

IUFRO and University of Padova international conference

2nd - 5th June 2020, Castelfranco Veneto (TV) - Italy

Is there a room for the small scale enterprises in the forest bioeconomy?

Bioeconomy “encompasses the production of renewable biological resources and their conversion into food, feed, bio-based products and bioenergy” (EC, 2012). It includes forestry and wood production, with the related biotechnological, chemical and energy industries, but also the provision of other ecosystem services that can support sustainable economic growth. “Biorefineries are increasingly at the core of the bioeconomy vision at the EU level and worldwide” (World Bioeconomy Summit, 2015) and large private and public investments are pushing the development of new technologies frequently based on capital intensive technologies for the use of large amount of low cost biomass in vertical integrated value chains.

In this context the issues of non-wood products and cultural services, and the associated interest towards small-scale labor-intensive activities, seem to have a minor role in the interests of scientists and decision makers. The forest bioeconomy can be also interpreted and promoted as the development of quality product markets and nature-based services, strongly connected to the concepts of social innovation, product diversification, multifunctional and horizontally integrated economic activities.

How to support such development of the forest economy? These are the topics that will be discussed during the international conference.

■ KEY DATES

- 15th Dec: opening of online pre-registration
- 22nd March: deadline for abstract submission (200 words)
- 19th April: abstract evaluation and opening of the online registration
- 10th May: close of the on-line registration and extended abstracts submission deadline

■ PROGRAM

- 2nd June: arrival of participants
- 3rd June: morning and afternoon sessions; social dinner
- 4th June: morning session; field trip in the afternoon (truffle production and picking; water infiltration forest; small scale forest enterprise working on cultural services)
- 5th June: visit to Venice

■ SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Mersudin Avdibegović - *University of Sarajevo*
 James Chamberlain - *USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station, Forest Inventory and Analysis*
 Don Hodges - *University of Tennessee*
 Maria Nijnik - *The James Hutton Institute*
 Jean-Luc Peyron - *GIP ECOFOR*
 Špela Pezdevšek Malovrh - *University of Ljubljana*
 Stjepan Posavec - *University of Zagreb*
 Walter Sekot - *University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna*
 Carsten Smith-Hall - *University of Copenhagen*
 Lidija Zadnik Stirn - *University of Ljubljana*

■ ORGANIZED BY

IUFRO 4.05.00 - Managerial economics and accounting
 IUFRO Task Force Unlocking the Bioeconomy and Non-Timber Forest Products
 TESAF Department - University of Padova

■ LOCAL ORGANISERS

Giorgia Bottaro (secretary)
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■ VENUE

The venue is Villa (Revedin) Bolasco, Via Borgo Treviso 76, Castelfranco Veneto, (TV), Italy, [located here](#). Castelfranco Veneto is small town North-West of Venice. The **railway station** is located in the downtown of Castelfranco Veneto, at a walking distance from Villa Bolasco. There are **two international airports** near Castelfranco Veneto:
 • Venice Treviso A. Canova (TSF): 25 km from Castelfranco
 • Venice Marco Polo (VCE): 50 km from Castelfranco

■ LANGUAGE

The official language of the symposium is English.

■ WEBSITE

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