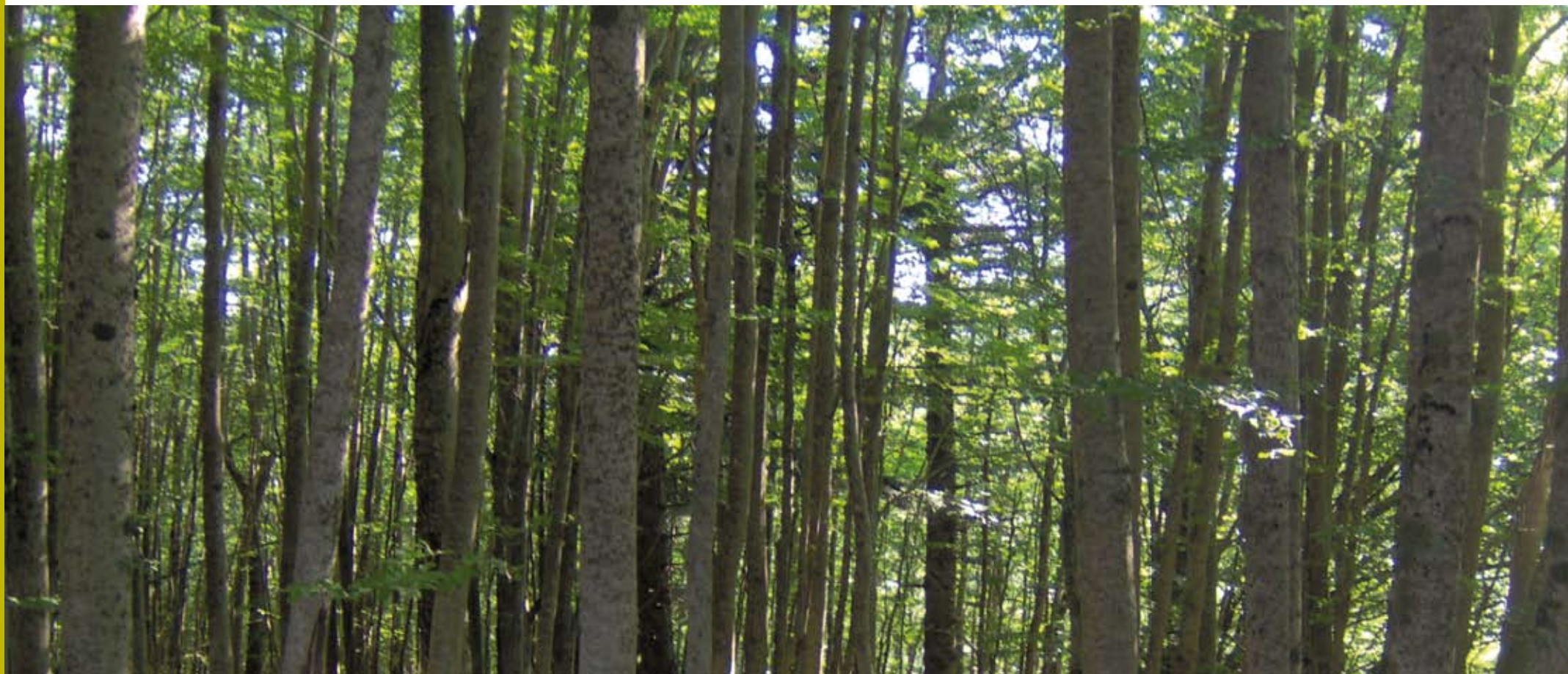


Reggio Calabria (Italy)
June 17th- 18th



IUFRO (Unit 3.06.00) Workshop on:

Forestry utilization in Mediterranean countries with particularly respect to sloping areas



INTRODUCTION

The Mediterranean basin has always represented a meeting place of different races and cultures and it has been the cradle of civilizations which have molded the evolution of African and European Continents.

Also from forestry point of view the Mediterranean area represents a hinge between the temperate forests and the tropical ones, showing peculiarities and specific characteristics both from vegetation terms and from the risks it is subjected to (soil erosion, desertification, wildfires).

Those characteristics, together with the social and economic ones that distinguish the Countries which face Mediterranean Sea, affect the forest management and the forest utilization systems.

