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1) **Registration opens**

After some very work-intensive weeks, all of the ca. 3400 abstracts submitted have been reviewed. Notes of acceptance have been sent out via email.

We thank the members of the Congress Scientific Committee, IUFRO Division Coordinators, and all session organizers for their dedication and of course all authors for their contributions and patience.



Registration opens on 22. March 2017. You need to register online on our website:

http://iufro2017.com/registration/

You are kindly asked to register early! Due to the unexpected overwhelming interest in the congress, we can accept registrations of up to 2100 participants only.

Early-bird fee is available up to 1 June 2017. There will be graduated entry fees for IUFRO members and nonmembers from developed and economically disadvantaged countries, and for students. For congress fees, please see our website as linked above.

Spring in Freiburg: Daphne sp. in front of the FVA building.

Key dates

- 4 April 2016 Call for Session Proposals
- 15 June 2016 Deadline Call for Session Proposals
- 16 September 2016 Call for Abstracts
- 30 November 2016 Deadline Call for Abstracts
- 22 March 2017 Start Registration
- 01 June 2017 Deadline Early Registration
- 18-22 September 2017 125th Anniversary Congress 2017

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2) IFSA initiatives: Incubator Session and Mentoring Program

Attention! Interest sought for the

- IFSA Incubation Session
- IFSA IUFRO Mentoring Program
 - What are they and what do they involve?

For the IFSA Incubator Session, abstract submissions are invited from bachelor or masters students, from which 20 students will be selected to present their project in a "TED Talks" style presentation of 5 minutes. For more information or to submit an abstract please visit the <u>IFSA website</u> or contact <u>Dylan Goff</u>. Abstract submission for this pro- s gram ends



1 August 2017.

The IFSA-IUFRO Mentoring Program seeks to link experienced scientists with students or early career scientists participating in the congress for their mutual benefit. You are asked to express your interest in this program when filling out the registration form. Further information on this program will be soon published on our website.

3) Training sessions, workshop and symposia

During the IUFRO 125th Anniversary Congress we offer participants a number of **summer schools** organized by NFZ.forestnet partners.

They will take place in Nancy, Freiburg and Zurich. Some summer schools are run before, some after the congress.

For detailed descriptions and instruction of application, please see

http://iufro2017.com/summer-school/

The organization team adopted a policy of offering a limited number of **training sessions** and **workshops** for students and early to mid -carrier scientists to develop their skills or knowledge.

Together with IFSA and partners, we offer Youth Training Sessions in scientific writing and on the topic of forest governance.

A workshop on <u>GuidosToolbox</u> has also been included in the program for anyone interested.

4) Honorable Visitor: Mike Wingfield in Stuttgart and Freiburg

Prof. Mike Wingfield, current president of IUFRO, visited Freiburg. In a very productive atmosphere, several program and event details were discussed with the FVA Organization Team and Alexander Buck, the Executive Director of IUFRO from Vienna.

Mr. Wingfield also had the opportunity to meet the Minister for Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection Baden-Württemberg, Minister Hauk.



Left to right: F. Reining, H. Desmond, P. Hauk, M. Wingfield, K. v. Teuffel, S. Werner, A. Buck, J. Fischbach-Einhoff

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4) Post-congress Excursions

Thanks to the dedicated support of our partner forest research institutes, we are happy to offer you **32 post-congress excursions!** A few more will be added within the next weeks.

Excursion topics span through many

pressing topics addressed during the congress and in active research from the partnering institutes.

On our website you will find a short description of all excursions:

http://iufro2017.com/excursions/



Swiss Alps, Black Forest and Vosges: During the excursions you will experience stunningly beautiful landscapes!

5) Travel advice: plane and train discounts

By plane

On our website you will find special offers from our official airline partner:

iufro2017.com/official-airline/

The closest airport for inner-European flights is the <u>EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-</u> <u>Freiburg</u>, about 80 km away from Freiburg. From there, you can reach Freiburg by bus.

Bigger international airports in close proximity are <u>Zurich airport</u> (Switzerland) and <u>Frankfurt Airport</u> (Germany). Freiburg can be reached from either one in about two hours by train.

By train

Direct high-speed trains (ICE and IC) travel to Freiburg from all the major city centers in Germany as well as Basel and Zurich, in Switzerland. From Strasbourg, France, a good rail connection operates via Offenburg.

Regular train tickets can be booked online at <u>Bahn.de</u>. Reduced congress-bound tickets can be booked from 21.03. on through the link on our website:

http://iufro2017.com/getting-tofreiburg/

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The next issue of this newsletter will be sent in June 2017. There we will inform you about:

- Program
- Getting around in Freiburg
- VIP speakers

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