

Berkeley-Corvallis, March 2nd, 2007

Dear fellow forest pathologists,

It is with great pleasure we officially invite you to attend the upcoming “Root and Butt Rot of Forest Trees” scientific meeting on the West Coast of the USA from August 12th until August 19th, 2007. This will be the 12th international meeting of the International Union of Forestry Research Organization, Working Party 7.02.01. The meeting will provide attendees with a unique opportunity to visit a variety of sites in California and Oregon including San Francisco, Berkeley, Yosemite Valley, Mono Lake, the ghost town of Bodie, Mammoth Lakes, Lake Tahoe, Squaw Valley, Mount Lassen, Mount Shasta and Crater Lake. Spectacular coastline, vast forests, active calderas and volcanoes, high deserts, gigantic waterfalls and the largest alpine lake in the world will all be visited during the meeting. Venues of the conference will include the lush grounds of the Clark Kerr campus at U. C. Berkeley with views of the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco; the Mammoth Mountain Inn nestled at over 2000 m above sea level overlooking the high desert and the spectacular Minarets; the Plumpjack Inn at Squaw Valley at the foot of the Tramway used by athletes during the 1960 Winter Olympic Games, and the Red Lion in quaint Medford, Oregon. Meals will showcase the cultural diversity of the West Coast and will include a Chinese banquet in San Francisco’s Chinatown as well as an Italian Buffet and a traditional barbeque.

General Itinerary

All transportation during the meeting will be provided in comfortable coaches. The first session of the conference (not to be missed!), will start at 2.30 pm on August 12th at the Joseph Wood Krutch Theatre at the Clark Kerr campus at U.C. Berkeley. On August 14th we will break sessions to travel eastward to Mammoth Mountain Inn in the Sierras, stopping along the way in beautiful Yosemite Valley. After one more day of sessions in Mammoth we will drive northward to Squaw Valley on August 16th. The next day we shall stop at stunning Lassen National Park before entering Oregon and arriving at Medford. Our last field trip to Crater Lake will be held on August 18th. The meeting will end in Medford at approximately 1-2 pm on August 19th after the closing sessions.

Getting There and Away

For your travel plans consider either San Francisco or Oakland International Airports for your arrival, and Medford for your departure. No transportation will be provided between Medford and San Francisco.

Most likely, you will have to book a room in the San Francisco Bay Area for the night of August 11th, while you should be able to book a flight out of Medford in the afternoon of August 19th. There are only a handful of hotels in Berkeley, but nearby San Francisco has a huge selection of hotels. San Francisco (both downtown and the airport) and Berkeley are linked by a rapid train system called BART. To reach the Clark Kerr campus on your own, disembark at Downtown Berkeley on the “Richmond” line and catch a short taxi ride. We will also pick up attendees at 11, 12, and 1 pm on the 12th at the Rockridge BART station on the “Pittsburgh/Bay Point” line, just let us know you will be using our complimentary service.

Optional Pre-Conference Field Trip

For those who are interested (first-come, first-served basis), a pre-conference field trip will showcase the dramatic effects of Sudden Oak Death on August 11th, starting at 9.30 am (pick up will be in Union Square, meet at the column in the center of the square) and will end approximately at 5.30 pm. The trip will include a visit to a majestic redwood stand and to a remote forested beach area. A box-lunch and beverages will be provided to attendees.

Information for Authors

Watch out for the exciting novelties of the scientific program! With the exception of a few longer invited talks, attendees should count on 15-20 minutes for their oral presentations including a couple of minutes for questions. Poster presentations are substituted by short oral presentations. Short oral presentations will be 5 minutes long and will include a maximum of 5 slides. Questions will be asked at the end of a session rather than at the end of each presentation. Two sessions for short talks are scheduled; priority for short talks will be given to students who are not giving a full presentation, followed by attendees who are not given a long talk, and finally short talks may be used as a second presentation by attendees who already give a full talk.

When submitting abstracts for both long and short talks, attendees need to select the focus area of their presentation. Please include first and second best selections among the following focus areas:

- 1 - Systematics, taxonomy, and phylogeography
- 2 - Ecology
- 3 - Aetiology and epidemiology
- 4 - Population genetics
- 5 - Genomics and plant-pathogen interactions
- 6- Disease management and control
- 7- New reports, diagnostics, and research applications of diagnostic methods

Abstracts should not exceed 1,400 characters, including title, authors and all publication information. Abstracts need to be sent to Dr. Paolo Gonthier by emailing paolo.gonthier@unito.it no later than May 31st, 2007. Emails need to include IUFRO ABSTRACT in the reference box. The conference organizers will try to accommodate everybody, but some long talks may be transformed into short, if needed.

The conference proceedings will not feature full papers, but rather extended abstracts. Please follow the Plant Disease guidelines (<http://www.apsnet.org/pd/submit.asp>) for style and format details. Short presentations (ex-posters) will not exceed 3166 characters, including title, authors, all publication information, and a maximum of four references. A maximum of two items,

between tables and figures, can be added to the script. Figures and/or tables, including legends, should be formatted to fit into one third of a page, maximum.

