

IEFC ANNUAL MEETING

30 June – 1 July 2026

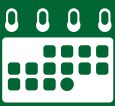
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*Location: Le Mans, France
Salon Vielle de la CCI Le Mans Sarthe,
1 bld René Levasseur – CS 91435
72014 Le Mans*

This event will be held in a hybrid format, combining in-person and online participation, and will be conducted in English.

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8:30 – 8:45 ➤ Registration

8:45 – 9:00 ➤ Welcome and introduction by Roland de LARY, CNPF.

SEMINAR on Main plantations in Europe

Objective: To give an overview of existing forest plantation management in Europe: introducing extend, management, economics, ecosystem services, challenges and opportunities.

9:15 – 9:30 ➤ Presentation of CPF Joint Initiative Proposal entitled: “Towards Sustainable, Diverse, Resilient and Inclusive Planted Forests, Afforestation and Reforestation efforts”, FAO (Thais Linhares Juvenal).

9:30 – 9:45 ➤ Cases studies fact-sheet concept – “Presentation of Eucalyptus plantations Management in Portugal as an example”, ISA (Margarida Tomé).

9:45 – 10:00 ➤ “A national overview of the main plantation management and challenges in Portugal”, Instituto Superior de Agronomia, University of Lisboa (Susana Barreiro).

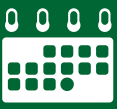
10:00 – 10:15 ➤ “A national overview of the main plantations management and challenges in Spain”, Cesefor (Tomás Sánchez Pellicer).

10:15 – 10:30 ➤ “A national overview of the main plantations management and challenges in France”, FCBA (Marin Chaumet).

10:30 – 10:45 ➤ “Forest plantation management opportunities and challenges in Great Britain”, Forest Research (Andrew Leslie) – Remote presentation.

10:45 – 11:15 ➤ **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 11:30 ➤ “Plantation Forest Trees: history, threats, solutions – an Irish perspective.”, SETU (Nick McCarthy).



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- 11:30 – 11:45** ➤ "Silvicultural strategies under climate change in Southwest Germany", University of Fribourg (Marc Hanewinkel).
- 11:45 – 12:00** ➤ "A regional overview of the main plantations management and challenges in Basque country", Neiker (Ander Arias).
- 12:00 – 13:00** ➤ Question time – Round table

13:00 – 14:00 ➤ **Lunch break (Buffet)**

14:00 – 15:00 ➤ **Open session of flash talks for IEFC members: Let's talk about planted forests**

1. Mixed plantation impact on round wood production (Hervé Jactel, INRAE).
2. BASODATA: a new geographical database to assist the forest management in the Basque Country (Alejandro Cantero, HAZI).
3. The role of IPC and ProPopulus related to FGTs (Joris Van Acker, Ghent University - ProPopulus - IPC).
4. Wood fibers as part of innovative substrates for seedlings intended for planted Forests (Dagnija Lazdina, LSFRI Silava).
5. Modelling coupled risk to forests from wind, drought and bark beetles (Barry Gardiner, IEFC).
6. Transformation of even-aged Sitka spruce stands to Continuous Cover Forestry in Ireland (Aine Ni Dhubhain, University College Dublin).

15:00 – 17:00 ➤ **Opening of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (S. Barreiro)**

15:00 – 16:00 ➤ **Reporting Session**

1. Board president report on 2024-2025 key achievements and recent developments (Rapport Moral de la présidente du Conseil d'Administration IEFC, Susana Barreiro)

1. Questions

2. Short introduction of new members

2. Overview of networking and capacity building activities

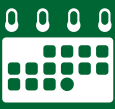
Presentation of network fund activity:

- FCBA BIOFUN – Biodiversity indicators for planted forests
- University of León – Propopulus: IA for poplar pest identification
- CETEMAS-CESEFOR – Comparison of several hydrogel efficiency in chestnut plantations

3. Overview of ongoing projects topics

4. Overview of communication and publication activities

5. Approval of the reporting



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- 16:00 – 17:00** ➤ **Decision making session**
1. Presentation, questions and Approval of the 2025 Accounts
 2. Presentation, questions and Approval of the 2026 Budget
 3. **Election of new IEFC board for 4 years**
 - Proposal to convert the IEFC into a public-benefit organisation
 4. Next general assembly venue (2027)
 5. Any other business and closure

20:30 ➤ **Social Dinner 20 €**

Field tour visit - Wednesday 1st July 2026

- 08:30** ➤ Departure from Le Mans to Laigné-Saint-Gervais
- 09:00 – 10:00** ➤ **Visit to the poplar trial in [Laigné-Saint-Gervais](#)**
- 10:00** ➤ Departure from Laigné-Saint-Gervais to Mézières-sur-Ponthouin
- 10:45 – 12:30** ➤ **Visit to the [DROUIN factory](#)**

13:00 – 14:30 ➤ **Lunch at the restaurant *À la table du puisard* in *Mézières-sur-Ponthouin***

- 14:30 – 15:20** ➤ Departure from Mézières-sur-Ponthouin to Monceaux-au-Perche
- 15:20 – 16:35** ➤ **Visit to the REINFFORCE arboretum in [Monceaux-au-Perche](#) and demonstration of microdendrometers installation**
- 16:35** ➤ Departure from Monceaux-au-Perche to Le Mans
- 18:00** ➤ Arrival at Le Mans

Thursday 2 July 2026 – REINFFORCE MEETING

Friday 3 July 2026 – Reinforce Field Tour Visit
