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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS  
**Deadline for abstracts: 31 May 2012!**

Conference

**Forests for cities, forests for people**  
**Perspectives on urban forest governance**

**27-28 September 2012**  
**Zagreb, Croatia**

**Organisation:**

**Croatian Forest Research Institute** in collaboration with **IUFRO section on urban forestry** and **FOPER II project (EFI)**

**Background**

The growing urban population, pressure from urbanisation and challenges associated with contemporary urban ways of living all call for the creation of healthy and pleasant urban environments. Urban trees, parks and woodlands contribute to a better quality of urban life and environment by providing a wide range of ecosystem services. The way in which these areas are governed and managed affects their sustainability and functionality.

**Aim:**

This international conference will focus on how urban forests are governed, especially in terms of policy-making and planning. The event will discuss different modes of urban forest governance, identify current policy discourses, and look at the roles of actors and stakeholders. Attention will also be given to benefits provided by urban forests and ways to assess these. Citizens' perceptions and needs, human health and recreation, social and aesthetic aspects of urban forests as well as urban forest health will be also addressed as important elements for decision making related to urban forests. Countries of South East Europe as well as industrialising nations will obtain particular emphasis at the event.

**Target groups:**

This conference targets scientists, policy-makers and practitioners involved with different aspects of urban forestry. Participants will represent a wide range of fields, including forestry, landscape architecture, architecture, horticulture and arboriculture, urban planning, and the social sciences.

**Venue: Hotel International, Zagreb** (<http://www.hotel-international.hr/>)

For further information on accommodation and prices, please visit the conference web site <http://www.sumins.hr/IUFRO2012/index1.html>

### **Registration & Conference fee**

Conference fee is 130 EUR and includes participation in the conference during both days, coffee breaks, lunch, conference dinner and field trip. For further information on how to make a payment, please visit <http://www.sumins.hr/IUFRO2012/registration.html>

### **Key dates:**

Deadline for sending abstracts: **31 May 2012**

Notification of participants whether abstract is accepted: **15 June 2012**

Final programme: to be announced at later stage.

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### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE AUTHORS:**

The abstract should include title, name of the author(s) and their affiliations. The body of the abstract should not exceed 500 words. The font should be Times New Roman 12 pt for the body and 14 pt for the title.

### **Topics:**

- urban forest governance
- citizens' perceptions and needs
- human health and recreation
- valuation of urban forest benefits
- urban forest health
- cultural and aesthetic aspects of urban forests and trees.

Please, send your abstracts as an attachment by using the following e-mail address:

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**Welcome to Zagreb!**

