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1. Training School on “Marketing of Wild Forest Products: theory and practice”, 14 -18 March 2016, San Vito di Cadore (Belluno – Italy)

Deadline for applications: 19th February

Objective

Training Schools are an important part of COST Actions and are intended to share knowledge and support collaboration. Within the scope of COST Action FP-1203 a Training School offering a general overview on methodological aspects related with non-wood forest product marketing has been prepared by Task Force 4 (Marketing). Topics to be covered include the business context analysis: (relationship product/market; property rights/ regulative framework), strategic marketing (segmentation - targeting), differentiation, positioning), operational marketing (marketing mix: 4+2 Ps, with special focus on pricing, logistic, branding, e-business, customer-supplier relationships). The course will combine theoretical lessons, case studies analysis and the presentation of some tools for marketing research: DBs (trade data, regulations, Codex Alimentarius, Google Analytics, ...), value chain analysis, network analysis, social capital analysis. Discussions on real case studies presented to the participants will be also carried out. Early Stage Researchers (ESR, for more details <http://www.cost.eu/service/glossary/ESR>) are particularly encouraged to attend to this Training School. Attendance certificates will be issued to the participants.

All teaching material will be available on the University of Padova Moodle platform. The platform will be shared among the participants and made available for future training programs.

Training School location

The Training School will be held at University of Padova field research station: the Centre of Studies of Alpine Environment (Via F. Ossi 41 - 32046 San Vito di Cadore - BL – Italy), 140 km North of the Venice airport in the heart of the Dolomites mountain, an UNESCO site.

Trainers

Davide Pettenella (TESAF-UNIPD, Coordinator), Riccardo Da Re (TESAF-UNIPD), Elena Gorriz (CTFC), Paul Vantomme (FAO), Enrico Vidale (TESAF-UNIPD)

*More information on training school please find here: <http://www.nwfps.eu/training-school-marketing/> OR in [attached pdf-file](#).

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2. COST FP1203 – 6th Call for Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)

The 6th call for Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) under COST Action FP1203: European NWFPs Network is open. **We invite STSM candidates to submit their applications until the 22th of February, 2016.** The STSM proposals on this call should not start before the 15th of March 2016 nor end after the 15th of May, 2016.

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) are aimed at supporting individual mobility, strengthening existing networks and fostering collaborations by allowing scientists to visit an institution or laboratory in another

Participating COST Country or an approved COST Near Neighbouring Country institution or an approved COST International Partner Countries institution.

Opportunity for a STSM to study about research and papers relevant to NWFPs in Russian

Although STSM applications are open for research on NWFP, in particular, with relevancy to the COST Action aims this call also includes a specific opportunity for a STSM to map research and papers relevant to NWFPs in Russian, with the following details:

Objective: Description of research and papers relevant to NWFPs in Russian literature

Host: Institution with Russian journal archive

Applicant: Fluent in Russian, interested in NWFPs/forestry and/or comparative science

Method: Classification and description of main lines of enquiry in Russian language NWFP research perhaps using the Rastitelnye Resursy journal [Journal published by Russian Academy of Sciences] as a starting point.

Output: Short report and classification tables

If you would like to apply to this opportunity please indicate in your application the reference: “REF: STSM on NWFPs in Russian”. For application you should also follow the application process described in this Call.

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3. Registration for the European Forum on Urban Forestry (EFUF) 2016 now open

The Slovenian Forestry Institute, the City of Ljubljana (the European Green Capital 2016) and the Slovenia Forest Service, are hosting the 19th European Forum on Urban Forestry conference with a lead theme “Urban Forests for European resilient cities”. The Forum will take place in Ljubljana and Celje, Slovenia, between the 31st May 2016 and the 4th June 2016.

At this non-profit Forum we want to foster a positive environment for scientists, researchers and practitioners in the transdisciplinary field of urban forestry to stimulate the desire to collaborate and advance the knowledge in the field.

