

EFUF 2014

17th European Forum on Urban Forestry
Conference

Crossing Boundaries
Urban Forests – Green cities

2nd Call

3 - 7 June 2014
Lausanne, Switzerland

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European Forum on Urban Forestry (EFUF)

The “European Forum on Urban Forestry” (EFUF) is an event which provides a meeting place for practitioners, scientists and educators involved with the planning and management of urban forests and urban green infrastructure. The event is an important gathering of national and international expertise and provides an opportunity for practitioners, researchers and policy makers to share experience and good practice. In 2014 the conference will be held in Switzerland.

Crossing Boundaries between Cities and Forests

Urbanisation is increasing worldwide. Today more than two thirds of the European population is living in urban areas and the trend is set to continue (EU 2011). Urbanization creates a development paradox; on the one hand, pressure on agriculture, forest and open land for urban development is growing whilst on the other green infrastructures is seen as critical to a good quality of life for urban dwellers. In this context, “urban forests” a major component of green infrastructure is key to sustaining the development of “green cities and the health and well-being of citizens”. Boundaries between cities and urban forests are intricate and significant, diversified and dynamic: the forest and the city are inter-dependant in many ways.

EFUF 2014 Conference Aims

The conference will focus on “crossing the boundaries between urban forests and the green city”. The Conference aims are to:

- (a) Share actual knowledge on the multiple-benefits of urban forests and green infrastructure, notably in respect of their ecological, economic and social value.
- (b) Foster interdisciplinary strategies to better integrate urban forests and green infrastructure in the planning and development of urban areas.
- (c) Raise cross-sectoral awareness about the importance of urban forests and green infrastructure for the sustainable development of cities.

Conference Topics

The conference is looking for both scientific presentations and practical experiences on Ecosystem services, green infrastructures, urban agriculture, social good and conflicts in land use. The main topics are:

- 1) How to define and promote ecosystem services provided by urban forests and green infrastructures.
- 2) How to integrate urban forests and green infrastructures in urban planning, design and projects. This topic is expected to cover the ways to create new forests, open and green spaces, greenbelts and greenways including the development of social and ecologically comprehensive green networks.
- 3) How to manage urban forests and green infrastructures regarding urbanization, pollution, climate change and social pressures. This topic is expected to cover how professionals and researchers meet urban dwellers’ and stakeholders’ demands regarding urban forests and green spaces.
- 4) How to promote social goods into the urban forest such as multicultural integration in urban forest and green spaces and how it can improve social health and wellbeing for all sections of society.
- 5) How to manage conflicts between multiple uses, including urban farming and forest uses leading to successful urban forest management and green-space policies.
- 6) How to cross boundaries for those working in Urban Forestry such as gender issues, lack of ability for those in poorer countries to participate in international events, lack of professional status, ethnicity issues for those working in the field.

Audience

The conference is targeted at the needs of public and private actors concerned with urban forest, green space and landscape management as well as professionals and researchers involved in urban planning, architecture and sustainable development. It will provide opportunities for practitioners, managers, scientists, public authorities and policy makers to share interdisciplinary experience and good practice.



Preliminary Conference Programme

The conference programme will be a combination of plenary and parallel sessions, key notes, thematic and poster presentations and field visits to key urban forestry projects.

Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 19.00 – 21.00:

Welcome, Registration, Conference-Warm Up, Welcome Addresses.

Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 08.00 – 18.00:

Registration, Opening Session, Keynotes, Plenary Session, Poster Session and Open Space.

Thursday, June 5, 2014, 08.30 – 22.00:

Keynotes, Plenary and Parallel Sessions, Field Exercise, Gala Dinner.

Friday, June 6, 2014, 08.30 – 17.30:

Keynotes, Plenary Session, Parallel Sessions, Conclusions and Closing,
EFUF Dinner in the evening (20.00 – 23.00).

Saturday, June 7, 2014, 09.00 – 16.00:

Excursions in Geneva.

For more details check the conference website.

Keynotes

The conference organizers are pleased to announce that the EFUF conference in Lausanne will feature keynote lectures from:

- Arne Arnberger, Professor, Institute of Landscape Development, Recreation and Conservation Planning; BOKU - University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna.
- Louise Naude, Regional Director, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, Africa Secretariat.
- Georg Schoop, Dipl. Forst. Ing. ETH, director of the urban forest management and ecology of Baden

Registration

Further details concerning the registration can be found at the conference website:

www.efuf2014.org.

Deadline for "early bird" registration is March 31, 2014.

Registration closes on April 30, 2014.

Accommodation of various types and of a reasonable price has been secured by the conference secretariat in several hotels near the conference venue. Further information can be found on the conference website.

Abstract submission

Participants who wish to present results of their research or practical results at the conference must send in their abstracts within the submission deadline (see below). The abstracts should contribute to the conference theme and be dedicated to 1 or 2 conference topics. It is possible to present scientific results (scientific oriented contribution) as well as practical results and experiences (practice oriented contribution). The organizers specially encourage practitioners to present their experiences at the conference.

A special focus will be given on the poster session. The presentors of posters will have the opportunity to give a short introduction to their work. Further information on the policy and guidelines can be found on the conference website.

The call for abstracts closes on January 31, 2014.



Conference Venue / Location

The host for the EFUF 2014 conference is the University of Lausanne (www.unil.ch) Switzerland. The University of Lausanne is situated at the heart of the French-speaking region of Switzerland, in the middle of Europe - close to France, Germany, Italy, and Austria. Founded in 1537, the University of Lausanne is composed of seven faculties where over 13,000 students and 2,700 researchers work and study. The UNIL campus is spread across three locations on the shores of Lake Geneva. This picturesque landscape, with views of the Alps and the lake, provides the ideal setting for study and research.

Conference Language

English will be the official language of the Forum.

Abstract Book

All selected abstracts will be included in the Abstract Book distributed to attendees on site and available online right after the conference.

Organisers and Partners

At the time of issue of this call the following institutions have agreed to be co-organizers and/or partners of the event.

Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN); Direction générale de l'environnement du canton de Vaud, Inspection cantonale des forêts (DGE-FORET) ; Service des forêts du canton de Genève, Direction Générale de la Nature et du Paysage (DGNP) ; University of Lausanne (UNIL); Swiss Federal Research Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research (WSL); University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland, Geneva-technology, architecture and landscape (hepia); Bern University of Applied Sciences, School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences (BFH-HAFL); Hochschule für Technik Rapperswil (HSR); Lausanne Tourisme; Fachverein Wald (FVW); Swiss Society of engineers and architects (SIA); Arbeitsgemeinschaft für den Wald (AfW).

International Partners

European Forum on Urban Forestry (EFUF); International Union of Forest Research Organizations, 6.07.00-Urban Forestry, (IUFRO); European Forest Institute (EFI); COST FP 1204 GreenInUrbs.

Conference Fee

There are five different conference packages provided with reduced fees for students.

For further details please check our conference website www.efuf2014.org.

Contact and information

You will find further information on the Conference website.

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We look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful lakeside City of Lausanne, Switzerland for EFUF2014.

