

EFUF 2014

17th European Forum on Urban Forestry
Conference

Crossing Boundaries
Urban Forests – Green cities

1st Call

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Lausanne, Switzerland

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European Forum on Urban Forestry (EFUF)

The “European Forum on Urban Forestry” (EFUF) is an event which provides a meeting place for practitioners, scientists and educators involved with the planning and management of urban forests and urban green infrastructure. The Forum is associated with the “International Union of Forest Research Organizations” (IUFRO) - Urban Forestry Research Group. Participants come from across Europe, as well as from other parts of the world. The forum was founded in 1998 and has met yearly ever since. The event is an important gathering of national and international expertise and provides an opportunity for practitioners, researchers and policy makers to share experience and good practice. It also plays an important role in trans-national networking, generating research ideas, developing funding consortiums and providing for the professional development of both practitioners and those working in the research community. In 2014 the conference will be held in Switzerland.

Crossing Boundaries between Cities and Forests

Urbanisation is increasing worldwide. Today more than two third of the European population is living in urban areas and the trend is set to continue (EU 2011). Urbanization creates a development paradox; on the one hand, pressure on agriculture, forest and open land for urban development is growing whilst on the other green infrastructures is seen as critical to a good quality of life for urban dwellers. In this context, “urban forests” a major component of green infrastructure is key to sustaining the development of “green cities and the health and well-being of citizens”. Boundaries between cities and urban forests are intricate and significant, diversified and dynamic: the forest and the city growing are inter-dependant in many ways. Coherent and sustainable strategies for green infrastructure are now seen as indispensable in the context of urban development yet are frequently insufficiently resourced, low on the socio-political agenda and lacking in the interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral approaches necessary. Nevertheless taking the ‘long-view’ issues of quality of life, resource scarcity, climate change, biodiversity conservation and public health, the meaning and the value of urban forest and green spaces will surely gain in importance as society demands more and better ‘life-support’ services in a cost effect way.

EFUF 2014 Conference Aims

The conference will focus on “crossing the boundaries between urban forests and the green city”. The Conference aims are to:

- (a) Share actual knowledge on the multiple-benefits of urban forests and green infrastructure, notably in respect of their ecological, economic and social value.
- (b) Foster interdisciplinary strategies to better integrate urban forests and green infrastructure in the planning and development of urban areas.
- (c) Raise cross-sectoral awareness about the importance of urban forests and green infrastructure for the sustainable development of cities.

Conference Topics

The conference is looking for both scientific presentations and practical experiences on the following topics:

- 1) How to define and promote ecosystem services provided by urban forests and green infrastructures?
- 2) How to integrate urban forests and green infrastructures in urban planning, design and projects? This topic is expected to cover the ways to create new forests, open and green spaces, greenbelts and greenways including the development of social and ecologically comprehensive green networks.
- 3) How to manage urban forests and green infrastructures regarding urbanization, pollution, climate change and social pressures? This topic is expected to cover how professionals and researchers meet urban dwellers’ and stakeholders’ demands regarding urban forests and green spaces.
- 4) How to promote social goods into the urban forest such as multicultural integration in urban forest and green spaces and how it can improve social health and wellbeing for all sections of society.
- 5) How to manage conflicts between multiple uses, including urban farming and forest uses leading to successful urban forest management and green-space policies?
- 6) How to cross boundaries for those working in Urban Forestry such as gender issues, lack of ability for those in poorer countries to participate in international events, lack of professional status, ethnicity issues for those working in the field.



Audience

The conference is targeted at the needs of public and private actors concerned with urban forest, green space and landscape management as well as professionals and researchers involved in urban planning, architecture and sustainable development. It will provide opportunities for practitioners, managers, scientists, public authorities and policy makers to share interdisciplinary experience and good practice.

Conference Programme

The conference programme will be a combination of plenary and parallel sessions, key notes, thematic and poster presentations and field visits to key urban forestry projects.

Tuesday, 3 June 2014: Welcome, Registration, Conference-Warm Up

Wednesday, 4 June 2014: Registration, Welcome Address, Keynotes, Plenary Session, Open Space.

Thursday, 5 June 2014: Keynotes, Plenary and Parallel Sessions, Field Exercise, Official EFUF Dinner.

Friday, 6 June 2014: Keynotes, Plenary Session, Parallel Sessions, Conclusions and Closing.

Saturday, 7 June 2014: Excursions.

Registration

Further details concerning the registration can be found at the conference website:

www.efuf2014.org.

Registration closes on the 30th April 2014.

Accommodation of various types and of a reasonable price has been secured by the conference secretariat in several hotels near the conference venue. Further information can be found on the conference website.

Abstract submission

Submission for abstracts for oral and for poster presentations will open on the 31st August 2013.

Further information on the policy and guidelines can be found on the conference website.

The call for abstracts closes on 31st January 2014.

Conference Fee

For further details please check our conference website www.efuf2014.org.



Conference Venue / Location

The host for the EFUF 2014 conference is the University of Lausanne (www.unil.ch) Switzerland.

Conference Language

English will be the official language of the Forum.

Abstract Book

All selected abstracts will be included in the Abstract Book distributed to attendees on site and available online right after the conference.

Organisers and Partners

At the time of issue of this call the following institutions have agreed to be co-organizers and/or partners of the event.

Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)

Direction générale de l'environnement du canton de Vaud, Inspection cantonale des forêts (DGE-FORET)

Service des forêts du canton de Genève, Direction Générale de la Nature et du Paysage (DGNP)

University of Lausanne (UNIL)

Swiss Federal Research Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research (WSL)

University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland, Geneva-technology, architecture and landscape (hepia)

Bern University of Applied Sciences, School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences (BFH-HAFL)

Hochschule für Technik Rapperswil (HSR)

Lausanne Tourisme

Fachverein Wald (SIA)

Arbeitsgemeinschaft für den Wald (AfW)

Contact and information

You will find further information on the Conference website.

Contact email: info@efuf2014.org

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Closing remarks

We look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful lakeside City of Lausanne, Switzerland for EFUF2014.

