



Urban Forestry Days 23-24 March 2021

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Programme

Tuesday March 23rd

Integrated Urban Forest Management - hosted by the European Forest Institute

9.00-9.20 (CET)

Welcome Session

- Marc Palahi (European Forest Institute)
- Marco Onida (DG Environment, European Commission)
- Eva Müller (Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture)
- Hubert Kaiser (Ministry of Environment, Agriculture, Nature Protection and Consumer Protection of the State North Rhine-Westphalia)

9.20-10.20

Keynote session 1: The urban area and sustainability transition

1. *Cities and Sustainable Transitions: making space for nature-based solutions*– Harriet Bulkeley (Durham University)
2. *Bio-cities for a resilient future: narratives, actions and research gaps*– Jerylee Wilkes-Allemann (Bern University of Applied Sciences) & Giuseppe Scarascia-Mugnozza (University of Tuscia)
3. *Why and how can we create circular biocities*- Vicente Guallart (IAAC)

BREAK

10.40-11.40

Keynote session 2: Urban forestry and the pillars of sustainability

1. *Brave New World – on the pathways for global urban forestry*– Cecil Konijnendijk van den Bosch (NBS Institute) & Tahia Devisscher (University of British Columbia)
2. *Where do urban forests go? Aspects of Climate change and its impacts on shape, diversity and usage of urban forests in Europe*– Dagmar Haase (HU Berlin)
3. *Urban forests for societies*– Rik De Vreese (European Forest Institute) & Dennis Roitsch (European Forest Institute)
4. *Growing the Future: Wood in Buildings*– Michael Ramage (University of Cambridge)

BREAK

12.00-13.00

The importance of urban forests for sustainable cities

Panel discussion with leading representatives from **Brussels**/ Belgium (Stéphane Vanwijnsberghe, head of subdivision Forest & Nature, Brussels Environment); **Barcelona**/ Spain (Antoni Farrero, Technical Management Office at the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona); **Guangzhou City**/ China (Juan Su, Associate Professor, Chief Engineer, Bureau of Forestry and Landscaping of Guangzhou Municipality); **Joensuu**/ Finland (Sami Lakkonen, Strategy Manager, City of Joensuu), **Milan**/ Italy (Pierfrancesco Maran, Councillor for Urban Planning, Green and Agriculture), **Sao Paulo**/ Brazil (Rodrigo Ravena, Chief of Staff of the Green and Environment Secretariat)

LUNCH

14.00-15.30

Virtual fieldtrip in the afternoon: "Forests as critical infrastructure? Integrated Forest Management and recreation for forests and people"

*changes to the programme might be inevitable

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Wednesday March 24th

Urban Forests as Health Infrastructure - hosted by the CLEARING HOUSE project

9.00-10.15

Session 1: What does the Public Health Science tell us on forests as health infrastructure

1. *The effect of forest environment on human health in Changbai Mountain*- Peige Du (Beihua University)
2. *Urban nature and its health relevance*- Matthias Braubach (WHO European Centre for Environment and Health)
3. *Nature and Public Health: Mechanisms and scientific evidence*- Matilda van den Bosch (IS GLOBAL)

10.30-11.45

Session 2: Forests and urban green spaces in pandemic times

1. *Managing our forests to strengthen their public health outcomes*- Liisa Tyrvaïnen (Natural Resources Institute Finland)
2. *Changes in urban forest use and attitudes towards urban forest during the COVID-19 lockdown* – Nic da Schio (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) and Jakob Derks (European Forest Institute)
3. *Urban parks amidst COVID-19 pandemic*- Wendy Chen (University of Hong Kong)

12.00-12.30

Session 3: Launch of the European Forum on Urban Forestry semester

1. *The Swiss initiative for launching the myEFUF-App* - Clémence Dirac (Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland) and Bianca Baerlocher (Urban Green Polylogue)
2. *Introducing the "Urban Forestry for a resilient future" webinars (4th - 6th May 2021)*- Pete Stringer (Manchester City of Trees)

LUNCH

13.15-14.00

Glimpsing through the trees - round of introductions to projects on urban green space, trees, human health and well-being

Green4Care (Annebel Soer, European Forest Institute); *GoGreenRoutes* (Tadhg MacIntyre, Maynooth University); *ENABLE* (tbc.); *Dr. Forest* (Michael Scherer-Lorenzen, Freiburg University); *International Forest Therapy Days*; *Forest baths and resilience paths* (Katriina Kilpi, Nature Mind-ed); *NetworkNature* (Bettina Wilk)

14.00-15.00

Video Poster Session. Research and Practice and Perspectives on Integrated Forest Management and Urban Forestry-Contributions by young researchers and practitioners