



**UNIVERSITY OF FORESTRY  
SOFIA  
Faculty of Forestry**



**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
“Forestry: Bridge to the Future”**



**13 - 15 May 2010  
Park Hotel Moskva, Sofia, Bulgaria**

*Dear colleagues,*

*We are organizing an International scientific conference entitled "Forestry: Bridge to the Future". The Conference is dedicated to the 85th anniversary of higher forestry education in Bulgaria and it will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, in the period 13-15 May 2010.*

*Science is a solid base for the development of higher forestry education. The Conference will be a good occasion for scientists from Bulgaria and other countries to present the results of their research work. Simultaneously, it will be an excellent opportunity to establish contacts with eminent scientists and lecturers, to enable joint research projects, to exchange experience in higher forestry education, as well as to bring together academic researchers and business practitioners from the forestry sector.*

*The recent studies have shown that due to many circumstances such as climate change, social and economic factors, the forestry is becoming highly significant for the environment and human life in the Balkans and other countries. Therefore, it is of particular importance to study forestry and to share information among the scientists from different countries.*

*The conference is to be organized by the University of Forestry and its Faculty of Forestry, Sofia. The international and local organizing committees have prepared a scientific program including invited speakers and will announce soon a call for contributed papers. This will result in a well-balanced agenda with state-of-the-art professional highlights and various social events.*

*The Scientific Program includes leading scientists who have been invited to present key lectures on the current advances as well as future prospects of the respective fields. The Scientific Program will be organized in Plenary Lectures, Oral Presentations and Poster Sessions. The main topics of the conference will cover:*

- Forest Biology and Ecology*
- Forest Operations and Wood Processing*
- Forest Management Planning and Climate Change*
- Forest Law, Economics and Services*

*We expect more than 100 participants. All who attend will enjoy three professionally challenging days as they attend sessions and, meet with colleagues, experts and people working in the field of forestry from Europe and many other regions.*

*The Conference will be held in Sofia Bulgaria, one of the most ancient European capitals, where the old traditions are harmoniously merged with modern European trends. You will enjoy a friendly Opening Ceremony, a warm Welcome Reception, dances in a relaxing atmosphere, and you can also spend your time visiting museums, art galleries, ancient monuments and many other interesting sights in Sofia. You shall certainly take back home some unforgettable memories of your conference attendance! Come and see for yourself!*

*The attractive blend of scientific presentations, sightseeing tours and visit to Rila Monastery, included in UNESCO's world cultural heritage list, will surely encourage you to come to Sofia and be part of memorable events during the International Conference "Forestry: Bridge to the Future".*

*Prof. Nino Ninov  
Rector, University of Forestry  
Chairman of the Organizing Committee*

## Organizers of the Conference

University of Forestry, Sofia (UFS) and Faculty of Forestry (FFS)

National project center for Coppice Forest Management in Southern Europe, Sofia  
(CoppForSEE)

## Organizing Committee

Chairman:	Prof. D.Sc. Nino Ninov – Rector
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## Invited Key Speakers

Prof. Dr. Heinrich **SPIECKER** (University of Freiburg, Germany)  
Dr. Ir. Gert-Jan **NABUURS** (Assistant Director, European Forest Institute)  
Prof. Dr. Manfred **LEXER** (UNRALS Boku, Vienna, Austria)

## International Scientific Committee

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## Venue

The Conference will be organized from 13<sup>th</sup> till 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in Park Hotel Moskva, Sofia, Bulgaria.

## Working Language

Working language of the Conference /presentations and discussions/ is English.

## Main Topics of the Conference

- Forest Biology and Ecology
- Forest Operations and Wood Processing
- Forest Management Planning and Climate Change
- Forest Law, Economics and Services

## Call for Papers

The Organizing Committee welcomes submission of abstracts on any of the topics of the Conference not later than 31 January 2010. The abstracts will be published in a separate Book of abstracts.

Each registration fee entitles submission of one abstract only. Co-authorship is accepted.