*In order to weight up the present conditions and to consider the probable evolution in the forest utilization sector, with main reference to the forests in mountainous area, Unit 3.06.00 - Forest operations under mountainous conditions of Division 3 - Forest Operations Engineering and Management of International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) organize, in the frame of the **33rd CIOSTA Conference** (Commission Internationale de l'Organisation Scientifique du Travail en Agriculture) that will be held in Reggio Calabria (Italy) from June 17 to June 19, 2009 at "Mediterranea" University, a workshop where the researchers of the Countries which faces the Mediterranean Sea, are invited to.*

OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop will be the opportunity to exchange experiences and share information on the state of the art of knowledge for the improvement of forestry utilization in Mediterranean countries in respect to the new trends in harvesting and wood transport. The overall objective of the workshop is to offer a bridge between advanced scientific methods with modern information technologies to the practical engineering and operations through the workshop sessions and direct contacts among participants who will spread the information in their countries.

It is expected that the workshop will yield to the conclusions and recommendations that will be of particular importance for the countries where forest utilization is in the development and/or the wood based industry is challenged by the global economy.



DATES AND PLACE OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop, in accord to CIOSTA Conference, will be held from June 17, 2009 to June 18, 2009, at Reggio Calabria (Italy) (44°43'N - 010°36'E) hosted by "Mediterranea" University (<http://www.ciosta.unirc.it/>).

ORGANIZATION

The IUFRO Unit 3.06.00 workshop is being organized under the auspices of the IUFRO in co-operation with the "Mediterranea" University of Reggio Calabria (I) and the University of Padova (I).

The workshop Steering Committee is represented by Prof. Hans R. Heinemann, Coordinator of IUFRO Division 3.00.00, and Prof. Masami Shiba, Deputy Coordinator of IUFRO Unit 3.06.00. The Scientific Committee is represented by Prof. Raffaele Cavalli, University of Padua, Italy and Deputy of IUFRO Unit 3.06.00. The Organizing Committee is represented by Prof. Gennaro Giametta, CIOSTA President and Prof. Giuseppe Zimbalatti, Coordinator of 33rd CIOSTA Conference.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

The main topics of the workshop will be:

- State-of-the-art of forest utilization in Mediterranean area with main reference to forest utilization in mountainous area
- Adoption of innovative mechanization systems Impacts from forest utilization and mitigation techniques
- Social and economic aspects connected to the adoption of mechanization systems
- Evolution perspectives in the forest utilization sector
- Features of wood products from Mediterranean basin and their improvement.

DRAFT WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

June 16, 2009

20:30 Ice breaking dinner

June 17, 2009

08:00-10:00 Participants registration

10:00-13:00 Welcome speeches and presentation of papers

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-18:30 Technical visit

June 18, 2009

9:00-13:00 Presentation of papers and poster

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-18:30 Presentation of papers, conclusions and recommendations - adoption of the report

Participants are invited to contribute to the workshop and prepare a scientific or professional paper under proposed items

LANGUAGE

Please note that the workshop language will be only English.

DEADLINES

Short abstracts: February 15, 2009 (Guidelines

Short Abstract are available at www.ciosta.unirc.it)

Notification of acceptance: February 28, 2009

Registration and submission of papers: April 15, 2009.

PROCEEDINGS

Papers of oral presentations and posters will be published in the proceedings of the Conference, if at least one of the Authors has paid the Conference fee.

CONFERENCE FEES

190 Euro by 15th April 2009

220 Euro after 15th April 2009

100 Euro by 15th April 2009 (Developing Countries and PhD Students)

120 Euro after 15th April 2009 (Developing Countries and PhD Students)

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Italy is EU member. All participants should have a valid passport and, if required, an entry visa, which can be obtained from the Italian Embassy or Consulate in their own country. Visa applications should be made as early as possible.

MONEY EXCHANGE

Currency in Italy is Euro (€). Money can be exchanged at the money exchange offices at the railway stations or at the airport. Major credit cards are accepted for board and lodging at the hotel. If necessary the major currencies can be exchanged also at the hotel.

WEATHER

Average daytime temperature at the workshop venue in June normally varies around 27°C and during the night around 21°C. The temperature of the Mediterranean Sea is around 24°C.

Any other information is available at
www.ciosta.unirc.it