



FOURTH 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.

Important information and data

Dear participants,

Please allow me to share necessary information on arrival options to Skopje, as well as other useful information for your pleasant stay in Skopje. All coordination activities are supervised by UKIM Faculty of Forestry in Skopje and the Conference Organizing Committee (COC).

Address of venue

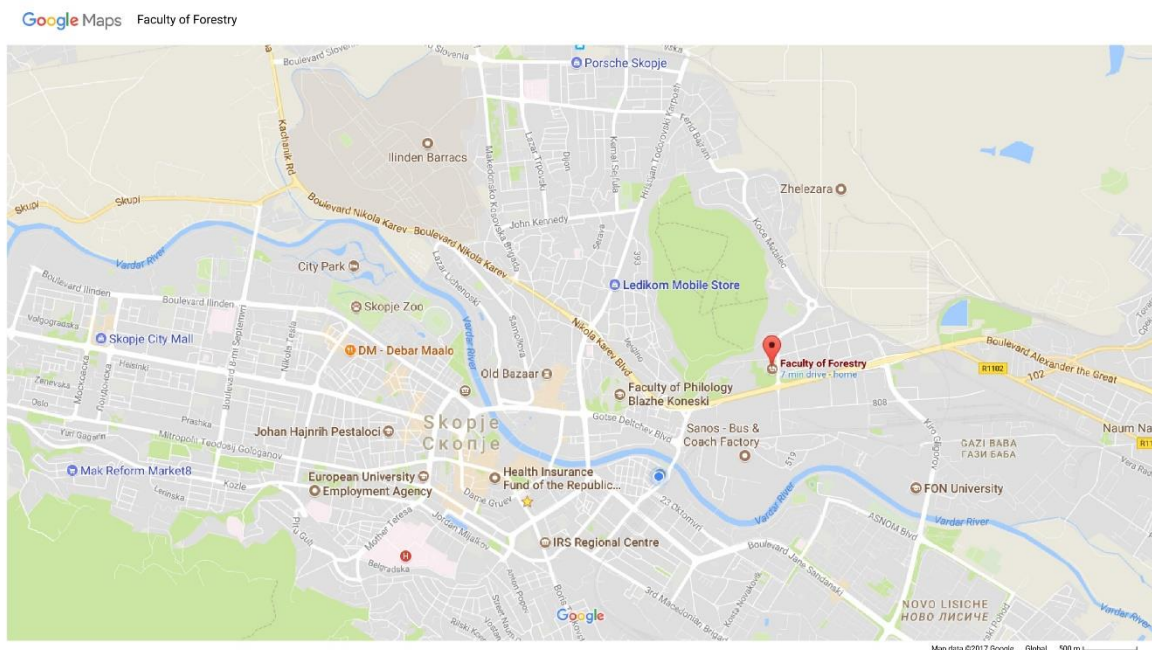
Faculty of Forestry in Skopje (Sumarski fakultet, Skopje)

16 Makedonska brigada br.1

MK-1000 Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

In addition, please find location map of the UKIM Faculty of Forestry in Skopje and map link, as well as GSM contact numbers of the COM officials.

