

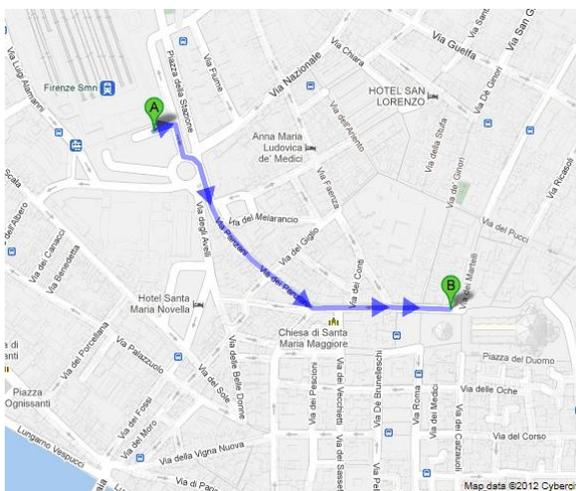
How to reach us

The Conference has been designed to make participation as easy and time-efficient as possible.

That explains the dense, focused programme packing all one single day, and the late start hour. Researchers from all the main Italian cities can leave in the morning from their residence, take a fast train, attend the workshop and be back home the same day. Colleagues from some of the major cities in Central Europe (Lyon, Paris, München, Vienna etc.) can use a night train and still be missing from their offices one working day.

The venue is within an easy 10 minute walk from the main railway station, as in the map below. On the way to the venue you will stroll on one of the main and nicest (shop-packed) streets in Florence. Do yield to temptation, or you will drain your credit card and show as a latecomer!

The venue is right in front of the Duomo and the Baptistery, some of the most inspiring landmarks in Florence. Enjoy your walk, and come to the conference ready to listen to many interesting presentations. It's going to be a great day!



Practical information

The event: this Conference will offer a comprehensive overview of coppice management across Europe – from the Mediterranean up to Scandinavia, passing through Central Europe and the Balkans.

Different topics will be covered by renowned international experts, e.g. historical as well as technical aspects, ecological and silvicultural parts, conservation and biodiversity issues and much more.

Language: The Seminar is in English

Registration: Attendance is free, but places are limited and you should register by sending a message to: spinelli@ivalsa.cnr.it

A buffet lunch option will be available to participants, at the agreed price of 20 € per person, to be paid on site. When registering please indicate whether you plan to take this option, or you prefer to have lunch outside.



COST Action FP1301 EUROCOPPICE

- 1st Announcement- International Conference

Innovative management and multi- functional utilization of traditional coppice forests



**Sala Ghiberti
OPA – P.zza S.Giovanni 7
Firenze, Italy**

Wednesday 26 February 2014

**Registration 08:30 – 09:30
Official start: 09:30 h
End: 16:30h**



Background

Coppicing is a very traditional way of sustainable forest management. It benefits from the natural (vegetative) regeneration of mostly broadleaf species and their fast growth in the first decades. In most cases situated close to settlements this silvicultural regime provided among others firewood, bark, fruits and grazing and by this supported the livelihood of the rural population. Until the middle of the 20th century, coppice forests were very common in most parts of Europe, especially in the central and mediterranean countries.

With increase in use of non-renewable raw materials, traditional coppice lost importance and was neglected or converted. Only recently coppice has been re-discovered because of its adaptive ecology, its stability and multiple benefits, notably its protection function, its contribution to biodiversity and as a source of renewable bioenergy. By this coppice may be an interesting alternative not only for small scale forest owners, but also for farmers who establish "modern" short rotation coppice (SRC) on marginal agriculture land.

The conference brings together European scientists, experts and practitioners to exchange knowledge about coppice forestry and to present research results about innovative management and utilization concepts and techniques for future modern multifunctional coppice management systems.



Cost Action FP 1301

Innovative management and multifunctional utilization of traditional coppice forests - an answer to future ecological, economic and social challenges in the European forestry sector (Eurocoppice)

This Cost action aims to open an interdisciplinary view on forests and people. Thereby, the following aspects are in its main focus:

- Ecology
- Utilization
- Nature conservation and protection
- Forest policy and governance
- Forest history

Objectives of the Cost action:

- Compiling and evaluating existing coppice-related knowledge
- Establishing networks
- Involving young researchers in coppice issues (training schools & STSMs)
- stimulate further coppice related R&D activities & scientific exchange

Website:

http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/fps/Actions/FP1301