



First Announcement

IUFRO European Congress 2007

organised in conjunction with the EFI Annual Conference 2007

Forests and Forestry in the Context of Rural Development

**Warsaw, Poland
6-8 September 2007**

Organisers

- Faculty of Forestry, Warsaw Agricultural University
- International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)
- European Forest Institute (EFI)

Background and Objectives

Forests and forestry contribute to rural development in multiple ways. Policy makers and practitioners alike are confronted with growing and increasingly diverse social, economic and environmental demands of modern societies on forests and forestry. In addition, global developments such as climate change and urbanization influence and transform the ways in which forests are perceived, managed, conserved and used as elements of the rural landscape. More scientific knowledge is needed to better understand the complex relations between forests and other land-uses and to overcome the different constraints to forestry in the context of rural development. The role of research as a foundation for the development of forestry and urban policies, planning and managing natural resources will be central.

The IUFRO European Congress aims to take a comprehensive and integrated view on the key issues inside and outside the forest sector that shape and influence the role of forests and forestry as a means of rural development. The current state of knowledge will be presented, and further research priorities will be identified. The Congress will focus on four main themes:

- Policies supporting rural development
- Forests and rural development in the light of global change
- Social aspects of forests and forestry in the rural landscape
- Economic role of forests in rural development

The Congress will be aimed at forest researchers from IUFRO or EFI member organizations as well as scientists from related research fields, forest and natural resource policy-makers, land-use planners and forest practitioners, stakeholders and researchers from related fields.

Congress Programme

The programme will consist of presentations of invited keynote speakers representing forest science and other scientific disciplines, voluntary presentations and posters addressing the four main themes of the Congress. The detailed programme will be available at the Congress website in <http://conference2007.wl.sggw.pl>.

Call for Abstracts

We hereby invite all interested to submit abstracts on your research and development activities that are of relevance to the four main themes of the Congress. The Scientific Committee will make a selection of abstracts to be orally presented during the Congress. There will also be an opportunity to present posters. Abstracts for both oral and poster presentations should be prepared, using the guidelines available at the Congress website.

*The abstracts should be submitted **by March 15, 2007** to:*

Prof. Dr. Piotr Paschalis Jakubowicz

Chair, Scientific Committee of the IUFRO European Congress 2007

Warsaw Agricultural University

Faculty of Forestry, Poland

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Participants

- IUFRO members organisations
- Planning and social sciences
- Forest and natural resources policy makers
- Researchers, experts and specialists of other related sector policies
- Others interested in the topic

EFI Annual Conference

Prior to the IUFRO European Congress, EFI will hold its Annual Conference 2007. This event is open to its member representatives and invited observers. For further information regarding the EFI Annual Conference please contact Ms. Anu Ruusila at EFI (firstname.lastname (at) efi.int). Further information will also be available in the EFI website (<http://www.efi.int>).

Congress Language

The official language of the Congress is English. The organisers arrange no interpretation.

Venue

The Congress will be held at the Campus of the Warsaw Agricultural University Warsaw, Poland.

Technical Excursion

A one-day excursion will be organized.

Registration, Travel, Accommodation

Detailed information about the registration fees and modalities, as well as about the travel and accommodation will be available on the Congress website.

Congress Website and Further Information

<http://conference2007.wl.sggw.pl>

The participants are expected to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation. The organisers have arranged special rates in two hotels situated in the very centre of Warsaw. When making your reservation in the two hotels listed below, please mention the reservation code "**SGGW**". Reservations will only be valid after the deposit has been received. Please note that reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis at the time of receipt of deposit payment.

1. Metropol Hotel * * *

Address: Ul. Marsza³kowska 99A, 00-693 Warszawa

Tel.: +48 22 629 40 00

Fax: +48 22 625 30 14

Email: hotel.METROPOL@syrena.com.pl

Internet: www.hotelmetropol.com

Room rates: Single room: 65 Euro/night with breakfast

2. Novotel Warszawa Centrum ****

Address: Marsza³kowska 94/98, 00-510 Warszawa

Tel.: +48 22 596 25 40

Fax.: + 48 22 596 01 22

Email: ciecwierz.p.nov.warszawa@orbis.pl

Internet: www.polhotels.com.pl

Room rates:

Single room 92 EUR, double 107 EUR (note: valid until the end of 2006)

Single room 102 EUR, double 117 EUR (note: valid 1.1.2006-30.04.2007)

Breakfast included