

BACKGROUND

EU's next, 6th Framework Programme will be launched in November 2002 and will last for five years. The new work programme has seven priority areas, within which there are niches also for forest research. The new instruments introduced by the 6th Framework Programme – Networks of Excellence and Integrated Projects – aim at creating a European Research Area (ERA). This sets new challenges also for forest research.

In order to promote the dialogue and exchange of information between the EU and forest research community, EFI, within the EU-funded IMACFORD project (QLK5-CT-2002-3022), will arrange a one-day seminar focusing on the role of forest research in the 6th Framework Programme.

The keynote speakers of the seminar include representatives of the European Commission. The role of forest and forest-related research in the 6th Framework Programme and ERA will be discussed at a panel session in order to identify potential topics for networking and to discuss the links to relevant other disciplines. Participants of the forest research community will have an opportunity to present their views and visions on how forest-related research can contribute to the 6th Framework Programme. The seminar can serve as a platform for making contacts with other actors in the field.

AIMS

- to encourage dialogue between the EU and forest research community on the role of forest research in the 6th Framework Programme and ERA, and to offer a platform for discussion and exchange of information
- to chart forest related research needs in the light of the 6th Framework Programme and ERA
- to chart existing research capacities and networks in Europe in the field of forest and forest related research, to meet the needs of 6th Framework programme and ERA
- to explore links to other relevant disciplines (e.g. climatology, environmental sciences, information technology etc)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Forest researchers
- Representatives of relevant other fields of research
- Representatives of end users of forest research and other stakeholders (industry, forest owners, policy-makers)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The keynote speakers and panelists include representatives of the European Commission, representatives of end-users of forest research (forest industry, forest owners etc), forest researchers of key research topics as well as researchers representing other fields of science relevant to forest research.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Opening of the seminar and introduction: forest research organisations in Europe: state-of the art review

6th Framework Programme and ERA – great expectations (with emphasis on forest and forest products). *Representative of DG Research of the European Commission*

Needs in the research of forest and forest products

Research needs in the field of forest and forestry products from the EU's point of view. *Representative of DG Research of the European Commission*

Overall picture of the Expressions of Interest in the field of forest and forestry products *Representative of DG Research of the European Commission*

Panel Discussion: Research needs from end-users' point of view. Short addresses by representatives of various end-user groups (pulp & paper industry, woodworking industry, forest owners etc.), followed by discussion.

Expanding the networking – links to other disciplines

Panel Discussion: Development of important scientific links to relevant other disciplines within the structure of FP6. Short interventions by representatives of disciplines relevant for forest research (genomics, information technologies, environmental sciences (climatology), etc.), followed by discussion.

Capacities

Panel Discussion: The potential contribution of the research community to the 6th Framework Programme. Short interventions by experts of key research fields, followed by discussion.



POSTERS

There will be a poster session at the end of the seminar at 17:00, during which networks can present themselves. Participants willing to present a poster on a research topic, network or project concept/plan relevant for the 6th Framework Programme are welcome to do so. The size of the poster is a standard A3. The deadline for submitting the title of the poster is 31 October. Those wishing an abstract to be delivered for the participants during the event are asked to submit a one-page abstract by 31 October to Ms. Brita Pajari at EFI (brita.pajari@efi.fi).

LANGUAGE OF THE EVENT

The language for the seminar is English.

VENUE

The venue of the seminar is the International Congress Centre 'Maison de la Chimie', 28 rue Saint-Dominique, 75007 Paris, France. Please see further information in <http://www.maisondelachimie.com>.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

To register for this event, please fill in the on-line registration form available at the website (www.efi.fi/events/), or print it and send by fax to Ms. Mirja Kokkonen at EFI (Fax. +358 13 124 393, mirja.kokkonen@efi.fi). The deadline for registrations is 25 October 2002.

Registered participants will receive a confirmation of their registration. An invitation letter required for obtaining a visa will be sent to those who request it on their registration form.

Tentative registration fee

The registration fee is 60 EUR, and it should be paid in advance with an invoice to be sent to the participants after their registration. The registration fee covers the seminar materials, coffees, lunch, and refreshments.

Cancellation instructions

The registration is binding, however, if the registration is cancelled before 31 October 2002 there will be no penalty costs incurred. After 31 October 2002 the full registration fee will be charged. Information on cancellation should be sent to Ms. Mirja Kokkonen at EFI (mirja.kokkonen@efi.fi).

ACCOMMODATION

The participants are expected to make their own accommodation reservations. The organisers have made pre-reservations in the hotels nearby and recommend the participants to accommodate in one of these hotels. The deadline to make the hotel reservation varies according to the hotel from 15 September to 15 October 2002. After the deadline rooms will be available only according to the vacancy situation. Please mention IMACFORD when making the reservation.

Hotel Bourgogne Montana ***

3 rue de Bourgogne – 75007 PARIS
 Tel: +33 1 45 51 20 22
 Fax: +33 1 45 56 11 98
 Metro: Invalides
 Pre-reservation until 15 September:
 8 standard rooms, 140 EUR/night,
 incl. breakfast and taxes

Hotel Saint Dominique **

62 rue St Dominique – 75007 PARIS
 Tel: +33 1 47 05 51 44
 Fax: +33 1 47 05 81 28
 Metro: Invalides
 Pre-reservation until 15 October:
 3 single rooms, 85 EUR/night;
 2 standard rooms: 101 EUR/night,
 breakfast: 7 EUR, taxes included

OTHER HOTELS nearby the venue:**Hotel Bellechasse *****

44 rue de Bourgogne – 75007 PARIS
 Fax: +33 1 01 45 51 52 36

Hotel Mercure **

ParisTour eifel
 64 Blvd de Grenelle – 75015 PARIS
 Fax: +33 1 45 78 95 55

Hotel de l'Empereur **

2 rue Chevert – 75007 PARIS
 Fax: +33 1 45 51 88 54

Hotel de Varenne ***

44 rue de Bourgogne – 75007 PARIS
 Tel: +33 1 45 51 45 55
 Fax: +33 1 45 51 86 63
 Metro: Invalides
 Pre-reservation until 30 September:
 4 single rooms, 120 EUR/night,
 breakfast 9 EUR, tax: 0,91 EUR/person

Eiffel Best Western Hotel ***

17 Bis rue d'Amélie – 75007 PARIS
 Fax: +33 1 47 05 28 68

Hotel Muguet **

11 rue Chevert – 75007 PARIS
 Fax: +33 1 45 50 25 37

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for registration	25 October 2002
Deadline for poster abstracts	31 October 2002
Deadline for accommodation reservations	15 September – 15 October 2002

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