, this year it included meetings of the EC expert group on forest fires, the Urban Forests COST action, FAO *Silva mediterranea*, and the presidents of forest owners federations of Southern Europe.

The **IV Mediterranean Forest Week "Improving livelihoods: the role of the Mediterranean forest value chains in a green economy"** took place in Barcelona, Spain, 17-20 March, 2015. It was co-sponsored by the IUFRO Working Party 4.04.04 (Sustainable Forest Management Scheduling) and was organized and sponsored by the Spanish Government, Government of Catalonia, German Government, French Government, FAO, Forest Sciences Centre of Catalonia (CTFC) and EFIMED. It involved 400 participants from Portugal, Spain, UK, USA, South Africa, France, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Albania, Montenegro, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Israel, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Germany.



Participants at the IV Mediterranean Forest Week in Barcelona, Spain, 17-20 March 2015 (photo by Pilar Valbuena)

The conference key topics, main findings and conclusions included:

a) Energy & Forests: there is a growing concern regarding the impact of the demand of wood and wood-based components (chips, fiber, cellulose, lignin ...) on the wood markets and the sustainability of the woodworking and paper industries in Southern Europe. The development of subsidized cogeneration plants seem to put a strong economic pressure on other actors of the wood value chains and a real risk on the profitability of smaller actors on a medium term (3-5 years).

b) Water & Forests: the ecosystem services linked to water availability and quality in the Mediterranean are expected to be key issues on the political agenda for the next decades. Expanding and sharing the management of hydrographic basins to include forest managers. It will be a prerequisite to the implementation on a large scale of payments systems for forest environmental services or green infrastructures. Political pressure is expected to increase rapidly due to climate and land use changes.

c) Carbon finance in the Mediterranean: despite not being a priority area at UN level, already two countries have set-up REDD+ mechanisms within their national LU-LUCF framework, and more are expected to follow. After reviewing concrete examples, a discussion was held with representatives of bilateral and multilateral donors and a consensus emerged with regards to the importance of financing forest landscape protection both from a climate adaptation and a rural development perspective.

d) Forestry Education: for the first time a meeting between university coordinators of the whole Mediterranean area was organized, along with the participation of the Union for the Mediterranean. The main conclusion was that the EU has to foster the possibilities of collaboration between EU and MENA universities and that there is an increasing need to integrate innovation and entrepreneurship within the university curricula.

e) Policy and Strategy: 11 forest administrations were represented and discussed a common text regarding the follow-up of the Tlemcen Declaration and of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests.

The proceedings of the conference will be published by the Association Internationale Forêt Méditerranéenne and will be available during the World Forestry Congress in Durban. The next Mediterranean Forest Week will be held in Morocco in 2017.

Building up the Bio-Economy: The Forest Sector Has to Take the Lead

Scientists underline crucial role of forests and trees as a renewable resource for multiple bio-products and the need for cross-sectoral cooperation at an IUFRO Symposium in Vienna.

Vienna (16 April 2015) – The concept of a “bio-economy” as a more innovative, resource-efficient and sustainable economy in a post-petroleum society is high on the political agenda. Countries such as Finland, Germany, the USA and Malaysia as well as the European Union have already developed strategies for a future bio-economy; others are expected to follow. The concept reveals big chances, and it is time for the forest sector to “leave the comfort zone” and take a lead in steering the process in close cooperation with other sectors.

That was the general tenor of experts who met at the International Bio-economy Symposium entitled “Sowing Innovation – Reaping Sustainability: Forests’ Crucial Role in a Green Economy” from 13 to 14 April in Vienna. The meeting was organised by the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), the world’s largest network of forest scientists, in cooperation with the Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (BMLFUW). The symposium also formed part of the Austrian Forest Dialogue (Walddialog) Almost 100 participants from more than 20 countries attended the event.

“Forests as a renewable resource have the potential to play an increasing role in the sustainability of the global economy as well as in regional and local economies, and a key role in the emerging bio-based economy”, said Mike Wingfield, IUFRO President, in his welcome address: “The main challenge will be how to maximize the forests’ contributions while ensuring their sustainability.”

Also Gerhard Mannsberger, Director General of the Forestry Department of the Austrian Ministry of Forests and member of the IUFRO Board, underlined the crucial role of the forest-based sector in his opening speech: “About six out of twelve bio-economic sectors, including sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, transportation, and bio-chemistry depend primarily on the main product of forest management: timber”. Therefore forestry should not miss the chance and “become the steering wheel” in the development of a bio-economy.