Requirements for abstract presentation:

- The text should be in clear and concise English. Please be consistent in punctuation, abbreviations and spelling.
- Standard fonts should be used, like Times New Roman, Arial, Courier New, etc. Text should be single-spaced. Please leave blank lines between the title and the body of the abstract.
- Avoid citing references in the abstract.
- Use bold capital letters for typing the title of the abstract. Then type author`s name(s), (in bold) address, fax and e-mail. Underline the presenting author`s name only. A maximum of 6 key words, related to your abstract but not in your title, should be given at the bottom of the abstract.
- Use of standard abbreviations is desirable. Place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses after the full term the first time it appears.
- The SI system should be used for all measurement units.
- Binomial Latin names should be used in accordance with the International Rules of Nomenclature. In the title after the Latin name of the species the name of its author should be included. Latin names should be typed in italics in the abstract.
- The body of the abstract is limited to one paragraph of 250 words. Begin with a clear statement of the problem or objectives, give brief methods and major results, and end with a substantial conclusion. (**see the abstract example**)
- All submissions should be sent in MS Word doc-format to the following E-mail address:

[forconf2010@abv.bg](mailto:forconf2010@abv.bg) not later than **January 31, 2010**.

- Abstracts submitted to the conference will be evaluated and selected for poster or oral presentations. The authors of the chosen abstracts will be asked to prepare and bring posters with them. At this session presenters are asked to stand by their poster/exhibition in order to discuss their research/design project with viewers.
- If your abstract is accepted but cannot be accommodated as an oral presentation, you will be notified as soon as possible so that you will have ample time to prepare a poster.
- The acceptance note will be sent to authors well before the registration deadline for early registration (until **April 12, 2010**).

Poster presentation guidelines:

- Paper size: Paper size should not exceed A0 format (841mm x 1189 mm / 33" x 47") in portrait (vertical) set-up.
- Poster set-up: Each poster presenter will tack his/her poster on a dedicated board. It is your responsibility to set-up your poster. Poster boards and appropriate pins for sticking the poster onto the board will be provided during the conference.
- Poster authors must take care of printing the poster and bringing it to the conference for display.

Posters will be displayed during the meeting and the poster sessions will be followed by discussion between authors and attendees.

The Organizing Committee will schedule abstracts for oral or poster presentation. Final scheduling and publication of the abstract is dependent on payment of registration fee.

### Registration Fees

Category	Before 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	After 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2010 and on-site
Participant	180 Euro	200 Euro
Student	90 Euro	100 Euro
Accompanying person	80 Euro	90 Euro

Participant's and student's fees include admission to all scientific sessions, delegate's kit, final program, book of abstracts, coffee-breaks, Welcome Reception and Folk-style dinner. Students should provide a certificate of their status.

Accompanying person's fee includes: Welcome Reception, Folk-style dinner and Sightseeing tour of Sofia with visit to the National Museum of History.

### Accommodation

Company for International Meetings Ltd. offers accommodation in hotels in Sofia for all participants at reduced rates.

Hotel	Single room	Double room
Park Hotel Moskva (Conference venue)	60 Euro	72 Euro
Hotel-club "Informa Intellect"	22 Euro	34 Euro

*The hotel rates are indicated in Euro per room per night, including breakfast, city tax and VAT.*

## Second Circular

The second circular will be sent to those who have returned the attached Preliminary Registration Form.

The second circular will contain detailed information about accommodation, social program, excursions, method of registration and payment, as well as the preliminary scientific program.

## Tourist Program

An extensive tourist program will be offered to participants and accompanying persons. Detailed information will be given in the second circular.

## Country and City

### **Bulgaria**

Situated in the heart of the Balkan Peninsula, Bulgaria boasts a long and rich history. The state of Bulgaria was first founded in 681 AD. Thracians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Slavs and Bulgarians inhabited this land in their time, leaving behind monuments and enriching this treasure of culture. The geographical position of Bulgaria, on the crossroads between Europe and Asia, is reflected in the rich and ancient history of Bulgarian culture, architecture, cuisine, customs and traditions.

### **Sofia**

Sofia is a city that grows but never ages. Founded over 7000 years ago, Bulgaria's modern capital testifies to the country's eternal bond between past and present. Monuments to its rich Thracian, Roman, Bulgar and Ottoman history rub shoulders with modern-day edifices of cosmopolitan city life. Over 250 historic landmarks and architectural monuments blend in with the city's modern skyline.

## Contact Information

For further information on the scientific program, please contact:

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<http://ltu.jlsoft.eu/>

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