<https://goo.gl/maps/ZsU34z8dqJt>



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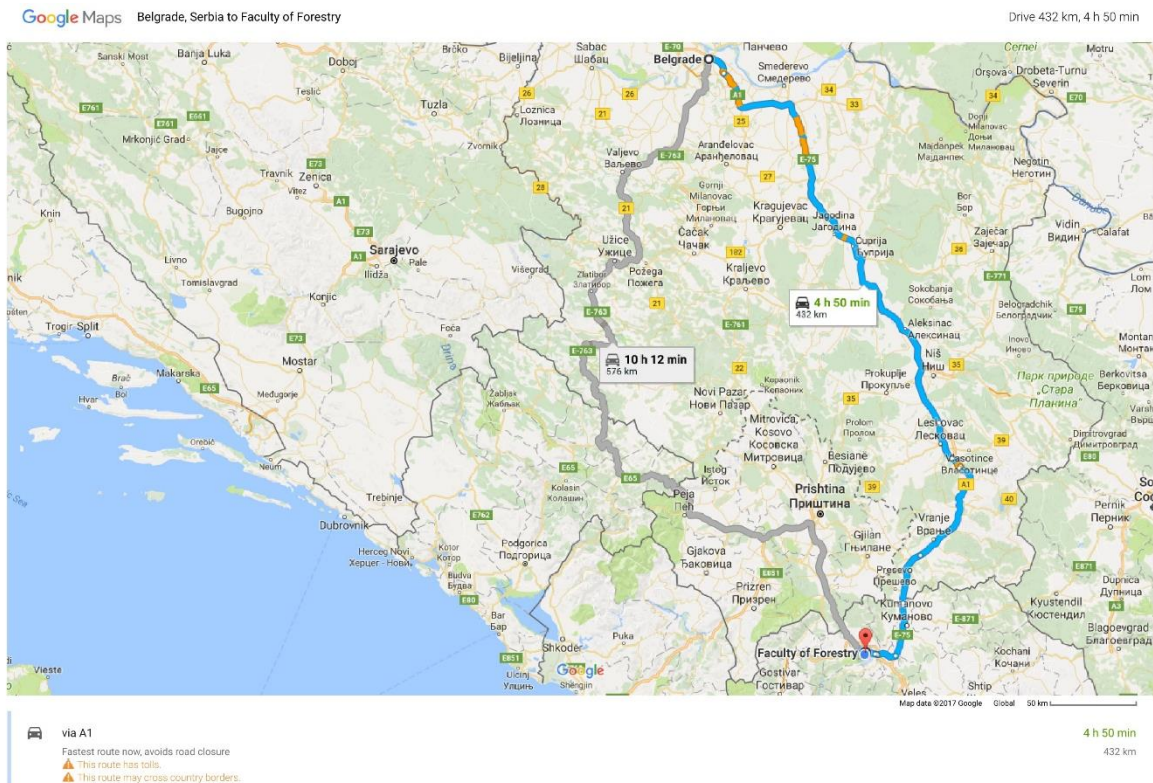
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Participants coming from North, through Serbia (e.g. by plane) upon arrival in Belgrade should take travel option of their choice (e.g. interstate bus, train, rent a car) and continue to Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. The route from Belgrade, Serbia to Skopje, Republic of Macedonia is presented on the map below and at the following link:

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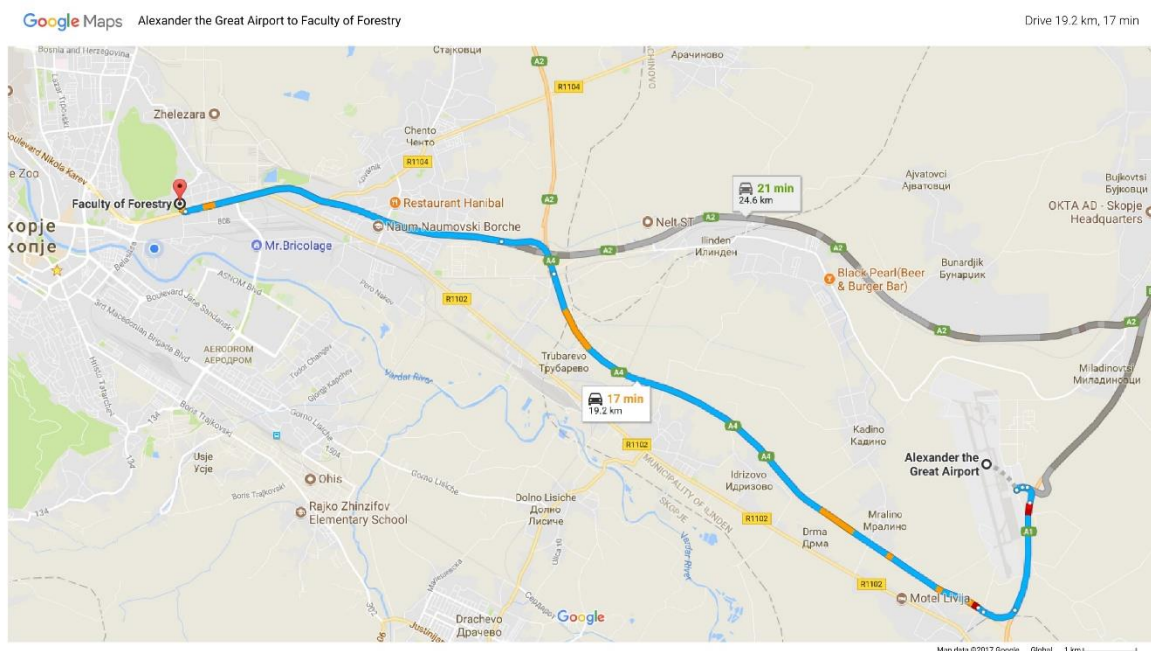


Participants arriving at Airport in Skopje have several options for transport to UKIM Faculty of Forestry or Skopje city center.

