

# International Scientific Conference "90 Years Forest Research Institute - for the Society and Nature"

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Sofia, Bulgaria



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Institute - BAS

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## Reminder to send Abstracts Abstract submission deadline: April 30, 2018

We invite you to submit an abstract for a presentation related to our conference themes. Abstracts for proposed oral and poster presentations should not be longer than 350 words maximum (excluding author names and affiliations). Oral and poster presentations will be selected from abstract submissions, and abstracts from all presentations will be published in the conference Book of Abstracts. Selected full-text publications will be published in *Silva Balcanica* or *Forest Science* („Hayka za ropata“ in Bulgarian).

The official languages of the Conference are Bulgarian and English.

Check out the [Registration forms](#) for detailed information. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **April 30, 2018**.

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### Scientific program

**Conference sessions:** Forest Ecology; Forest entomology, phytopathology and game fauna; Forest genetics, physiology and plantation forests; Silviculture and Management of Forest Resources.

**One day excursion** will be organized on October 26, 2018. Participants will choose between Plovdiv-old town (<http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en>) and Rila Monastery (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/216>).

If you are student, researcher, and practitioner, interested in investigations of the ecosystem services concept and multi-use management and their integration into political and social aspects, you might be interested in attending the [mini symposia afternoon workshop session](#) Lessons from the forests – ecosystem perspectives of multi-use management, October 25, 2018.

### Our honored plenary speakers

**Acad. Alexander ALEXANDROV** is Director of FRI-BAS (Bulgaria) in 1989-93, 2003-2007 and 2008-2012. In 1990 he is Minister of Environment and Waters of Bulgaria. He is a Member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, the International Eurasian Academy of Sciences, the Balkan Environmental Federation and a Chair of the IUFRO National Committee. Acad. Alexandrov has participated in EUFORGEN Programme and in many programmes and projects. His broad professional experience covers scientific investigations in forest genetics and selection, biodiversity of forest species, dendrology, forestry, forest ecology and management, forest policy. He has more than 250 scientific publications, incl. 12 monographs.



**Prof. Paolo CHERUBINI** is Senior scientist in the Research Group "Dendrosciences" at the WSL Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research in Birmensdorf (Switzerland). He is a lecturer at Columbia University (New York, USA), University of Nebraska (Lincoln, USA), guest professor at the Institute of the Environment at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and lectures on Environmental Research on Tree Rings at the University of Zurich.

Talk: **"Dendroecology: The use of tree rings in forest ecology to provide solutions to forest management"**

**Prof. John INNES** is Dean of the Faculty of Forestry at University of British Columbia (Canada) where he teaches in the field of international and sustainable forestry. He is actively involved in climate change research, particularly on the impact on forest ecosystems and the development of appropriate adaptation strategies. In 2007, he is part of the team of the International Climate Change Platform (IPCC), which together with Al Gore shares the Nobel Peace Prize. He is an Honorary Professorial Fellow in the Melbourne School of Land and Environment at the University of Melbourne and Honorary Professor at four different Chinese universities.



Prof. Innes is a member of the Advisory Group on Forestry Education of FAO and in a number of professional organizations, including the Commonwealth Forestry Association, IUFRO, and others.

Talk: ***"Forests and climate: How do we plan for what we do not know?"***



**Prof. DSc Alain ROQUES** is Entomologist with over 31 years of experience in biology, ecology and insect behavior. He is Research Director in the Forest zoology unit at the French National Institute for Agricultural Research in Orléans (France). Over the last 10 years his research has focused on biological invasions and the effect of global warming on terrestrial invertebrates. Prof. Roques participates in a large number of EU-funded scientific projects for biological invasions. Prof. Roques is the main editor of the book *Alien terrestrial arthropods of Europe* (2010). He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed papers on ecology and entomology,

25 books and book chapters, and has participated in over 100 international conferences and scientific events.

Talk: ***"Past insect invasions in Europe and future trends in relation with global change"***

**Prof. Gavriil XANTHOPOULOS** is Associate Researcher at the Institute for Mediterranean Forest Ecosystems and Forest Products Technology of the Hellenic Agricultural Organization "Demetra". For more than 25 years, he has been actively involved in European forest fires research. His scientific interests are focused on forest fire policy, fire prevention, fire risk assessment, fire behavior modeling, post-fire rehabilitation, forest fires and climate change, fire prevention, forest fuel management and modern technologies application in forest fire management. Prof. Xanthopoulos has published more than 200 papers with broad research spectrum and follow his involvement in scientific and operational activities.



Talk: ***"Preparing for forest fires in Mediterranean countries under Global Change scenarios"***

**! Simultaneous interpreting will be provided for all the key-note presentations.**

## Venue and Hotel Accommodations

The conference will be hosted at **Metropolitan Hotel Sofia** (64 "Tsarigradsko Shose" Blvd., Mladost 1, 1784 Sofia)

How to get there?

From the airport to Hotel Metropolitan/Dream Hotel:

- By metro: take line M2 at "Sofia Airport". For hotel Metropolitan stop at station Mladost-1, for Dream hotel – change and stop at station "Acad. Aleksandar T. Balan".
- By taxi: taxis are not expensive. Be sure to take an official taxi.
- Both hotels offer a shuttle service to and from the airport.

You might check the urban transportation guide: <https://www.sofiatraffic.bg/en/common>

The following hotels offer discount rates for the event:

**Metropolitan Hotel Sofia**

<http://metropolitanhotelsofia.com/>

**Business Hotel "Dream"**

<http://hoteldream.eu/en/>

Reservations can be made online. Don't forget to notify the event when booking a room.

## Useful Information

Get the most of your stay in Sofia [www.visitsofia.bg](http://www.visitsofia.bg) and don't miss [www.freesofiatour.com](http://www.freesofiatour.com).

**IMPORTANT:** Bulgaria is within the European Union, but not inside the Schengen area, so make sure your ID card or passport are valid.

Transactions are always done in Leva (BGN). Hotels, restaurants, taxi drivers and shops accept payments in Bulgarian Leva only. The exchange rate is based on the Euro - 1EURO = 1.95583 Leva.

Before travelling, check the visa requirements for Bulgaria:

<https://www.mfa.bg/en/pages/109/index.html>.



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## Questions?

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