



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY:
FACT OR FICTION?

**70 Years of the FACULTY OF FORESTRY – Skopje,
University “Ss. Cyril and Methodius”**

DATE: 4-6 OCTOBER 2017

LOCATION: SKOPJE, REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

The Faculty of Forestry, University “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” in Skopje, has the pleasure to invite you to participate at the International Scientific Conference **”Sustainable forestry: Fact or fiction?”**, which will take place in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, 4-6th October 2017.

The Conference is dedicated to the Anniversary of 70 years of higher education in the forestry sector in Macedonia and the establishment of the Faculty of Forestry in Skopje.

Forestry is facing challenges and various environmental, social, economic and political factors at present times. To name just a few - Climate change; Loss of biodiversity; Carbon sequestration; Emerging and invasive forest pests and diseases; Land erosion and loss of soils; Illegal logging and trade of wood, etc. The social and environmental aspects of forests and forestry seem to be gaining the deserved acknowledgment in the modern era, but is this enough? The term sustainable forestry has been in use long enough, but are we moving closer to sustainable forestry, or is it an unachievable goal?

Our intention is to use our Conference as a platform for provoking an open debate on these important topics and challenges for forests and forestry, mainly for the region, but also from a worldwide perspective. This would be achieved not only by formal oral and poster presentations of your latest scientific research, but through several round-tables, open forums and brainstorming sessions. Having presence of not only research experts, but also of decision-makers and people from forestry practice, should foster open and fruitful debates intended not only to layout previous experiences but also to direct future incentives and activities within our sector which will make forestry more resilient and truly sustainable.

We are inviting authors to submit abstracts covering the following topics:

1. Biodiversity and conservation;
2. Forest ecology;
3. Forest wildlife and game;
4. Forests and climate change;
5. Forest governance;
6. Forest health;
7. Forest management and Forest operations;
8. Urban forests;
9. Forests and water;
10. Forests and the environment;
11. Forests and the landscape.

Working languages and oral presentations: Macedonian and English (translation will be provided).

The Book of abstracts of the conference and Posters will be published in English.

Important Dates and Registration Deadline

Submission of title	May 1, 2017
Statement of preference for oral presentation or abstract	May 1, 2017
Early registration (Regular fee)	June 1, 2017
Late registration (Late fee)	August 1, 2017
Submission of abstract	August 31, 2017

Registration fee:

Before 1 st June 2017	75 €
Before 1 st August 2017	100 €

*Postgraduate and doctoral students are eligible for a 50% discount.

The registration fee covers conference materials, coffee breaks and the jubilee cocktail party.

The venue of the conference, the preliminary agenda, format of posters and abstracts, electronic submission address, ways for payment, and logistical issues will be announced by April 15, 2017.

With regards,

Acting Dean



Prof. Sotirovski