

Coppice forests: past, present and future

International conference

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First call

website: <http://coppice.eu/>

Coppice forests have been a focal topic in forestry, ecology and nature conservation over the past decades. This short-rotation management system has a long tradition in the temperate regions of Europe and Asia. As a result 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

Keynote speakers include Keith Kirby, Matthias Bürgi and Gianfranco Fabbio. Further details about the conference, abstract submission and technical issues will be announced in the second call in the first half of September 2014.

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