

4th EuroCoppice Training School Boppard (Rhine Valley), Germany

COST ACTION FP1301 – EuroCoppice



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COST FP1301 Training School Coppice Management, Biodiversity and Services

**Organised by the Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg
in cooperation with the Forestry District of Rhineland-Palatinate
Boppard, Germany**

July 17th- 23rd, 2016

Background

Coppice is a traditional forest management practice with unique characteristics and is typical for many European forest landscapes. Besides wood, a renewable raw material, they provide numerous and very specific ecosystem services (ES). Recognition of such services is increasing and they are therefore gaining importance in both forest management and environmental policies.

The overall aim of the Training School is to study the concepts and methods to assess ecosystem services related to biodiversity, conservation and cultural heritage for coppice forest stands in different stages of development.

The objectives and learning outcomes are to:

- Identify and classify different stages of coppice development
- Identify parameters and indicators relevant to the assessment of ES
- Apply adequate methods for the assessment
- Train the use of related data collection methods and tools
- Apply data processing and analysis
- Interpret and critically evaluate the results
- Learn about coppice forests and management in the Rhine Valley



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Program outline

Sun, July 17th – Arrival to Boppard & Icebreaker (starting @ 17:00)

Mon, July 18th – Thu July 21st Expert presentations on the overall topic and regional characteristics; field work with data collection in coppice stands of different stages of development; data analysis and presentations by participants.

Fri, July 22nd – Excursion on Coppice and Culture in the Rhine Valley; boat tour on the Rhine (eve)

Sat, July 23rd – Departure

** Note that the program may be subject to small changes*



All you need to know:

Who can participate?

Applicants should be engaged in a program of research as post graduate students or postdoctoral fellows, or be employed in a research institution of any COST country (see this link for the list: http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/cost_countries) or accepted NNC Institution (Agricultural University of Tirana Albania and Ukrainian National Forestry University).

Venue

Boppard is situated in the most famous part of the Rhine Valley (between Mainz and Koblenz). The city has a train station that is easy to reach from Frankfurt International Airport (FRA) and via bus from Frankfurt Hahn Airport (HHN). The accommodation and training venue are both within walking distance of the station.

Language

The Training School will be held in English, thus students must have working knowledge of the subject in this language.

Certificate of Participation

Trainees will receive a certificate for the participation in the course and 3 ECTS credits will be awarded.



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Logistics

The Training School begins on Sunday July 17th (17:00) and ends on Friday July 22nd (late evening). Rooms are reserved until Saturday July 23rd (11:00). Trainees are required to pay for their accommodation (approx. 150€ incl. breakfast), as well as other meals, drinks and their travel to Boppard and back home.

Financial Support

EuroCoppice will support Trainees with a grant of approximately 550 €. This is an estimation only; the final figure will be communicated with the letter of acceptance.

Application procedure

Interested post-graduate students and young scientists who wish to attend the TS must send the following information by **May 13th, 2016** to both the Action Training School Coordinator (karl.stampfer@boku.ac.at) and the Local Organizers (eurocoppice@fobawi.uni-freiburg.de):

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Motivation
- Short description of their forest-based scientific background

A maximum of 20 applicants will be selected by the Steering Group of COST Action 1301 based on the applications and COST principles. In the interest of achieving gender balance, qualified female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

We are looking forward to your applications!

For more information please contact the COST Action FP1301 Training School Coordinator or the Training School Local Organizer:

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