



## ForeStClim Mid-term Conference, Nancy (France), 21/22 September 2010

### *European Forestry - Fit for Climate Change?*

On behalf of the **ForeStClim** Project Steering Committee it is my privilege and pleasure to invite all those who are interested in participating in the **ForeStClim** Mid-term Conference to be held at Nancy (France), a town with a long-lasting forest tradition.

High population densities, strong economic activities and climate change, place natural environments in North West Europe under increasing pressure. The sustainable management of these natural resources is of vital importance for the advancement of the entire North West European area.

Forests cover about 17.4 million hectares of North West Europe and, as long-lived ecosystems, will be especially vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Adaptation strategies are necessary to preserve the present diversity of forests and to use them sustainably in a changed climate.

It is the aim of the **ForeStClim** Mid-term Conference to gather forest scientists, decision-makers, NGO's and all stakeholders from Europe and even around the world. The **ForeStClim** Mid-term Conference will be a great opportunity to get together and exchange views on how to develop adaptation strategies to give forests a sound and sustainable future.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Nancy!

Yours sincerely

Prof. Dr. Gebhard Schüler  
(ForeStClim project manager)

## Conference Summary

Striving towards the aim of transnationally harmonised forest management strategies in the face of climate change, the **ForeStClim** project endeavours since 2008 to form a platform for 21 organisations and uncounted individuals all over North West Europe.

Now that **ForeStClim** is at an advanced stage of development, we are excited to invite to the project's mid-term conference. Even though the title is European, "**European Forestry - Fit for Climate Change ?**" is intended as an international conference. So, **ForeStClim** invites you, even far beyond the borders of North West Europe, as climate change is a global issue and will have to be dealt with by all humankind.

The overall focus of the event is to have a results-driven meeting. It will provide the grounds for our **ForeStClim** partner organisations to show their progress made and milestones reached, but also the chance to discuss open and newly arisen topics with a wider audience. For participants outside the **ForeStClim** project it also provides a number of benefits

- Participating in cutting-edge research in the field of forestry and climate change
- Presenting in front of a wide range of experts from all of North West Europe
- Being noticed as a potential partner for future INTERREG or related projects

3 parallel, moderated workshops will be organised on the first afternoon of the conference:

- Forests and Water
- Response of Trees to a Changing Climate
- Forest Management in the Face of Climate Change

Here, all delegates will have the chance to actively participate in the on-going scientific debates, exchange technical know-how, but also discuss possible consequences of the results gained. All in all, this event is seen as a unique chance to bring together people from research, development, forest management and stakeholders, and make them talk to each other.

## The ForeStClim Mid-term Conference

The 2-day event is scheduled for 21/22 September 2010, with the [Palais des Congrès](#) in Nancy/France as the venue.

It is organised by the ForeStClim management team, with generous support from our project partner [Office National des Forêts \(O.N.F. Strasbourg\)](#) and also [École Nationale du Génie Rural des Eaux et des Forêts \(AgroParisTech-ENGREF\)](#).

You will find vital information about the event, and a direct link to the online registration form on our website: <http://www.forestclim.eu> .

### **Deadline Overview**

- “Early bird” registration: until 31 May 2010
- Abstract submission (presentation/poster): 15 July 2010
- Hotel reservation: 31 August 2010
- Conference registration: 15 September 2010

### **Call for Papers**

You are invited to actively participate by giving a talk in one of the sessions envisaged, or by presenting a poster. The papers accepted should highlight the contributions that forest science is making to adapt to the environmental changes and to address the significant challenges facing a sustainable forestry.

Abstracts should address one or more the following themes:

- Forest site and stand shifts in response to environmental changes
- Response of trees to a changing climate
- Interactions between forests and water
- Hydrological modelling of forested catchments in different temporal and spatial scales
- Forest management and silvicultural decisions in the face of climate change

### **The submission deadline is 15 July 2010.**

Oral presentations will be 15 min + 5 minutes discussion each. If you intend to present, please send an abstract of your contribution (max. 500 words) to us at

[midterm@forestclim.eu](mailto:midterm@forestclim.eu)

Also remember to name the session you prefer to present in.

To facilitate the organisation of the sessions, you will be asked to submit a copy of your presentation a couple of days before the conference.

Any posters to the topic of forests and climate change are welcome. Posters will probably be arranged according to the 4 session topics. The format and size of the poster is not predetermined; however it is important that at least one author of the poster will be available on-site to present it during the guided tour on 20 September, 14.00-15.00 hours.

