

International Conference “Governing and managing forests for multiple ecosystem services across the globe”

Call for papers

Bonn, 26th-28th February, 2020

Call opens: July 18th, 2019

Deadline for abstract submission: **30th September 2019**

The conference

Forests are among the planet’s most important human life-supporting ecosystems. They provide a plethora of ecosystem services for societies, and are subject to various and often conflicting demands. Governing and managing forests for multiple ecosystem services has been an important paradigm for a long time. A variety of forest management concepts, such as *sustainable forest management*, *ecosystem-based management*, *close-to-nature forestry* or *multifunctional forestry*, have been developed to accommodate distinct social demands in different contexts. Yet, with respect to trade-offs between distinct forest ecosystem services, different priorities have been set on the ground under the umbrella of these concepts. Moreover, different spatial approaches have been used to accommodate diverging demands on forests (from single tree to landscape approaches). Such forest management approaches are embedded in complex policy contexts that build on a large variety of policies and initiatives. They are also connected to various forest-related value chains, all affecting how forests are managed in practice. Importantly, several factors that influence both forest policies and management originate from other sectors, such as agriculture, environment, energy, and rural development. At the same time, major global challenges and trends such as climate change and biodiversity loss, along with rising demands for products and services due to urbanisation, economic growth and an increasing world population affect how forests are (and can be) governed and managed.

The main objective of this conference is to compile and synthesise the scientific evidence related to the current state of “integrated” forest management approaches, including those at a global scale. We understand integrated forest management approaches as those where the objective, at both policy and forest management levels, is to provide a multitude of services at the same time, whether for individual trees, forest stands or whole forest landscapes.

The conference seeks to bring together academic research on integrated forest management from disciplines such as policy analysis, ecology, economics, forest (ecosystem) management and conservation. It will also engage policy makers and practitioners in a dialogue on how to advance integrated forest management approaches.

Themes and contributions

The conference invites contributions on the following major questions:

- How are **trade-offs and synergies** between different **forest ecosystem services perceived, governed and managed** across Europe and beyond?
- What **concepts** exist for **integrated forest management**, what **drives** them (policy/market/environmental change, social demands), including their **implementation** in practice, and what are their **prospects for the future**?
- What do we know about how such management concepts impact the **ecological structures and interactions in forests**, and how are these linked to specific outcomes (biodiversity, ecosystem services)?

It is the intention of the conference organisers and the members of the scientific committee to develop one or more special issues and/or symposia in peer-reviewed journals based on selected conference contributions. The conference foresees specific sessions of dialogue with policy makers and forest practitioners to ensure connections between science, policy and forest management practice.

Abstract submission

We are looking for abstracts suggesting conference papers (for oral presentations) or posters (for speed talk presentations). Abstracts should not exceed 350 words and are to be written in English. The **deadline for submission is September 30th, 2019**.

For abstract submission, please use the online system:

<https://www.appinconf.com/kas/Abstract?projectName=polyfores2020>

The conference committee will evaluate and determine whether contributions will be accepted. Applicants will be informed by October 20, 2019.

Conference registration and fee

The registration will open in autumn 2019. There will be a conference fee of ca. 100–150 Euro to cover meals and beverages as well as the field trip. More information will follow on www.slu.se/fes.governance-2020 and <http://informatr.eu/final-conference>.

Important dates

July 18 th , 2019	Call for papers opens
September 30 th , 2019	Closure of call
October 20 th , 2019	Notification of acceptance, registration opens
November 20 th , 2019	Conference registration (early bird) closes
December 31 st , 2019	Conference registration closes
January 31 st , 2019	Conference paper submission deadline
February 26 th –28 th , 2020	Conference
After the conference	Special issues, policy follow-up

Conference organisation

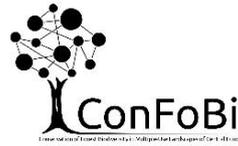
Scientific partner organisations

- European Forest Institute (EFI, main organiser, international)
- Swedish Agricultural University (SLU, Sweden)
- University of Freiburg (Germany)
- University of Padova - TESAF Department (UNIPD, Italy)
- Centre for Forest Ecology and Productivity of the Russian Academy of Sciences (CEPF, Russian Federation)
- Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU, Norway)
- National Institute of Agricultural Research, Nancy (INRA, France)
- Forest Sciences Centre of Catalunya (CTFC, Spain)
- Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research (WSL) in collaboration with the "Swiss Forest Lab" (both Switzerland)
- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU, Austria)
- Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR, international)
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven, Belgium)
- International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)



Project partners

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Accommodation

Hotel contingents will be reserved in the city of Bonn. The conference organisers will provide more information in connection to the letters of acceptance for paper and poster suggestions.

Practical information and contact

Dates: from Wednesday 26th of February 2020 at 1:00 pm until Friday 28th February 2020 at 2:00 pm

Venue: Research Centre CAESAR, Ludwig-Erhard-Allee 2, D-53175 Bonn

Travel: please check [venue website for directions](#)

Website: <https://www.slu.se/fes.governance-2020> and <http://informar.eu/final-conference>.

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