



International conference: Introduced tree species in European forests

2nd – 4th November 2016

Monte Verità, Ascona, Ticino, Switzerland

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 2nd November

8.00	Arrival and registration
8.45	Conference opening
9.00	In-Tree project overview (<i>Frank Krumm</i>)
9.15	The spread of tree of heaven in Switzerland (<i>Jan Wunder</i>) Shade tolerance of tree of heaven in Switzerland (<i>Simon Knüsel</i>) Tasmanian blue gum in Portugal (<i>Joaquim Sande Silva</i>) Management of invasive tree species in the Donau–Auen National Park (<i>Verena Quadt</i>) Black locust in the Czech Republic: from global ecology to local management (<i>Michaela Vítková</i>)
10.30	Coffee break
11.00	Quantifying invasiveness of Douglas fir on the basis of natural regeneration in southwest Germany (<i>Anja Bindewald</i>) Eastern white pine in the Czech Republic (<i>Pavel Bednář</i>) Black cherry in Central Europe (<i>Bart Nyssen</i>) Pueraria lobata (Willd.) Ohwi in southern Switzerland (<i>Romina Morisoli</i>) Economic aspects of introduced tree species - opportunities and risks (<i>Marc Hanewinkel</i>) Introduced wildlife and its potential impact (<i>Alexander Held</i>)
12:30	Lunch break
14:00	The view of practitioners - spotlight presentations from Swiss Cantons
14:45	Introduced tree species in Central Europe - consequences for arthropod communities and species interactions (<i>Martin Gossner</i>) Introduced or native tree species to maintain forest ecosystem services in a hotter and drier future (<i>Andreas Rigling</i>) Introduced and invasive tree species in forest: implications for biodiversity (<i>Yann Dumas</i>) Introduced species an alternative for vanishing native species? (<i>Bernhard Mettendorf</i>) Results from a school project. The perspective of school classes (<i>Sebastian Walker and Annette Schuck</i>) RISKPlatform (<i>Christoph Suter</i>)
	BMEL – introduction by the donor (<i>Thomas Haussmann</i>) Launching of the book
17:00	Artistic performance by <i>Iris Keller</i>
18:30	DINNER at Osteria Nostrana



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Thursday 3rd November

Conference Fieldtrip



Leaving time: 8.45

Meeting point: will be announced at the conference

neophytes in suburban protection forests and in riparian forests

1) first stop at Moscia: Bambus, Pawlonia, Ailanthus etc. after a clearance

2) second stop in Ascona on the cantonal road to Brissago: Kudzu covering other aliens such as Pawlonia, ailanthus, Robinia, Mimosa, Bambu, etc.

3) third stop in Locone (Zandone): mechanical eradicating method for Kudzu

4) walk from Losone to Tegna over the river: Riparian Robinia-forest invaded by Palms and other evergreens

Lunch: will be provided

5) burnt area in Cugnasco (burned in 2006): chestnut culture, charcoal places, beech fire ecology, Pioneer exotics invading the burnt area. For this downhill walk, good shoes and personal fitness are required (Alternatives are possible).

Return time: 17.00

We are in the field the whole day and the trip includes hiking parts, so please make sure you bring equipment (appropriate clothes, shoes etc.) for one day in the mountains.

18.30 DINNER AT THE HOTEL



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Friday 4th November

8.30	Characteristics of invasiveness The new wild - scientific journalist viewpoint (<i>Fred Pearce</i>) Can we predict whether a species will become invasive? (<i>Tina Heger</i>) Co-invasion of invasive trees and their associated belowground mutualists (<i>Martin Nuñez</i>)
10.30	Coffee break
11.00	Management of introduced and invasive tree species: concepts & approaches History of introduced tree species (<i>Bart Nyssen</i>) Silvicultural strategies for introduced tree species in Northern Italy (<i>Tommaso Sitzia</i>) Eradication of invasive tree species from protected areas in Italy (<i>Livia Zapponi</i>) Maximising benefits and minimising harm associated with invasive introduced trees: lessons from South Africa (<i>Brian van Wilgen</i>)
12.20	Wrap up discussion – joint policy brief
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Half day field trip on the topic of <i>Cinnamom camphora</i> in Ticino
17:30	Closing of the conference day
18.30	DINNER