1. **Taxi** – Approx. 20€ per route (group transport advised, max. 3 passengers per route; should you decide for this option, we could assist you for booking a car from recommended companies).
2. **Bus** – One-way ticket available only, approx. 3€ per person. Busses or mini-busses provided by Vardar Express carrier. Starting point in front of the airport building. Several stopping stations available (choose the nearest one to your accommodation). Note that these are relatively rare, and check on the time-table at: <http://www.vardarexpress.com/index.php?id=28&L=2>;
3. **Rent a car service** – several rent a car options available at the airport. Rental per day varies by provider and by car type/class.

The route from the airport in Skopje to UKIM Faculty of Forestry in Skopje is presented on the map below and at the following link:

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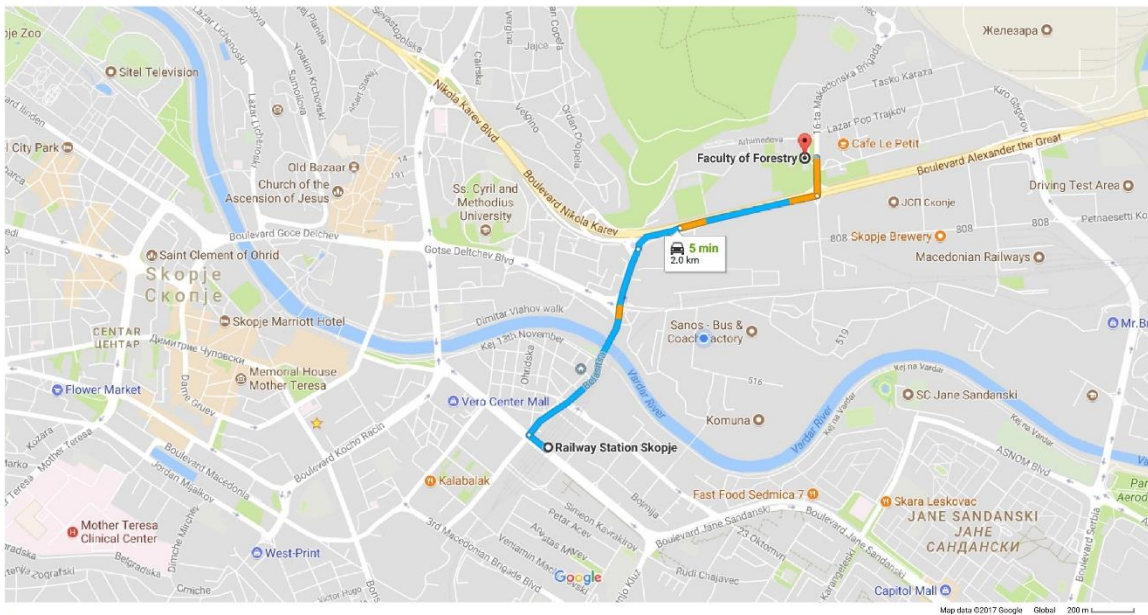
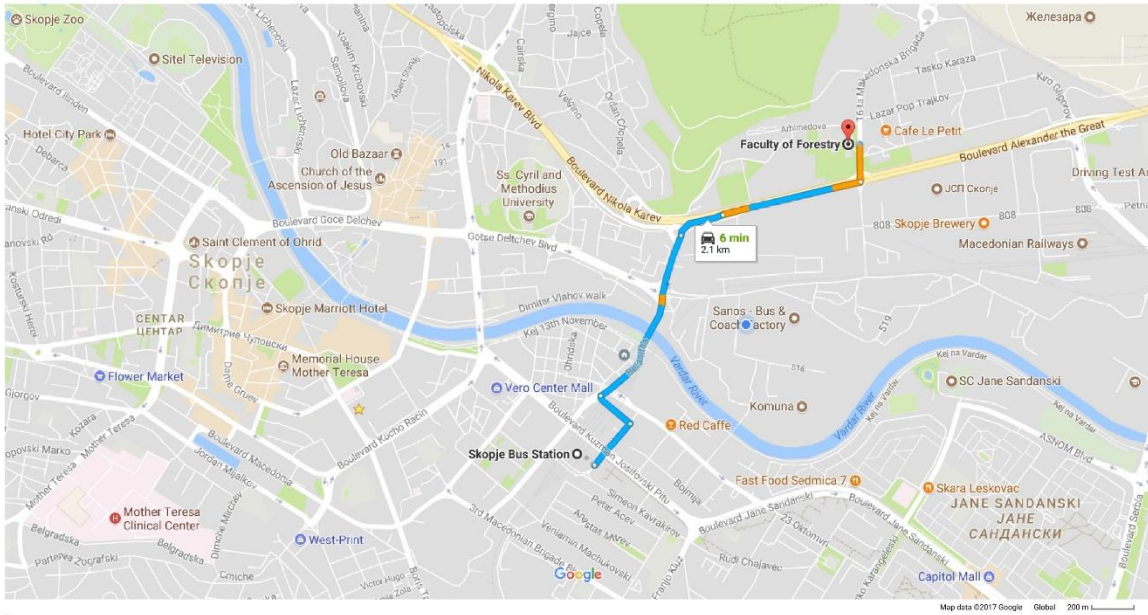