As for the presentations, the submission deadline for poster abstracts is 15 July 2010. Please send your abstract (max. 500 words) to us at

[midterm@forestclim.eu](mailto:midterm@forestclim.eu)

We are looking forward to all of your contributions. Thank you for helping to make this conference a valuable and rewarding event for everyone!

## Conference Program

The structure of the conference program is depicted in the table below. As the **ForeStClim** project is at an advanced stage already, the overall focus is to have a results-driven meeting.

This does not mean that we intend to overload the event with numerous specialist talks; we rather aim at a balanced approach of presentation-based sessions on the one hand, and workshops in smaller groups on the other hand. There will also be sufficient opportunities to meet and discuss.

Day	Schedule	Venue
Evening of <b>20.09.2010</b>	<i>Starting from 19.00 hours:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Registration</i></li> <li>• <i>“Ice breaker” - Get-together</i></li> </ul>	École Nationale du Génie Rural des Eaux et des Forêts (ENGREF)
<b>Day 1 21.09.2010</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Registration</i></li> </ul> 09.30 – 10.00 <b>Opening Session</b> , Greetings 10.30 – 13.00 <b>Session 1 – Projecting forest site and stand shifts</b> <u>Keynote:</u> Erwin Dreyer, INRA, Nancy (inquired)	Palais des Congrès
	<i>Lunch buffet</i>	
	14.00 – 15.00 <b>Guided poster presentations</b> 15.00 – 17.00 <b>Parallel Workshops</b> <u>Topics:</u> a) Forests and Water, b) Response of Trees to a Changing Climate, c) Forest Management in the Face of Climate Change; Parallel: <b>Stakeholder meeting</b>	
	19.00 <i>Welcome Reception by the Mayor of Nancy</i>	Hotel de Ville
<b>Day 2 22.09.2010</b>	09.00 – 12.30 <b>Session 2 – Climate change and water: modelling across spatial and temporal scales</b> <u>Keynote:</u> Wang Yanhui, Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF), Beijing	Palais des Congrès
	<i>Lunch buffet</i>	
	14.00 – 16.00 <b>Session 3 – Addressing climate change in practical silvicultural decision support</b> <u>Keynote:</u> Ljusk Ola Eriksson, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala 16.00 – 17.00 <i>Wrap-up, Conclusions, and Outlook</i>	

## Accompanying Program

Please feel free to also register for the social program on the evenings of 20 and 21 September 2010:

- 20 September 2010, 19.00-20.30 hours  
“Icebreaker”  
Prof. Roman-Amat and his colleagues are welcoming early-arriving delegates on the premises of the École Nationale du Génie Rural des Eaux et des Forêts (ENGREF).
- 21 September 2010, 19.00-20.00 hours  
“Welcome Reception”  
The Mayor of Nancy, André Rossinot, invites the delegates into Nancy’s Town Hall. Participants will be able to enjoy the brilliant architecture of the building, and – stimulated by drinks and snacks – learn why Nancy can be regarded as the French capital of forestry.

## Registration process

You can either register online, or alternatively download and send the registration form to the Palais des Congrès.

For online registration please visit the news section of our website:

<http://www.forestclim.eu>

To register offline, you may also download the form at

[http://www.forestclim.eu/fileadmin/Bilder/Dokumente/registration\\_form\\_final.pdf](http://www.forestclim.eu/fileadmin/Bilder/Dokumente/registration_form_final.pdf)

Please complete it and return it by mail or fax to:

Palais des Congrès  
BP 60663  
54063 NANCY CEDEX  
France  
TEL : (33) 03.83.36.81.81  
FAX : (33) 03.83.36.81.80  
E-mail : vv@nancy-congres.com

In the course of registration, you will be able to indicate your hotel category preferences. Hotel booking will then be automatically handled by the Palais des Congrès.

Lunch is included in the conference fees; to estimate numbers, you will nevertheless be asked to indicate your participation.

## Registration fees

The registration fees are as follows:

	<b>Until 31 May 2010</b>	<b>From 01 June 2010</b>
Standard Registration Fee	100 €	120 €
Discount rate	50 €	60 €

The registration fees include: Conference participation, lunch on both days, and coffee breaks. There is no reduction for a 1-day participation.

Discount rates are available for **ForeStClim** partners, students (upon presentation of a valid student card), and *SIC adapt* members. Invited speakers can register for free.

Please make use of the “early bird” booking option to get 20% off until 31 May 2010.

Please note: The deadline for registration is **15 September 2010**.

Payment is possible by credit card as well as by international bank transfer. Please note that in the latter case you will have to pay bank transfer fees. French participants can also choose to pay via cheque.

## Questions

If you should have any further questions concerning the ForeStClim mid-term conference please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).