Speakers at the opening of the event (from left to right): Xaver Edlmann, Founder and President of the World Resources Forum; Mike Wingfield, IUFRO President; Gerhard Mannsberger, Director General of the Forestry Department, BMLFUW; Christian Helmenstein, Chief Economist, Federation of Austrian Industries (Photo by Robert Strasser, BMLFUW)

Continue at: <http://www.iufro.org/news/article/2015/04/15/building-up-the-bio-economy-the-forest-sector-has-to-take-the-lead/>

Greetings from Vienna!

The Bioeconomy Symposium was held prior to the **54th IUFRO Board meeting** (15-16 April), the first meeting of the IUFRO Enlarged Board in the new office term that started after the 2014 IUFRO World Congress and leads up to the 2019 IUFRO World Congress in Curitiba, Brazil. A report from the meeting will follow in the next issue of IUFRO News.



Photos from the Enlarged Board meeting and the study tour to the forests of Klosterneuburg near Vienna (by Ramin Khorchidi)

Announcements

IUFRO 125th Anniversary Celebration

IUFRO will celebrate its 125th Anniversary with a major scientific meeting in Freiburg, Germany, 19-23 September 2017.

At the IUFRO Board Meeting in Vienna, *Professor Konstantin von Teuffel* (Director of the Forest Research Institute Baden-Württemberg, and IUFRO International Council Representative for Germany) and *Dr Andrew (Sandy) Liebhold* (principal scientist, USDA Forest Service, and Deputy Coordinator of IUFRO Division 7) were identified to head up the two key committees that will be responsible for arranging this important conference.

Professor von Teuffel will chair the Congress Organizing Committee (COC) that will be responsible for local arrangements and Dr Liebhold will chair the Congress Scientific Committee (CSC) responsible for assembling the scientific programme for the meeting.

Details regarding committee members and other developments will follow once the congress web site has been launched. **For now, save the dates for what will surely be a major event focused on forestry research.**

FAO and Austria Reveal Forest Pavilion for Earth Day

FAO and Austria have teamed up to celebrate Earth Day (22 April) with a sneak peak into the country's unique contribution to the **2015 World Expo in Milan**: the 'Breathe' Pavilion, which contains a fully functioning Austrian forest.

The pavilion, which will open to the public on 1 May, demonstrates the role that forests play in providing clean air and nutritious, organic food in line with the theme of this year's Expo, "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life".

An FAO-produced video (<http://www.fao.org/news/audio-video/detail-video/en/?uid=11123>) reveals how trees, plants, moss and soil have all been transported and carefully positioned onto custom-built hillsides for the challenging feat of recreating the Austrian forest in Milan. More: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/89328/en/>

Mark your calendars: On June 25th IUFRO will hold a joint event with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (BMLFUW) and FAO on "**Forests, Food and Life**" at the Austrian EXPO Pavilion in Milan, Italy.

Lessons from a Global Perspective on Tree Health

Guest blog by Professor Michael J Wingfield, President of IUFRO and Director of the Forestry & Agricultural Biotechnology Institute, University of Pretoria gives an insight on his presentation at the 2015 ICF National Conference: **Tree health, resilience and sustainability.**

Natural forests and plantations of forest trees are increasingly threatened by insect pests and pathogens. Broadly speaking, native trees in forests are most seriously threatened. Once a serious disease is caused by a pest, pathogen or a combination of these factors in symbiosis, there is little that can be done to offset the problem. Classic examples are found in Dutch elm disease, chestnut blight...

Continue at: <http://www.charteredforesters.org/opinion/item/359-tree-health-mike-wingfield/>

The TOOLBOX Every IUFRO Unit has it!

Check out this **new feature in the blue box of your IUFRO Unit webpages!**

The TOOLBOX is a **special guide for IUFRO officeholders**. It presents all the noteworthy information about working in the IUFRO network in a clear and concise way.

Make yourselves familiar with HELPFUL DOCUMENTS OF IUFRO. They come in handy when you want to explain IUFRO to newcomers, when you want to check the fundamentals of the organizations such as the Strategy or the Statutes, or when you just need some guidance on how to best conduct your IUFRO activities.

Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award

The CPF launched the first Wangari Maathai Award in 2012 to honour and commemorate the impact of this extraordinary woman who championed forest issues around the world. In 2015, the CPF will award another individual for their outstanding achievements for forests. The awardee will receive a cash prize of USD20,000 along with international recognition of their outstanding contributions to preserve, restore and sustainably manage forests and to raise awareness of the key role forests play in supporting local communities, rural livelihoods, women and the environment.

Submit application by: Friday, 29 May 2015
Details at: <http://www.cpfweb.org/77034/en/>

Equator Prize 2015

The Equator Initiative partnership is pleased to announce the Equator Prize 2015 call for nominations. This year, as a special contribution to United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP21), the Equator Prize 2015 will honor 20 outstanding local and indigenous community initiatives that are reducing poverty, protecting nature and strengthening resilience in the face of climate change.

The theme of this cycle of the Equator Prize is 'empowerment, rights, and partnerships for local climate action'. Please note that this is a shorter nomination period than previous cycles of the award, and **the nomination deadline is May 27, 2015**. If you have any questions, please contact [joseph.corcoran\(at\)undp.org](mailto:joseph.corcoran(at)undp.org).

Prof. Don Koo Lee Elected as New BOD Chair of FFL

Prof. Don Koo LEE, former IUFRO President (2006-2010), is now the new Board of Directors (BOD) Chair of the "Forest for Life National Campaign", effective as of 18 March 2015. Currently, FFL has more than 6,000 members and 13 chapters throughout the Republic of Korea and has been working with a wide range of partners and citizen to deliver services for a healthy forest.

It is hoped that through Prof. Lee's chairmanship, FFL will develop into a more vigorous environmental organization leading forest conservation and restoration movement in the Republic of Korea.

Obituary

Professor em. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. **Franz SCHMITHÜSEN**, Honorary Member of IUFRO, passed away in Zurich on April 14, 2015 at the age of 75.



Franz Schmithüsen was born in Germany in 1940. He studied forest science in Freiburg in Breisgau, Germany and in Vancouver, British Columbia, and received his doctorate in technical sciences in 1969 from ETH Zurich. In 1975 he completed his habilitation and qualified as a lecturer at the Faculty of Forestry in Freiburg, Germany.

From 1967 to 1984 he pursued a career as a government official in the German forest service and held various positions in the State Forest Administration of Baden-Württemberg. In the period between 1970 and 1984 he already started his international and consultancy activities with FAO and the World Bank and later on also with ICRAF, IPF and EFI. In 1984 he was appointed Professor of Forest Policy and Forestry Economy at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, ETH and got Emeritus in 2005.

His research activities focused on policy conditions for sustainable forest management, developments in forest law and public administrations, and on private utilization rights. He also focused on empirical social research on public attitudes and perceptions. This research was also the basis for his research work in IUFRO (1984-2005). He started in 1984 as Coordinator of the newly founded Unit on Forest Law in a Subject Group of Division 4, which later on became Research Group 6.13.00.

In 1984, Franz Schmithüsen began to publish conference proceedings, and started a series of research proceedings and new publications such as the IUFRO World Series, the Union's most important publication series, in 1990. Up to now, 32 volumes have already been published. He edited IUFRO World Series Volume 16 together with Enrique Gallardo in 2005. In his Unit 6.13.00, he initiated in 1999 a series of symposia focusing on forest legislation in countries with economies in transition. This year the sixteenth International Symposium on Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development is scheduled. Fifteen Volumes of Proceedings were published till this day, the first 7 were (co)edited by Franz Schmithüsen.

Franz Schmithüsen served on the IUFRO Executive Board as the Treasurer of the Union between 1987 to 1995. He reorganized, modernized and consolidated the finances and the financial management of IUFRO. He also promoted the reorganization of the Divisions 4 and 6 and contributed to the development of Task Forces. For his outstanding contributions to IUFRO he was awarded with the Honorary Membership at the IUFRO Congress 2000 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Dear Professor Franz Schmithüsen, the IUFRO community gratefully thanks you for your efforts and contributions to the growth and international presence of IUFRO in the forestry world and for your friendship and understanding we received.

