

PREPSYS

SECOND CIRCULAR

Dear Colleagues,

This is the second circular for the Conference *Preparing Europe for invasion by the beetles emerald ash borer and bronze birch borer, two major tree-killing pests*, to be held in Vienna, Austria, on 1-4 October 2018.

The conference will focus on the threats to European forests from two tree-killing pests, the emerald ash borer (EAB), *Agrilus planipennis*, a buprestid native to SE Asia and bronze birch borer (BBB), *Agrilus anxius*, which is native to North America. EAB has invaded and had a significant impact in North America and European Russia, causing massive tree mortality.

The programme is taking shape and we have a strong set of speakers from a range of European countries, Canada, China, Russia and the USA. This brings expertise from the native, invaded and threatened regions of the world for both EAB and BBB, covering science, management, socio-economic, regulatory and policy aspects.

We still have scope for a limited number of offered papers and, particularly, poster presentations so please get in touch if you are interested in attending and, if you are interested in doing so, would like to contribute an oral or poster presentation. We should also point out that the venue at BFW, whilst excellent, has an upper limit of 90 participants, so early expression of interest and registration (open soon) is recommended.

It is also pleasing to report that we have agreed with Gary Kerr, the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Forestry: An International Journal of Forest Research* (published by Oxford University Press), that contributions from the conference can be submitted for consideration in a Special Issue dealing with buprestid beetles (especially EAB and BBB). Authors of papers must read the Instructions for authors when preparing papers and when on submission indicate that they are for a Special issue and use the

identifier 'Emerald Ash Borer'. Papers can be submitted at any time but the final deadline is 31 December 2018. Submission is online at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/forest>.

The journal has identified Guest Editors who will peer review and make recommendations to the Editor-in-Chief. We will also produce an overview paper to reflect discussions and recommendations developed at the Conference.

Registration for the conference, including full details of registration fees (€160 to cover lunch and refreshments for the four days of the conference, but not evening activities), hotel information and travel advice will be opened soon.

Save the date for your participation in this exciting conference! More information is to follow.

Sincerely,

Hugh Evans, Mariella Marzano and Gernot Hoch

Organisers of the conference
Vienna, 22nd February, 2018



Conference: Preparing Europe for invasion by the beetles emerald ash borer and bronze birch borer, two major tree-killing pests
Time: 1-4 October, 2018
Venue: BFW – Austrian Forest Research Centre, Seckendorff-Gudent-Weg 8, 1131 Vienna, Austria
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Registration fees: € 160 (covering refreshment and lunches)
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