

FORESTT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

FORESTs and global environmental changes: social-ecological systems in Transition



5 - 7 OCT.
2027
METZ

- A forum on recent developments and future plans for **social-ecological forest system resilience research**.
- An excellent opportunity to exchange **ideas and applications** on this internationally important issue.

Institutional organization:

- **The conference is organized by** the [PEPR FORESTT](#) (French research program on Forest resilience), coordinated by the National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE),
- **Under the auspices of** Research Groups and Task Forces of the [International Union of Forest Research Organizations](#) (IUFRO),
- **With involvement** of voluntary regional, national, European or international research initiatives in the field of social-ecological forest system resilience.

To be completed!



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Program overview

- **800-1,000** participants expected
- **30** thematic symposia
(10 parallel sessions, 5h for each symposium)
- **7** keynote talks
- About **400-500** talks and **250** posters
- **Field trips** with scientists & City tours
- **Social events:** gala diner, mentorship program, sessions for young researchers
- **Photography & Art exhibitions**
- **Public events**, including a TED-style side event and science café discussions
- **Educational activities** for school students

| Monday Oct. 4th | Tuesday Oct. 5th | Wednesday Oct. 6th | Thursday Oct. 7th | Friday Oct. 8th |
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| Field trips & city tours (around/in Metz & Nancy) | Welcome + 2 Keynote speakers | 2 Keynote speakers | 2 Keynote speakers | Educational activities (Metz & Nancy) |
| Lunch | Symposia 1 to 10 | Symposia 11 to 20 | Symposia 21 to 30 | Lunch |
| Field trips & city tours | Symposia 1 to 10 | Symposia 11 to 20 | Symposia 21 to 30 | Educational activities (Metz & Nancy) |
| Badge pick-up | Poster session (odd) | Poster session (even) | | |
| Mentorship program meeting | Symposia 1 to 10 | Symposia 11 to 20 | Symposia 21 to 30 | |
| Art exhibition & drink | Poster session (odd) | Poster session (even) | Keynote speaker Closing | |
| TEDx / Film | Art exhibition / Discussion for local political stakeholders | Science cafés (Metz & Nancy) | Closing diner | |

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Location

Metz Congrès Robert Schuman :

<https://www.gl-events.com/en/robert-schuman-convention-centre>

- **Auditorium** (capacity 1214)
- **9 parallel rooms** (capacity 180 to 50)
- Extra-room for childcare services
- **Main Hall** (2168 m²) :
 - Job opportunity panel
 - Exhibition Booth of scientific journals
 - Photo exhibitions

Access:

- Luxembourg > Metz : 40 min
- Bruxelles > Metz : 2h45
- Strasbourg > Metz : 1h30
- Nancy > Metz : 40 min
- Paris > Metz : 1h20 en TGV



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Around

Centre Pompidou-Metz: Museum of contemporary Arts

<https://www.centrepompidou-metz.fr/en>

Metz and Nancy: two historic European cities where culture, science, and creativity converge



Lorraine's forests and natural environment:
a rich landscape for forest and the wood-sector research.

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Scientific committee

- Finalisation of the list of symposia (thematic coverage, scientific networks on-board, etc.)
- Selection of keynote speakers



Florence Palla

Technical unit coordinator
OFAC-CE Project - Support to
the Central African Forest
Observatory (OFAC) - Expert
at FRM Ingénierie - President
of the scientific committee of
One Forest Vision initiative
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Marc Hanewinkel

Professor - Head of the Chair
of Forestry Economics and
Forest Planning - Coordinator
Future Forests Cluster of
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Freiburg University



**Santiago C. González
Martínez**

Research Director (BIOGECO)
- Coordinator of EVOLTREE,
IUFRO Division 2 (Physiology
& Genetics), and
OPTFORESTS Horizon
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Catherine Bastien

Research director - President
of the scientific committee of
PEPR FORESTT



Michael Danger

Professor (LIEC)
Lorraine University



Stéphane Uroz

Research director (IAM, BEF)
- Director of ARTEMIS
Interdisciplinary Program
INRAE



Arnaud Sergent

Researcher (ETTIS) - Co-
director of PEPR FORESTT
INRAE



Alexia Stokes

Researcher (AMAP) -
Deputy director AMAP -
Deputy coordinator of
IUFRO Division 8 (Forest
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Christophe Plomion

Research director - Director of
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PEPR FORESTT
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+ Rigling Andreas (ETH Zürich)?



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Project manager for the I-SITE Initiative d'Excellence Lorraine, IMPACT EPHemeris, ABR, and the ARTEMIS interdisciplinary program Lorraine University



Chloé Barthalon

Project manager for the NUM-DATA project Cirad

Organizing committee

- Coordination**
 - Congress center & food services
 - Participant registrations (service provider)
 - Event documents
- Communications** (flyer, website, announcements...)
- Fundings** • **Travel awards**
- Social events for conference participants:**
 - Mentoring program
 - Sessions for young researchers
 - Closing diner
- Field trips & City tours** (Nancy + Metz)
- Art & Science activities** (Metz)
 - Photography & Art exhibitions



Michael Danger

Professor (LIEC)
Lorraine University



Camille Lacroux

Deputy coordinator of the One Forest Vision initiative INRAE



Christophe Plomion

Research director - Director of BIOGECO - Co-director of PEPR FOREST INRAE



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Clémence Barrey

PhD student (BETA)
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Erwan Le Gac

Communications officer for
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+ *Killian Baue*
(INRAE)



Join the committee!

Help shape the event

- Society/public relationships** (Metz + Nancy)
 - Conference(s) for broad audience / TEDx / Film
 - Roundtable discussion for local political stakeholders
 - Science cafés
 - Educational activities for school students



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Registration opening schedule

- **March 2026** – Symposium themes announced
- **September – December 2026** – Call for contributions (talks & posters)
- **February 2027** – Full program announced (keynotes, talks, posters)
- **February – May 2027** – Early registration
- **June – August 2027** – Late registration
- **October, 5 to 7, 2027** – Conference

- Sign up to be notified when registration opens and the call for contributions goes live:



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Investment Plan
France 2030



National Research
Agency
Operator



Coordinator
Institution



9 Partners
Associated with
governance



Budget €40 M

Duration **7 years** (2024-2030)

Temperate and tropical
Ecosystems

5 targeted projects + **15** other projects
Collaborative, interdisciplinary

450 French scientists involved

98 research labs, **45** partner institutions



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Website: www.pepr-forestt.org/eng