The venues of the event are Ljubljana castle, an eminent location on top of the forested hill in the centre of the City of Ljubljana, and the City of Celje and its urban forest. The event will be intensively promoted to raise the awareness of the importance of urban forests even more.

We invite you to use the Forum to bring the spotlight on your achievements.

The registration and submission of abstracts, as well as information on the EFUF 2016 blog post competition, can be accessed at the following sites:

<http://efuf2016.gozdis.si/>

<https://www.facebook.com/EFUF2016/>

<https://www.conftool.net/efuf2016/>

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4. International Conference: Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas - Experiences, challenges and perspectives, 14-16 September 2016, Žabljak, Montenegro

The conference is organized in the framework of project “Valorizing the Montenegrin Katuns through sustainable development of agriculture and tourism - KATUN”¹. The main idea of KATUN project, being implemented by the interdisciplinary research team, is to create a knowledge base for the multipurpose use of the Montenegrin mountain resources, by combining the traditional agriculture with boosting tourism activities and protecting the cultural heritage (www.katun.me).

Katuns as nuclei of traditional agriculture in mountain areas face many challenges. This uniqueness of Montenegro has to be preserved and revitalized via new opportunities in tourism and other complementary activities (handcraft, trade, culture, services).

The Conference objective is to provide an overview of different experiences and good practices in development of mountain areas, to improve understanding of the challenges in dynamic social and economic environment and to bring together key players in development of Montenegrin mountains.

As an important milestone of the project, the Conference is expected to contribute in achieving the main project aims: knowledge and innovations’ transfer to the agriculture and agro-tourism; generate entrepreneurship in the mountainous multifunctional agriculture; and achieve sustainable cultural heritage protection.

Target audience

This conference is intended for researchers and the professionals involved in different aspects of development of rural areas (producers, food chain representatives, public stakeholders and agencies, policy makers, consulting sector, NGOs,...), as well as those dealing with cultural-historical heritage there.

The main thematic areas

The conference will be focused on the social, cultural and business environment in development of mountain areas, specifically on:

- Social innovations and entrepreneurship in rural development
- Sustainable agricultural production in mountainous areas, especially on katuns Promotion and protection of the traditional products
- Ecological system services in mountainous areas, environment and biodiversity protection
- Sustainable eco-rural tourism
- Cultural-historical heritage: story, material, the perspectives

Important dates

Abstracts submission: until May 31st 2016

Full paper submission: until August 15th 2016

Registration: until September 1st 2016

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5. The Second international scientific and expert conference "Natural resources, green technology and sustainable development-GREEN/2", 5-7 October 2016, Zagreb, Croatia

We are very pleased to announce the Second international scientific and expert conference "Natural resources, green technology and sustainable development-GREEN/2" which will be held in Zagreb from 5th to 7th October 2016.

The first conference in 2014 was very successful with over 200 participants from 16 countries participated and 130 oral and poster presentations. Our started aim of bringing together scientists and experts from different research backgrounds was more than fulfilled. The enthusiasm and support expressed by participants has prompted us to organise the second conference.

Join GREEN/2 now and reserve your spot!

KEY AREAS

1. SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF ECOSYSTEMS
2. FOOD AS NATURAL SOURCES OF FUNCTIONAL INGREDIENTS
3. GREEN TECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION
4. BIOMASS FOR BIO-BASED ECONOMY
5. BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Contributions through plenary sessions, presentations, poster section are welcomed from scientists, experts and businessmen. The multidisciplinary approach will highlight the latest achievements in science, illustrate new policies, demonstrate innovative techniques and outline sustainability of natural resources.

*More information please find at: <http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-5/50000/activities/>

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6. Call for Abstracts - Conference "Coppice Forests in Europe: Ecosystem services, protection and nature conservation", 15 -17 June 2016, Antwerp, Belgium

We are pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the upcoming Conference "Coppice Forests in Europe: Ecosystem services, protection and nature conservation" in Antwerp, Belgium from June 15 - 17, 2016.

