

IRG55

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May 19 - 23, 2024



International Research Group on Wood Protection 55th Annual Scientific Conference

IRG55 Annual Meeting

The IRG55 meeting of the International Research Group on Wood Protection will be held from 19th to 23rd May 2024, in the Crown Plaza Hotel in Knoxville, in the state of Tennessee USA.

It will be a great venue and a fabulous meeting, so please start planning now to join the conference.

The International Research Group on Wood Protection (IRGWP) is the leading global organization for the dissemination of scientific information on wood protection products.

More information:

<https://www.irg-wp.com/IRG55/index.html>

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Schedule for IRG55

Deadlines for RCA applications to attend IRG55:

December 15th, 2023

Submission of RCA applications for IRG55.

Deadlines for Papers and Posters Submissions:

March 1st, 2024

Submission of Papers to IRG Secretariat.

April 1st, 2024

Submission of Poster Abstracts to IRG Secretariat.

Deadline for Registration without late fees:

April 20th, 2024

IRG55 Registration without late payment penalty.



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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE THEORY AND PRACTICE TO ADDRESS DEFOLIATING INSECTS, INVASIVE PESTS AND BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF INSECTS AND PATHOGENS IN FORESTS

**21ST – 23RD AUGUST
2024, TOKYO,
JAPAN**



The health of forests worldwide is threatened by insect pests and diseases. For example, outbreaks of defoliating insects reduce production efficiency, and the continued introduction of invasive pests is stretching the available capacity and resources to manage these threats. Research in various disciplines is needed to unlock new approaches to manage forest pests, including a shift in focus from chemical to biological control. In addition, many of the current threats require cross-boundary and multi-disciplinary approaches. This joint meeting will exchange information on the theory and practice to address defoliating insects and invasive species of forests, including biological control and other approaches. The meeting will include researchers from different disciplines and countries and provide an overview of the challenges to forest health, and research-driven responses to these challenges.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TROPICAL WOOD ADVANCING THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF TROPICAL FORESTS 26TH – 28TH AUGUST 2024, ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR



Tropical regions are renowned for the diversity and richness of their forests, which are sources of abundant resources, particularly wood. Tropical forests host a large diversity of wood and timber species. The large species diversity parallels a large variation in properties, such as color, density, hardness, and mechanical stress, offering various opportunities for use. Furthermore, its abundance in tropical regions facilitates accessibility to both urban and rural populations. Wood has long served as a primary material for construction and cooking fuel in tropical countries. However, traditional uses remain prevalent in timber harvesting and processing industries, catering to domestic and global markets, and illegal logging and irrational practices threaten the sustainability of the market. Extensive reliance on wood leads to high deforestation and illegal logging, which is a major threat to tropical forests.

Therefore, developing and propagating practical research is fundamental to harnessing technological advancements and promoting sustainable utilization of tropical forest resources. The primary objective of this conference is to foster the exchange of knowledge and spotlight exemplary practices that align productive utilization with the sustainability of tropical forest resources. The aim is to inspire further research and development that promotes harmonious coexistence between meeting human needs and preserving these precious ecosystems.

Five themes will be addressed at this conference:

1. Tropical wood identification for sustainable supply chains of forest products.
2. Innovations in wood usage in construction across tropical countries.
3. Wood energy in the tropical countries.
4. Utilization of tropical wood in cultural artefacts.
5. Tropical non-timber forest products (NFTPs).

The conference is scheduled to take place from the 26th to the 28th of August 2024 in Antananarivo, the Capital of Madagascar. It will include invited keynotes, voluntary papers, round-table discussions, and field visits. All presentations will be held live and on-site. The field visit will be organized in Mandraka Community forest, approximately 60 km from the capital. The language of the conference and its publications will be English.

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