(By Heinrich Schmutzenhofer, IUFRO Honorary Member)

Obituary

We are sad to inform you that Dr. **Dominic BLAY Jr.**, Principal Research Scientist at the Forestry Research Institute of Ghana, passed away March



16th. Dr. Blay's considerable experience in restoration of degraded lands, biodiversity conservation and monitoring and evaluation contributed to numerous international research projects and consultancies for ITTO, FAO, IUCN, UNESCO, and CIFOR. He made valuable contributions to these efforts, particularly to the IUFRO/EU project on rehabilitation of degraded lands in Africa.

He was a member of the Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration. Within Ghana, Dr. Blay facilitated or led workshops and assessments and served on numerous national and local committees. He championed the participation of local communities in forest and fire management, most recently community-based approaches to carbon monitoring. In addition to broad field experience (Ghana, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Brazil and Austria), Dr. Blay took his turn at administrative duties. These included Department Head, Silviculture and Ecology, Papua New Guinea Forestry College; Acting Director, Policy Planning and Monitoring Division, Ministry of lands, Forestry and Mines, Ghana; and division and unit head within FORIG.

At the time of his death, Dr. Blay had assumed the duties of Deputy, IUFRO Research Group 1.06.00, Restoration of Degraded Sites. We express our deepest sympathy with his family, friends, and colleagues.

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor in Forest Harvesting

The Department of Forest Engineering, Resources and Management at Oregon State University invites applications for a full-time, 9-month, Assistant/Associate/Full Professor (Tenure-Track) position in Forest Harvesting and appointment as the Lematta Professor of Forest Engineering. The Lematta Professorship entails a salary stipend and final closing date of May 15, 2015.

Details at: <https://jobs.oregonstate.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=66089>

Publications

The Limits of the Green Economy

From re-inventing capitalism to re-politicising the present
By Anneleen Kenis, Matthias Lievens

Projecting win-win situations, new economic opportunities, green growth and innovative partnerships, the green economy discourse has quickly gained centre stage in international environmental governance and policymaking. Published March 31st 2015 by Routledge: <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9781138781702/>

May 6: Launch of New GFEP Report on Forest & Food Nexus at UNFF11 in NY

The peer-reviewed publication "Forests, Trees and Landscapes for Food Security and Nutrition. A Global Assessment Report", coordinated by IUFRO's Global Forest Expert Panel (GFEP) on behalf of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) will be formally presented on 6 May at a joint IUFRO/CIFOR/ICRAF side event during the 11th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests in New York. A policy brief with the key messages will also be published there.

Find information on GFEP here: <http://www.iufro.org/science/gfep/forests-and-food-security-panel/>

The Supersites Solution

How can we best understand the complex linkages between air pollution and climate change?
How can we best understand how forests affect – and are affected by – climate?
And how can we best learn how to mitigate the related hazards and capitalize on the related opportunities?

To learn more about what these Supersites are and how they function, check out the paper posted at: <http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-7/70000/70100/70102/publications/>. There you will also find a link to the related publication:

Climate Change, Air Pollution and Global Challenges, a cooperative publication of IUFRO Research Group 7.01.00 and the EU-funded COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) Action FP0903 MAFor (Climate Change and Forest Mitigation and Adaptation in a Polluted Environment), suggests a network of Supersites to achieve those aims.

And, read our latest Spotlight entitled "Supersites for Superior Forest Science" at: <http://www.iufro.org/media/iufro-spotlights/>

Open-access Journal "Forest Ecosystems"

Forest Ecosystems is an international open-access journal publishing scientific communications from any discipline that can provide interesting contributions about the structure and dynamics of "natural" and "domesticated" forest ecosystems, and their services to people.

It welcomes innovative science as well as application oriented work that will enhance understanding of woody plant communities. Very specific studies are welcome if they are part of a thematic series that provides some holistic perspective that is of general interest. In the first year after its launch, the journal has published 29 manuscripts.

Klaus von Gadow, one of the Editors-in-Chief and also former IUFRO Board member, says that publication of papers will be free of charge until the end of next year.

