



First Announcement and call for session proposals:

All-Division 7 Forest Pathology and Entomology Conference
6-9 September 2022, Lisbon, Portugal

As mentioned in our 2020 Newsletter and Annual Report, we are proceeding with plans for our next All-Division 7 (Forest Health) conference, covering all forest and tree pathology and entomology topics.

Given the positive developments with vaccination in many countries, we are very optimistic that the conference can take place. To ensure conference planning can go ahead, **we are asking for early indications of participation by 25 June 2021** (i.e., submission of session proposals & interest in attending, see details below).



General schedule:

The conference will run from 6 to 9 Sept. 2022 (Tuesday to Friday), with a one-day field visit in the middle of the meeting. We plan to offer a **post-congress tour** from Friday afternoon 9 Sept. to Sunday evening 11 Sept. (with an option to arrive at the venue of the next 'International Workshop on the Genetics of Tree-Parasite Interactions in Forestry' which will take place the following week (from 12-17 Sept. 2022) in Pontevedra, Galicia, Spain about 500 km north of Lisbon).

Submission of session proposals:

At this point we welcome session proposals on any forest pathology or entomology topic. Please send these to iufrolisbon2022@isa.ulisboa.pt by **25 June 2021** (preferably even earlier) with the following information:

- names and emails of session organisers
- a session title and a short session description (maximum 150 words)
- a list of five suggested speakers (just as an indication, these do not need to be confirmed)

Expression of interest in attending:

To register for our occasional email updates and subsequent announcements, please send an email to iufrolisbon2022@isa.ulisboa.pt preferably also by **25 June 2021**.

Registration deadlines and fees:

As we expect at least 200 participants and plan to give everyone enough space, we need to book a convention centre. Nevertheless, we would like to do what we can to keep the registration fees affordable. Please make use of the reduced early fees by registering before 30 April 2022.

	Regular	Students*
Early registration (<u>by 30 Apr. 2022</u>)	450€	270€
Late registration	600€	360€

* Presentation of student enrolment declaration or other official document is required

Apart from in-person attendance, there will be an option for **online participation**; however, this will be of a limited scope as we will not be able to run a complete hybrid conference. Online participation will require registration but with a much smaller fee.

Conference sponsorship and product displays:

We are inviting sponsors who would like to provide general sponsorship or support of particular events. Logos of sponsors will be shown on the conference website and on all online printed conference materials.

There will also be an opportunity to present forest pathology and entomology equipment and products outside the conference rooms.

Conference website and email:

Our conference website is currently under construction and the URL will be announced soon.

For all queries and comments please email the organising team at iufrolisbon2022@isa.ulisboa.pt

Conference organisers:

Manuela Branco and **José Carlos Franco** of the University of Lisbon volunteered to organise the conference. We are very grateful for their kind offer especially given the situation of planning such an event at this unusual time.

Manuela Branco (ISA, University of Lisbon, Portugal)

José Carlos Franco (ISA, University of Lisbon, Portugal)

Eckehard (Ecki) Brockerhoff (WSL, Switzerland; Coordinator of IUFRO Div. 7)

Tod Ramsfield (Canadian Forest Service, Canada; Coordinator of IUFRO Research Group 7.02 "Pathology")

Maartje Klapwijk (SLU, Sweden; Coordinator of IUFRO Research Group 7.03 "Entomology")

Beccy Ganley (Plant and Food Research, New Zealand; Deputy Coordinator IUFRO RG 7.02 "Pathology")

Julio Diez (University of Valladolid, Spain; Deputy Coordinator IUFRO RG 7.02 "Pathology")

Barbara Bentz (USDA Forest Service; Deputy Coordinator IUFRO RG 7.03 "Entomology")

Hervé Jactel (INRAe, France; Deputy Coordinator IUFRO RG 7.03 "Entomology")

Joséphine Queffelec (University of Pretoria, South Africa; Deputy Coordinator IUFRO RG 7.03 "Entomology")

We look forward to your participation and stimulating presentations and interactions after a such a long period without in-person conferences.

Best wishes

Ecki Brockerhoff, Manuela Branco and José Carlos Franco
(for the entire conference organising team)