



**DIPARTIMENTO DI BIOTECNOLOGIE AGRARIE
SEZIONE DI PATOLOGIA VEGETALE**

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI FIRENZE



FIRST CIRCULAR

**4TH INTERNATIONAL RUSTS OF FOREST TREES
WORKING PARTY CONFERENCE**

May 3 to 6, 2010

**Aula Bosio dell'Istituto di Scienze Militari Aeronautiche,
Viale dell'Aeronautica,
Florence, Italy**

Dear Colleagues,

the Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to the 4th *IUFRO International Rusts of Forest Trees Working Party Conference* (IRFTWPC) that will be held in Florence, Italy on 3-6 May 2010, at the “Aula Bosio” of the Istituto di Scienze Militari Aeronautiche. This elegant Institute, belonging to the Italian Air Force, is located in the town centre, in the Cascine Park, 150 meters away from the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry of the University of Florence.

The IUFRO working group 7.02.05 comes back to Italy about three decades after the “Rust of Hard Pines” Conference was first held in Florence in September 1979. Since then, this working group has met around the world, in Athens, Georgia (1984), Banff, Canada (1989), Tsukuba, Japan (1994), Saariselkä, Finland (1998), Yangling, China (2004) and finally in Lake Tahoe, California, (2006). So, it is only fitting, after 30 years, that this working group meet again in Florence.

Past research on rusts of forest trees has provided key contributions in advancing fundamental taxonomy, genetics of host-parasite interaction, breeding strategies, stand management and the phytopathological discipline at large. Novel, high-throughput research tools now enable genome exploration to address crucial questions of the life-history strategy of this fascinating group of biotrophic pathogens. This conference provides the opportunity to communicate our most recent achievements and exchange new ideas. The conference is expected to cover all aspects of up to date research on rusts of forest trees: from taxonomy and phylogeny, to *in vitro* culturing, population genetics, genomics, host-parasite interaction, mycoparasitism and other control strategies, new disease reports. A special session will be dedicated to the *Melampsora* genome project, which is now completed and has become the model tree rust.

The workshop scientific program will be organized in oral and poster presentations. We invite all interested participants to submit abstracts for scientific presentations. Although we will try to accommodate as many presentations as possible, the Scientific Committee, will reserve the right to change your application from an oral presentation to a poster presentation where necessary if time constraints become a problem.

We hope the program will encourage scientific, social and cultural interaction in a relaxed and congenial atmosphere. You are encouraged to take some days off after the workshop to discover the treasures of art and history in Florence. A field excursion is planned to visit forest stands attacked by pine rusts on the 3rd day, in hilly areas typical of the Tuscan landscape.

Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Florence

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Local Organizers

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IMPORTANT DATES

POSTPONED to 15 January 2010	Deadline for abstract submission
31 January 2010	Early-registration payment
20 February 2010	Deadline for hotel reservation (special rate for IRFTWPC participants)
26 February 2010	Deadline for late registration
3, 4 and 6 May 2010	4th IRFTWPC
5 May 2010	Field trip

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Guidelines for preparation of abstracts

To present a paper or a poster, you must submit your completed abstract by **15 January 2010** as an attachment to cecilia.comparini@unifi.it. Please indicate in your message whether your abstract is for an Oral Presentation or a Poster Presentation.

All abstracts must be in Microsoft Word format, Font type and size: Times New Roman 12, Line spacing: single, scientific names in italics. They must indicate Title, Author(s), Address(es) of authors, E-mail of corresponding author. Please underline the name of the presenting author. An example of formatting requirements is included below.

4TH IUFRO RUSTS CONFERENCE : An example of an appropriately formatted abstract.

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The abstract itself should not exceed 300 words. It should not include subheadings, Tables, Figures or references and preferably should be written as one paragraph. Spelling and grammar should conform to standard British-English usage. Authors are requested to have the abstracts properly revised if necessary. Abstracts will be published in hard copy in the Book of Abstracts.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTERS' LAYOUT

The format of the posters should not exceed A0 = 84 cm width x 118 cm height.

The secretariat will supply dual scotch tape to attach the posters to the poster boards.

REGISTRATION FORM

4th IUFRO INTERNATIONAL RUSTS OF FOREST TREES

WORKING PARTY CONFERENCE

Firenze, 3-6 May 2010

Please fill in one form for each participant and return to Cecilia Comparini (cecilia.comparini@unifi.it) or Fax +39 055 3288273 by 31st January 2010 (early registration) or 26th February 2010 (late registration).

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Special dietary requirements			
Accompanying person(s)			

REGISTRATION FEES 4th IRFTWPC			
		Standard*	
Early registration fee (3 workshop-lunches included)	€	300	
Late registration fee (3 workshop-lunches included)	€	350	
Accompanying person fee (per day) (Only if partaking in workshop lunches and coffee breaks)	€	40	
Workshop dinner	€	50 [single]	Accompanying person/s N. ...
Field trip – Participation fee:	€	70 [single]	Accompanying person/s N. ...
NB! For confirmation, attach a copy of the bank remittance / proof of payment with the registration form or send proof of payment within deadline.	TOTAL €		

*Students are entitled to 50% reduction in the fee (applicable only if providing documentary evidence of student status)

ACCOMODATION OPTIONS IN FLORENCE

VERY SPECIAL PRICES FOR IRFTWPC PARTICIPANTS

BOOKING WITHIN 20 February 2010

Florence in May always hosts numerous meetings. Below, in the “*Accommodation Form*”, there is a list of four hotels (with relative prices) you can choose for your accommodation. The number of rooms booked at a reduced rate for the workshop is limited and they will be available only up to the 20 February 2010. Please be aware that after that date increasing prices will be applied by the hotels and **it is often impossible to find a last minute room in Florence.**

You can obviously choose a different option in relation to your own budget or particular requirements, hotel position, hotel category etc., by contacting the Argotour Travel Agency below.

For reservations, information or further options, please contact :

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ACCOMODATION FORM 4th IRFTWPC

Firenze, May 3rd - May 6th 2010

Please fill in and return to ARGOTOUR Travel (info@argotour.it) or fax +39 055 364565 by **20th february 2010.**

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Departure date (check-out)			
Special requests			

HOTEL GOLF (www.hotelgolf.it)

No. persons			
No. rooms	Single (€ 90)		Double (€ 125)
Total (€)			

HOTEL NIZZA (www.hotelnizza.com)

No. persons			
No. rooms	Single (€ 95)		Double (€ 95)
Total (€)			

HOTEL COLUMBUS (www.hotelcolumbus.it)

No. persons			
No. rooms	Single (€ 90)		Double (€ 100)
Total (€)			

HOTEL LOMBARDIA (www.hotellombardia.it)

No. persons			
No. rooms	Single (€ 72)		Double (€ 95)
Total (€)			

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