

Populus 360

Innovación, colaboración y retos en el sector del chopo

13 de junio 2025

León (España)

Salón de Actos de la Escuela de Ingeniería Agraria y Forestal, EIAF (Universidad de León, Spain).

Av. de Portugal, 41, 24009 León. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/C6WBCBwUN6zgq3wr7>

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8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:30 Opening Session of POPULUS 360

- Ms. Nuria González Álvarez, Rector of the University of León
- Ministry of Public Works and Environment, Regional Government of Castilla y León
- Mr. Ignacio García, Spanish Association of Plywood Manufacturers (AEFCON), Propopulus
- Mr. Miguel García Romero, Forestry Association of León
- Mr. Luis Herráez Ortega, Director of the School of Agricultural and Forestry Engineering
- Ms. Flor Álvarez Taboada, Populus360 Organizing Committee

Block 1: Populiculture across borders

09:30 – 09:45 Poplar Cultivation in Italy – Alessio Giovannelli (CNR-IRET, Italy)

09:50 – 10:05 Poplar Cultivation in France – Sergio Souto (Garnica)

10:10 – 10:25 Poplar Cultivation in the Vega of Granada – M^a Ángeles Ripoll (IFAPA, Regional Government of Andalusia), Antolino Gallego (University of Granada)

10:30 – 10:45 Global Poplar Cultivation Status. The Role of IPC – Joris Van Acker (International Poplar Commission, FAO)

10:45 – 11:00 Q&A Session with the Above Speakers

11:00 – 11:30 Networking & Coffee Break

Block 2: Advances in Poplar Plantations – Management, Biotechnology, and Digitalization

11:30 – 11:45 Plant Production and Management – Miguel Ángel Lozano (Viveros Cube)

11:50 – 12:05 Science vs Myths: Field Trials – Joaquín Garnica (Bosques y Ríos)

12:10 – 12:25 Biotechnology and Eco-management of Poplar Plantations – Jaime Olaizola (ID Forest), Carlos Álvarez (Garnica)

12:30 – 12:45 Advances in Digitalization – Flor Álvarez, Fernando Castedo (University of León)

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Block 3: Present and Future

13:00 – 14:00 Roundtable: “Analysis of the Current Situation: Market, Regulations, Health Status. Challenges and Opportunities.”

Moderator: Flor Álvarez (University of León)

- Ignacio Arroyo – SOMACYL, Regional Government of Castilla y León
- Ignacio García – Spanish Association of Plywood Manufacturers (AEFCON)
- Fernando Castañeiras – Maderas Castañeiras
- Olga González Raposo – Federation of Forestry Associations of Castilla y León
- Guillermo Fernández Centeno – National Poplar Commission, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge
- Duero River Basin Authority
- Roberto Rubio – CESEFOR Foundation

14:00 – 14:10 Tribute to Pedro Garnica

14:10 – 14:30 Conclusions and Closing Remarks

14:30 – 16:00 Lunch

Block 4: Field Trip

16:00 – 19:30 Field Visit

- Technical visit to poplar harvesting site
- Technical visit to poplar plantation:
 - Mycorrhization trial
 - MSA clones (Maggiore Sostenibilità Ambientale) – Sara Bergante and Laura Rosso (CREA – Research Centre for Forestry and Wood, Italy)
- Technical visit to CUBE nursery

20:00 Return to EIAF