



Research that matters:

applying tree genomics to sustainable development

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS (posters and presentations)

BACKGROUND

The Research Group, EVOLTREE, and the EUFORGEN Programme are jointly organising a scientific seminar in Alghero, Sardinia, Italy, on Tuesday 25 September 2018. The seminar will explore the ways in which tree genomics can be applied to sustainable development. The seminar is taking place prior to the 2018 [EFI Annual Conference](#) that addresses the same topic in a wider perspective.

On 25 September 2015, the 193 countries of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the 2030 Development Agenda, which established 17 broad Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, urbanization, environment and social justice. Forests and agroforests play a vital role in the lives of people and are key to meeting several of these goals.

New genetic and genomics approaches, including new-generation breeding strategies, have great potential to harness natural genetic variation to promote forest health and productivity, in particular in the face of global disturbances, such as climate change, land fragmentation and emerging pests and diseases.

We invite contributions to the seminar in oral presentation or poster format

We are looking for contributions addressing a wide variety of topics connecting forest genetic resources and sustainable development, from theoretical approaches, to applied breeding and genomics.

Innovative applied approaches with potential impact on SDGs and original research questions will be favoured, but we also welcome timely reviews and meta-analyses from recognised leaders in the field.

The Organising Committee will review all abstracts and will determine suitability for the seminar and the presentation format (oral/poster). Please note the following deadlines:

Registrations open: 15 May 2018

Notification of acceptance: mid-July 2018

Abstract deadline: 15 June 2018

Final Programme: mid-August 2018

SPECIFICATIONS

The language of the abstract and poster should be in English. Abstract submission must include a title, author(s) name(s), and author affiliation(s). Abstract text should be 250 words or less. The maximum measurement of one poster is 90cm x 150cm. Posters will be mounted with clips or double sided tape.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITING ABSTRACTS

Please follow these instructions for completing your abstract. Layout of abstracts will be taken into account when evaluating the best poster award.

The font for the text should be Calibri, Arial or Times New Roman, font size 11. The title should be centred and in bold text. The names of authors (last name, initials) should be given in italics: list the presenting author first and then the other authors in alphabetical order. The affiliated institution name and country should appear below the author line. Indicate different affiliations by numbering, using superscript. The paragraphs of the body text should not have any indents or tabs. Paragraphs should be justified. There should be single spacing between lines and one empty line between paragraphs.

Keywords: maximum 3 words

A template layout for your abstract can be found on the last page of this document.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Oral and poster presentations will be held in **Calabona Hotel, in Alghero, Sardinia, Italy** on 26 September 2018.

Oral presentations will last 15-20 minutes in total, with 10-15 min talk and 5 min for questions, answers, and transitions. Please bring your presentation file to the session on a USB and upload your file (PDF or PPT) before the session. Timing of presentations will be strictly adhered to.

All poster presentations will be given a two-minute time slot during the plenary session and posters will be displayed and available for viewing during the refreshment break.

At the end of the Seminar the prize for the best poster will be awarded. The evaluation panel will view the presented posters during the poster sessions; authors will have the opportunity to explain their posters during these sessions. The poster will be selected on a competitive basis according to its abstract, content (scientific quality of text and graphic presentation) and the personal defence of its contents. The Award for the Best Poster is an opportunity open to young researchers. This includes Master and PhD students, young practitioners or researchers (researchers must have completed their PhD less than 10 years ago).

[How to design an award-winning poster? Click here for some tips.](#)

AWARD

The winning poster will be awarded a Short Scientific Visit to an EVOLTREE partner laboratory. The visit should be devoted to further develop the work presented or to learn/improve skills in a relevant methodology.

This visit will provide a unique opportunity to get involved in international level forest research and research cooperation. Duration of the visit should be agreed between the researcher and the host institution. The visit must take place no earlier than 1 January 2019 and no later than 31 December 2019.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts should be submitted **by 15 June 2018** to: Stephanie Hayes
More information: Stephanie.hayes @ efi.int



Title of the abstract

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