

## Coppice forests: past, present and future Brno, Czech Republic, 9 - 11 April 2015

Second call

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### Aims of the conference

Coppice forests have been a focal topic for foresters, ecologists and conservationists over the past decades. This short-rotation management system has a long tradition in the temperate regions of Europe and Asia. Because of its multi-purpose functions, such as biomass production and biodiversity conservation, the importance of coppicing is widely recognized. Today, coppice forests are confronted with new challenges in an economically, climatically and ecologically changing environment. At this interdisciplinary conference, we strive to bring together researchers and practitioners to discuss the past, present and future of coppice forests in the world.

### Topics include

- Historical aspects of coppice management
- Patterns of plant and animal biodiversity in coppice systems
- Patterns in tree regeneration and wood production in coppice forests
- Restoration and management of coppice forests
- Potential of coppice forests for economy, recreation, and soil and nature protection
- Coppice systems in a worldwide perspective

### Conference language

English

### Keynote speakers

Matthias Bürgi (Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL, Switzerland), Jörg Ewald (University of Applied Sciences, Freising, Germany), Gianfranco Fabbio (Forest Research Centre, Italy), Keith Kirby (University of Oxford, UK), Alex Mosseler (Canadian Forest Service, Canada).

### Programme outline

Wednesday, 8 April 2015 - arrival, registration, informal ice-breaking party

Thursday, 9 April 2015 - presentations

Friday, 10 April 2015 - presentations, conference dinner

Saturday, 11 April 2015 - excursion to coppice sites in southern Moravia

### Venue

Mendel University, Zemědělská 1, Brno, Czech Republic

### Abstract submission

To begin the submission process first register a new account ([link](#)) and follow the link 'Your abstract submissions' in the main menu. All abstracts will be evaluated by the scientific committee. Due to time limitations you may be asked to change from oral to poster presentation. Maximal number of words for abstract is 250, for the title 13. Abstracts should be categorized into one of the groups:

- HISTORY, TRADITIONAL MANAGEMENT
  - BIODIVERSITY
  - REGENERATION, PRODUCTION ECOLOGY
  - RESTORATION, CONSERVATION
  - ECONOMY, SOCIAL FUNCTIONS
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### Posters

Poster dimensions: 80 x 110cm, portrait orientation. Best poster presentation will be awarded.

### Publication

Conference participants receive the book of abstracts at the registration desk. Selected contributions from the conference will be published in special issue of scientific journal Folia Geobotanica and possibly Forestry. The deadline for submitting the manuscripts to Folia Geobotanica is 30th April 2015.

### Registration

Registration is open from 1 October 2014 at <http://coppice.eu>.

### Conference fees:

Early registration (until the end of January 2015): 150 EUR or 4000,-CZK

Late registration: 170,-EUR or 4600,-CZK

Students: 75,-EUR + with accommodation in student dormitory

Conference fee includes: welcome ice-breaking party, lunches (April 9 -11), conference dinner (April 10), all conference materials (incl. book of abstracts), and the field excursion (April 11).

Payment details are available at the conference website.

### Important dates

Beginning of abstract submission and registration: 1 October 2014

Deadline for abstract submission: 15 January 2015

Confirmation of abstract acceptance: 20 January 2015

Deadline for early registration: 31 January 2015

Deadline for regular registration: 15 March 2015\*

\*Registration after 15 March 2015 will be possible (if there are places remaining) for an extra fee of 30,-EUR).

### Accommodation

A list of hotels, hostels and student dormitories in Brno is available at the conference website.

### Responsible and supporting institutions

The conference is organized as a joint initiative of Mendel University (Brno), the Institute of Botany, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (Brno, Průhonice), Silva Tarouca Research Institute (Brno, Průhonice), Global Change Research Centre, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (Brno) in cooperation with the Czech Forestry Society and under IUFRO patronage (Division 8.02.00 Forest biodiversity)

### Organizing Committee

Tomáš Vrška (chair), Tomáš Májek, Alena Cabalová, Olga Našová, Katka Novosádová, Štěpánka Řehořková, Jan Trochta, Markéta Šplíchalová, Ondřej Vild, Vit Skala

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### Additional information



Eurocoppice workshop of COST Action FP1301 (<https://www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de>) is organized on 8 April 2015 in Brno - for additional information contact Radomir Klvac - [radomir.klvac@mendelu.cz](mailto:radomir.klvac@mendelu.cz)). Eurocoppice members are welcome to join the Coppice conference.