Participants arriving at International Bus Station in Skopje or Railway Station in Skopje have several options for transport to UKIM Faculty of Forestry or Skopje city center.

1. Taxi – Approx. 2€ per route (group transport advised, max. 3 passengers per route);
2. By foot – Approx. 15-20 minutes walking distance.

Both stations (placed at same location) are very close to Skopje city center (approx. 10-15 minutes walking distance). Public bus transport available with pre-paid chip card. Time table of numerous bus lines from abroad city of Skopje to UKIM Faculty of Forestry in Skopje is available at: <http://www.jsp.com.mk/vozenred.aspx>.

The route from International Bus Station in Skopje or Railway Station in Skopje to UKIM Faculty of Forestry in Skopje is presented on the map below and at the following link: <https://goo.gl/maps/87UtMnSPjV52>.



Currency

The national currency is the Macedonian Denar. All major currencies can be easily converted in banks and exchange offices. There is no big difference regarding exchange rates, nor major commission to worry about. ATM machines are widely available, as is paying with credit card. As of 12.09 the major currencies exchange to the Denar as follows

100 EUR = 6150MKD

100 CHF = 5327MKD

100 USD = 5117MKD

Other regional currencies are difficult, if not impossible.

Hotels

Here is a list of the several popular hotels in Skopje, but feel free to shop for yourselves because there are many newly opened hotels, and also a vast number of apartments (RBNB) at very favorable prices throughout the city.

1. We have managed to make a deal with hotel **Continental**, which is the closest hotel to the Faculty of Forestry (8 min walk; 1 short bus station). Formerly among the best hotels in Skopje, it has been renovated lately, and after inspecting the rooms on offer we can state that they are in great condition and are more than worth the price.

Bellow the discounted prices in bold:

Luxurious rooms:

Regular prices 4-6 October:

Discounted prices for participants:

1/1 – 70 EU BB (Bed and breakfast);

1/1 – **39 EU** (BB)

1/2 – 40 EU BB per person;

1/2 – **29 EU** (BB).

Please contact Mrs. Brankica Tasevska, a manager of the hotel at sales4@hotelcontinental.com.mk , and mention that you are participant of the Conference “Sustainable forestry – fact or fiction?” There is also discount for the meals at Continental, should you decide you need any.

2. Hotel **Stonebridge**, located exactly next to one of the icons of Skopje, the Stone-Bridge, in the city center. We were also offered discounted prices there, **90 EU BB**, but never received a code. If you really like it, please contact the hotel and try negotiating the discounted price. Contact Mrs. Ivona Milosheska Shushak at marketing@stonebridge-hotel.com mentioning my name and the conference.

3. Other decent hotels in the city center:

Hotel Ibis Skopje City Center;

Hotel Solun;

Best Western;

Marriot hotel (newest, most luxurious, and likely the priciest).

Poster formats

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Attached to this mail find several free templates in MS PowerPoint.

In hope for some good time in Skopje, best regards!

On behalf of COC,

Dean

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Sotirovski', is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

Prof. Kiril Sotirovski