

# FORESTT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

5 - 7 OCT.  
2027  
METZ

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



- 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
Field trips & city tours (around/in Metz & Nancy)	Welcome + 2 Keynote speakers	2 Keynote speakers	2 Keynote speakers	Educational activities (Metz & Nancy)
	Symposia 1 to 10	Symposia 11 to 20	Symposia 21 to 30	
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	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  
(OFVi)  
Forêt Ressources  
Management (FRM)



**Marc Hanewinkel**

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



**Santiago C. González  
Martínez**

Research Director (BIOGECO)  
- Coordinator of EVOLTREE,  
IUFRO Division 2 (Physiology  
& Genetics), and  
OPTFORESTS Horizon  
Europe Project  
INRAE



**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  
environment)  
INRAE



**Christophe Plomion**

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












+ Rigling Andreas (ETH Zürich)?





## 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

 <p><b>Fanny Gascuel</b> Program manager for PEPR FORESTT INRAE</p>	 <p><b>Camille Lamy</b> Communications officer for PEPR FORESTT INRAE</p>	 <p><b>Jérémie Bel</b> Project manager for the I-SITE Initiative d'Excellence Lorraine, IMPACT EPHemeris, ABR, and the ARTEMIS interdisciplinary program Lorraine University</p>	 <p><b>Chloé Barthalon</b> Project manager for the NUM-DATA project Cirad</p>
 <p><b>Michael Danger</b> Professor (LIEC) Lorraine University</p>	 <p><b>Camille Lacroux</b> Deputy coordinator of the One Forest Vision initiative INRAE</p>	 <p><b>Christophe Plomion</b> Research director - Director of BIOGECO - Co-director of PEPR FORESTT INRAE</p>	 <p><b>Arnaud Sergent</b> Researcher (ETTIS) - Co-director of PEPR FORESTT INRAE</p>
 <p><b>Clémence Barrey</b> PhD student (BETA) INRAE</p>	 <p><b>Erwan Le Gac</b> Communications officer for PEPR FORESTT INRAE</p>	<p>+ <b>Killian Baue</b> (INRAE)</p>	
 <p><b>Join the committee!</b> Help shape the event</p>			

- **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

A watercolor-style illustration of a forest scene. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of people and animals: a person walking on the left, a deer in the center, and another person walking on the right. The background is filled with various types of trees, including tall evergreens and deciduous trees. A bird is flying in the upper right. The overall color palette is dominated by greens and browns, with a soft, painterly texture.

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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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## PEPR\* FORESTT\*\*

\***P**riority **R**esearch  
& **E**quipment **P**rogram

\*\* **F**ORESTs and global  
environmental changes:  
social-ecological  
systems in **T**ransition



RÉPUBLIQUE  
FRANÇAISE

Liberté  
Égalité  
Fraternité



RESEARCH  
PROGRAM

FOREST  
RESILIENCE

Investment Plan  
**France 2030**



Coordinator  
Institution

**INRAE**

Budget €40 M

Temperate and tropical  
Ecosystems

**450** French scientists involved

**Website:** [www.pepr-forestt.org/eng](http://www.pepr-forestt.org/eng)

National Research  
Agency  
Operator

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**9 Partners**

Associated with  
governance



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

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

**98** research labs, **45** partner institutions