The Conference is organised within the framework of the COST Action 1301 EuroCoppice - all interested parties are warmly welcome to attend, whether from within or outside the Action.

Participants can look forward to presentations and discussions on coppice forests in the areas of biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services and nature conservation policy and legislation. The programme outline is as follows:

- * Wednesday, June 15th: (Action FP1301 Internal Meetings); Icebreaker in the evening
- * Thursday, June 16th: Conference, including oral presentations & posters
- * Friday, June 17th: Excursion, jointly organised with the University of Ghent

Details on the Programme, Call for Abstracts & Registration are available here:

<http://www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de/intern/pdf/conference-antwerp-2016/conference-antwerp-1st-call>

Updates regarding the Conference will be posted on this webpage: <http://www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de/conferences/conference-antwerp>

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7. 2nd International Meeting on Mediterranean Stone Pine for Agroforestry (AGROPINE 2016), 18-20 May, Oeiras, Portugal.

The 2nd International Meeting on Mediterranean Stone Pine for Agroforestry (AGROPINE 2016) will be held in Oeiras, Portugal.

The importance of stone pine (*Pinus pinea*) forests and plantations in the Mediterranean rural areas has been increasing, thanks to the rich flavour and excellent dietetic values of the pine nuts that make it one of the world's most valuable nuts. If properly managed stone pine can also contribute to minimize the risk of abandonment and land desertification in areas with limited sources of income.

Although stone pine is one of the most interesting tree species in Mediterranean agro-forestry economy, new and increasing challenges must be foreseen and answered, in order to improve this important economical revenue for the forest owners and along the value chain. Networking between researchers and different forest stakeholders is in this context of utmost importance.

Recently, the Portuguese research and innovation agenda on stone pine and pine nuts has been approved, within a participatory process of consultation among the partners of the Competence Centre of the Stone Pine and Pine Nuts, involving researchers, technicians, stakeholders from different organizations, defining a set of priority research actions.

The main objectives of AGROPINE 2016 are to connect the different researchers from the Mediterranean region, to update, share and transfer the current knowledge, to identify strategic research needs and partnership opportunities and to network and analyse the current state of stone pine culture and pine nuts markets.

Key dates:

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| 7th March 2016 | Deadline for abstract submission |
| 31st March 2016 | Notification abstracts acceptance |
| 16th April 2016 | End of early bird registration |
| After 16th April 2016 | Regular registration |

*More information please find at: <http://agropine2016.iniav.pt/>

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8. MSc or PhD opportunity: Climate effects on tree growth across a moisture-limited forest landscape

The Department of Biology and the Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative at the University of Regina is seeking a motivated individual with interests in forest dynamics and forest-climate interactions for an MSc or PhD project at the University of Regina investigating tree growth across a semi-arid “island” forest landscape in the Canadian prairies. Tree growth has a strong bearing on the structure, biomass, and carbon balance of forests. Relationships between growth and water availability are critical to understanding how increasing aridity may threaten the long-term persistence of forest cover near the prairie-forest ecotone in western Canada, potentially leading to the loss of ecosystem services provided by forests in this region. The successful candidate will use dendrochronological techniques to reconstruct recent growth history across Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park on the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, and use the resulting data to derive predictive relationships between growth and water availability for several tree species. The position will be hosted at the Department of Biology and the Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative at the University of Regina, working under the supervision of Dr. Mark Vanderwel (<http://vanderwelforestlab.weebly.com>) and Dr. Dave Sauchyn (http://www.parc.ca/research_professors_sauchyn.htm).

Applicants should have a minimum of a BSc and strong academic record in biology or a related field, with a keen interest in forest ecology and climate change impacts on terrestrial ecosystems. Experience with field work and good quantitative skills would be major assets. Preferred start date is May 2016. To apply, please send a cover letter describing research interests, a CV, unofficial academic transcripts, and contact information for 2 references by e-mail to mark.vanderwel@uregina.ca and david.sauchyn@uregina.ca. Review of applications will begin on February 29 and will continue until the position is filled.