Details at: <http://www.springer.com/life+sciences/ecology/journal/40663>

IUFRO Meetings

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<http://www.iufro.org/events/calendar/current/>
Find non-IUFRO meetings on the **IUFRO Noticeboard!**
<http://www.iufro.org/discover/noticeboard/>
Also search for forest-related events in **GFIS** at:
<http://www.gfis.net>

9-13 Jun 2015

**18th European Forum on Urban Forestry:
Connecting the Street Tree to the Forest –
Strengthening Nature for Urban Living**
Brussels, Belgium
IUFRO [6.07.00](#)
Contact: Cecil C. Konijnendijk van den Bosch,
cck(at)ign.ku.dk
<http://efuf2015.org/>

12 Jun 2015

**IUFRO 5.10.00 Research Group Meeting Forest Pro-
ducts and Communities at the 58th International
Convention of the Society of Wood Science & Tech-
nology**
Jackson Lake Lodge, Wyoming, United States
IUFRO [5.10.00](#)
Contact: Eric N. Hansen,
eric.hansen2(at)oregonstate.edu
<http://swst.org/meetings/AM15/index.html>

14-17 Jun 2015

**22nd International Wood Machining Seminar
(IWMS-22)**
Quebec City, Canada
IUFRO [5.04.08](#)
Contact: Roger Hernández,
Roger.Hernandez(at)sbf.ulaval.ca
<http://www.iwms22.ca/>

17-22 Sep 2015

**10th World Bamboo Congress – Bamboo for a
Greener Future**
Damyang, South Korea
IUFRO [5.00.00](#), [5.11.05](#)
Contact: Susanne Lucas, susannelucas(at)gmail.com;
Jinhe Fu, jfu(at)inbar.int
<http://www.worldbamboocongress.org/>

21-24 Oct 2015

**Scientific cultivation and green development to
enhance the sustainability of eucalypt plantations**
Zhanjiang City, Guangdong Province, China
IUFRO [2.08.03](#)
Contact: Shaoxiong Chen, sxchen01(at)163.com
<http://www.euciufr2015.com/en/>

Other Meetings

26-30 May 2015

**World Urban parks Congress - 9th Iberoamerican
Congress of Parks and Public Gardens –
PARJAP Portugal**
Ponte de Lima-Expolima, Portugal
Contact: urbanparks(at)skyros-congressos.com
<http://congresso2015.cm-pontedelima.pt/>

14-19 Jun 2015

**Governing Landscape Restoration: Governance,
Restoration, Privatization**
Wageningen, The Netherlands
Summer School organised by:
The Forest and Nature Conservation Policy Group (FNP);
Centre for Development Innovation (CDI)
COMMONLAND
Contact: Susan Boonman-Berson, susan.
boonmanberson(at)wur.nl

17-19 Jun 2015

Sap Flow Workshop
Riga, Latvia
Society of Annas Tree School
Contact: Oskars Krisans, oskars(at)kokuskola.lv
<http://kokuskola.lv/events/event/sap-flow-workshop/>

7-11 September 2015

**XIV World Forestry Congress: Forests and People:
Investing in a Sustainable Future**
Durban, South Africa
FAO, Republic of South Africa

Registration open:

To register and book ac-
commodation, please visit
<http://wfc2015.org.za>

Congress logos, web ban-
ners, posters, Powerpoints
and leaflets are available
for download in three lan-
guages at
[http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/world-forestry-con-
gress/communications/en](http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/world-forestry-con-
gress/communications/en)



WFC2015
XIV World Forestry Congress

12-16 Oct 2015

6th International Wildland Fire Conference
Pyeongchang, Gangwon, Republic of Korea
Hosted by the Korea Forest Service and the Province of
Gangwon
Contact: Ms. Sujung Shin, iwfcssj(at)forest.go.kr
<http://en.wildfire2015.kr/>

2-6 Nov 2015

**3rd European Forest Week -
Silva2015: The Value of Forests**
Engelberg, Switzerland
Held in conjunction with the joint 72nd session of the
ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COF-
FI) and the 38th session of the FAO European Forestry
Commission (EFC)
<http://www.fao.org/forestry/49037/en/>

5-6 December 2015

Global Landscapes Forum
during the mid-weekend of UNFCCC COP21
Paris, France
Details on Forum topics and 2015 focus areas will be
announced in the coming months.
[http://www.landscapes.org/hero-teasers/stay-
date-2015-global-landscapes-forum/?utm_
source=January+2015&utm_campaign=NEWS+UPDATE+
LANDSCAPES&utm_medium=email](http://www.landscapes.org/hero-teasers/stay-
date-2015-global-landscapes-forum/?utm_
source=January+2015&utm_campaign=NEWS+UPDATE+
LANDSCAPES&utm_medium=email)