Long presentations will not exceed 6322 characters, including title, authors, all publication information, and a maximum of eight references. A maximum of four items, between tables and figures, can be added to the script. Figures and/or tables, including legends, should be formatted to fit into two thirds of one page, maximum.

Deadline for submitting the extended abstracts is July 7th; extended abstracts not submitted by that date will not be included in the proceedings. Before submitting your extended abstract, please ensure with the organizers it has been approved for a long presentation. Extended abstracts should be sent to Dr. Matteo Garbelotto at iufro07rbr-registration@nature.berkeley.edu and need to include IUFRO EXTENDED ABSTRACT in the reference box.

Registration

Registration is now open, and will close on June 22nd. Payment must be received by Friday June 29th. Because we have booked limited blocks for each type of rooms, we strongly recommend you register as soon as possible to ensure the desired type of accommodation. Note that all meals will be covered by your registration and accommodation fees.

We are pleased to offer the following options:

REGISTRATION

Professional Registration:	US\$	440.00
Student Registration:	US\$	400.00
Spouse Registration:	US\$	340.00

ACCOMMODATION CALIFORNIA (12th-17th)

Single Room:	US\$	650.00
Double Room:	US\$	450.00
Student Room:	US\$	360.00

ACCOMMODATION OREGON (17th-19th)

Single or Double Room:	US\$	164.00 plus applicable taxes
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PRE-CONFERENCE SUDDEN OAK DEATH TRIP (11th)

Transportation and meal:	US\$	50.00
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Registration and Payment Instructions

1. Pre-register before June 22nd by sending the pre-registration form in an email to Ms. Amy Smith at iufro07rbr-registration@nature.berkeley.edu. Please note that the email needs to include IUFRO REGISTRATION in the reference box.

2. Within 72 hours, you will receive a confirmation email, inclusive of the total amount you owe, and a form that must accompany payment. The form needs to be downloaded, filled in, and

signed. For attendees in the United States, an institution-printed check will suffice. For international attendees, either a money order or wire transfer may be used as payment.

2B. If paying by money order (int'l) or check (US), make payment to *Regents of the University of California*. Send the signed registration form and payment to:

Ms. Amy Smith, IUFRO CONFERENCE
Garbelotto Laboratory
Department of ESPM
137 Mulford Hall
University of California
Berkeley, CA 94720
USA
Telephone 510 643-4282

2C. If paying by wire transfer (int'l's only), we will open two windows of time during which you may engage the transfer. Each window will last for one week (Monday through Friday), during the last weeks of May and June 2007. You may use either window at your convenience. The possible dates of transfer are **May 28 - June 1**, or **June 25 - June 29**. When you have finalized the transfer, on that same day send an email to iufro07rbr-registration@nature.berkeley.edu and cite 'PAYMENT TRANSFERRED' in the subject heading. If possible, within the body of the email, please cite the date and time the transfer was engaged. This will allow us to locate your payment within the larger UC financial system. *It is very important that you follow the transfer with this email!* Lastly, please mail your signed registration form to Amy Smith after the transfer has occurred to the address listed above for check payments.

Wire Information

Beneficiary: The Regents of the University of California
Beneficiary's address: 1111 Franklin St., Oakland, CA 94607-5200
Bank: Bank of America, NA
Bank address:
Bank account number: 01753-80001
ABA: 0260-0959-3
SWIFT: BOFAUS3N
CHIPS: 0959
Reference: IUFRO-RBR Conference fees

3. Reserve your room in Medford by calling 1-800-RED-LION (within the US and Canada) or by calling 001-541-779-5811. Ask for the International Union of Forest Research Organizations group rate.

4. Send your abstract to Dr. Paolo Gonthier as indicated above. Remember to include favorite and second best focus area. You can use the numbers assigned above to each area, if you wish to do so.

REMEMBER PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 29th , WE CANNOT GUARANTEE EITHER ROOM AVAILABILITY OR RATES AFTER THAT DATE.

Please note that, thanks to [The Koret Foundation](#), we will be able to offer two waivers of all registration and accommodation fees (and possibly two small travel grants) to offset the costs of travel. These are grants intended to benefit scientists from developing countries. Requests for waivers should be done in form of email and should include a full CV. If interested, please email Dr. Matteo Garbelotto at matteo@nature.berkeley.edu.

Don't forget to periodically check the conference website for updates and last minute information: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/IUFRO2007/rootrot/>

We are all very excited to be hosting you in our unique two States, characterized by a fantastic variety of cultures and natural habitats, and of course plagued by a plethora of root diseases! This will be a unique and unforgettable experience. See you on the West Coast!

YOUR HOSTS:

Matteo Garbelotto
Gregory Filip
Paolo Gonthier
Ellen Goheen
Amy Smith