

Dates and deadlines

- Abstract submission deadline – Jan. 25
- Notification of acceptance – Mar. 15
- Scholarship application – Mar. 20
- Extended abstract submission deadline – Apr. 25
- Early registration – May 16
- Conference – Sep. 21-24
- Post conference field trip – Sep. 25-27

Scholarships

The conference provides a limited number of scholarships to cover travel and lodging expenses for graduate students and young forest landscape ecologists.

Priority will be given to graduate students and young researchers from developing countries and emergent economies working within the domain of forest landscape ecology.

Visit the website of the conference for details.

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Venue

The conference will be held in Bragança, Portugal. This is a small city of 21 000 inhabitants, officially established in 1187. It is located in Northeastern Portugal in a natural and historically rich environment. Elevation is 670 m and the climate is temperate continental (12.2°C average annual temperature; 743mm average annual precipitation).

By highway, Bragança is 215 km east of Porto and 520 km north of Lisbon. It is also close to Spanish cities such as Salamanca (165 km), Valladolid (200 km), and Madrid (350 km).

The nearest International Airports in Portugal are the Aeroporto Francisco Sá Carneiro in Porto (OPO) and the Lisbon Airport (LIS). Other possibilities are airports in Spain, namely Valladolid (VLL) and Barajas Airport in Madrid (MAD).

Domestic transportation includes flights from/to Lisbon twice a day and several bus lines from Lisbon, Porto and other major cities.

Post conference tour

A 3-day bus, cruise and train tour dedicated to the landscapes of the Douro River Valley. Includes visits to the Prehistoric Rock-Art Sites in the Côa Valley (UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1998), the Alto Douro Wine Region (Port wine country and UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001), the historical downtown of Porto (UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996) and Port cellars in Vila Nova de Gaia.

Forest Landscapes and Global Change

New Frontiers
in Management,
Conservation
and Restoration



IUFRO Landscape Ecology Working Group
International Conference

Bragança · Portugal
September 21 to 27, 2010

Topics of the conference:

- 1- Patterns and processes in changing landscapes
- 2- Scaling in landscape analysis
- 3- Disturbances in changing landscapes
- 4- Biodiversity conservation and planning in changing landscapes
- 5- Monitoring landscape change
- 6- Tools of landscape assessment and management
- 7- Management and sustainability of changing landscapes
- 8- Urban Forestry in changing regions

Ongoing changes driven by environmental, technological, political, economic and social factors produce additional challenges for forest landscape ecologists and managers by creating new and multiple contexts for their activities.

Climate change, urban sprawl, agriculture abandonment, intensification of forestry and agriculture, changes in energy generation and use, expanding infrastructure networks, increased habitat destruction and degradation and other processes of change occur at faster rates. These processes affect structure, disturbance regimes, productivity, carbon sequestration, and biodiversity in forest ecosystems and landscapes at increasing rates.

Rapidly changing landscapes therefore expand the frontiers of the current and future activity of scientists and managers. This IUFRO Landscape Ecology international conference aims to bring together scientists, planners, and managers in order to share science and experiences on approaches, methods and tools to assess change, to forecast change in structures and processes, and to optimize goods and services provided at multiscale-multifunctional levels under a context of change.

Organizers

- IUFRO Unit 8.01.02 Landscape Ecology
- CIMO - Centro de Investigação de Montanha, Portugal
- IPB - Instituto Politécnico de Bragança, Portugal

Supporters

- Câmara Municipal de Bragança (Municipality of Bragança)
- Sociedade Portuguesa de Ciências Florestais (Portuguese Society of Forest Sciences)
- Associação Portuguesa de Ecologia da Paisagem (Portuguese IALE Chapter)
- IALE-IUFRO WG on Forest Landscape Ecology

Organizing committee

- João Carlos Azevedo (Chair), CIMO & Instituto Politécnico de Bragança
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- Manuel Sabença Feliciano, CIMO & Instituto Politécnico de Bragança
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Scientific committee

- Ajith H. Perera (Chair), Ontario Forest Research Institute, Canada
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- Raffaele Laforetza, University of Bari, Italy
- Guillermo Martínez Pastur, Centro Austral de Investigaciones Científicas, Argentina
- Jean Paul Metzger, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil
- Santiago Saura, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain

Keynote speakers

- Monica G. Turner, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
- Malcolm L. Hunter, Jr., University of Maine, USA
- Francisco Castro Rego, Universidade Técnica de Lisboa, Portugal

Structure of the conference

- Plenary sessions and thematic oral and poster sessions (see topics above).
- 12 symposia on specific themes (see webpage for details).
- 1 workshop (see webpage for details)
- 4 field trips (cork oak woodlands, chestnut agroforestry systems, Nogueira landscape mosaic and Rio de Onor community landscapes (Natura 2000 site).