

2nd announcement:

6th IUFRO 2.09.02 Conference Rotorua, New Zealand

(Tree Vegetative Propagation)

We are pleased to announce our 6th International Conference of the IUFRO 2.09.02 Unit ([Somatic embryogenesis and other vegetative propagation technologies](#)) to be hosted by [Scion](#) in Rotorua (New Zealand). The local conference arrangements are managed by **Dr. Jana Krajňáková** (senior researcher for tissue culture & project leader), **Dr. Henri Baillères** (General Manager Forests to Timber Products), and their teams.

Please disseminate the information widely to your teams, colleagues and networks interested in vegetative propagation of trees (more generally woody plants)!

The might of vegetative propagation for healthy and productive forests to face climate challenges

CONFERENCE DATES: Sun 3 – Fri 8 March, 2024

CONFERENCE VENUE: Novotel Rotorua Lakeside

CONFERENCE Website: <https://iufro2024conference.wordpress.com>



Would you like to
sponsor this event?

You are very welcome! Please contact
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Organizing Committee

Depending on your location and connections, feel free to contact any member of the Organising Committee during the preparation of the conference.

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General Theme

The conference general theme has been selected considering that, in the context of rapid climate change, there is an **urgent need for cost-effective, efficient tree vegetative propagation (bio)technologies for supporting the development of precision forestry and delivery of forest products and services**. Innovative technologies could be of importance for both deployment of adapted, healthy, commercial varieties in planted forests and preservation of natural forest areas, thus to the integrated benefit of the industry and society. In New Zealand there is a marked societal dimension in forestry through the historical strong and practical involvement of Te Ao Māori.

Programme Sessions

The programme sessions (to come soon, 5 full days) will cover all fields of **application of vegetative propagation to preserve, assess, improve, adapt, and deploy tree genetic resources in resilient and productive forests**. We encourage any submission on vegetative propagation of trees as a primary strategy and/or in synergy with seed technologies to cope with climate change. Oral and poster presentations should be in line with the urgent need worldwide for large numbers of seed and plant resources from species and varieties adapted to the anticipated new conditions.

Abstract submission dates

Abstract submission: **15 November (2023)**

Acceptance of abstracts: by **30 November (2023)**

Abstract submission [here](#)

Accommodation & travel

The **Novotel Rotorua Lakeside** is conveniently located in the city centre of Rotorua. Negotiated accommodation at the conference venue (breakfast included) is currently available from NZ\$255 (€150/US\$160) but there is a wide range of [other accommodation options in Rotorua at walking distance](#) with the lowest rates. Planning for an **engaging conference tour and social program to meet in Rotorua**, the cultural heartland of New Zealand, is underway (see the provisional Conference Schedule and [Presentation](#)). Rotorua is only 2.5 h from Auckland International Airport by road and a 40 min flight.

Conference format

Preference will be given to **on-site participation** as we think it is the most effective way for networking and to promote collaboration.

Excluding conference streaming, which has become too expensive, we will offer the opportunity for **some kind of remote participation**. Accepted abstracts from colleagues unable to attend for economic reasons will be included in the abstract book and corresponding presentations (poster, oral support, video) will be posted at the conference website for free.

Registration

As usual, the Organizing Committee aims to offer the lowest registration rate for our conference by fully investing in the in-house organisation. **The registration rate for early birds is NZ\$750 (€430/US\$470). Regular rate is NZ\$850 (€490/US\$530).** We also consider offering a **lower rate to encourage the participation of students**. Be prepared in advance and enjoy the early registration rate! Go to [Registration](#).

Registration dates & rates

NZ\$	Attendees	Students	Accompanying persons*
EARLY BIRDS <i>15 November (2023)</i>	750	500	180
REGULAR <i>31 January (2024)</i>	850	600	230
	Full package	Full package	Welcome drink Gala dinner

IUFRO support

Scientist Assistance Program

Through its Scientist Assistance Programme (SPDC-SAP), **IUFRO will provide financial assistance** (full support) to **2 early- to-mid-career forest scientists** (age < 46) of **economically disadvantaged countries from Asia** to attend the Conference. Check the dedicated [SAP procedure for criteria for IUFRO sponsorship and application](#) (Coord: J.-F. Trontin).

Application deadline: 30 November (2023)

Possible support from the Organizing Committee

The economic context is highly uncertain, including in New Zealand, and **we therefore strongly encourage you to fully explore the possibilities of financial support** from your institution and other funding bodies.

In case of significant difficulties, and depending on the available conference resources (Scion, IUFRO and other sponsors), **we would be happy to provide support (without any guarantee at this stage), in priority to colleagues from economically disadvantaged countries** as defined by IUFRO (see this [link](#)).

Student's scientific competition

The IUFRO 2.09.02 Working Party is pleased to announce its **fourth "Scientific Competition" on vegetative propagation technologies** dedicated to **graduate students and recent PhDs (< 6 months)**. Young scientists are invited to present their PhD thesis or post-doctoral research project to this specific call (Coord: P. Moncaleán). The Winner will be invited to present her/his work during the conference (oral slot) and will benefit from a waived registration fee. Check the **dedicated [procedure for application](#)**.

Application deadline: 30 November (2023)

Willingness to attend ROTORUA 2024

To help Jana and Henri to smoothly organise the conference, we would like to collect your **intentions to participate in the conference** (on-site or remotely). Please **fill in the following [questionnaire](#)** before **November 30**. Thanks to those who have already done so!

Correspondence

Correspondence for operational and practical arrangements can be addressed to the conference Secretariat:

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At the last page of the [Conference Presentation](#), you will also find the contact details of people who are willing to assist you in preparing longer stays to explore the beauty of New Zealand.

After already 5 years since our last wonderful conference in Coimbra, we are looking forward to meeting you all again in Rotorua for a friendly IUFRO 2.09.02 conference.

Book 3-8 March (2024) in your calendars!

IUFRO 2.09.02 Organizing Committee ROTORUA 2024



To learn more about IUFRO and its activities, and the various possibilities of getting involved in IUFRO: see this [link](#).