

# Call for Abstracts

The European Forum on Urban Forestry/EFUF 2019

*Urban Forests – Full of Energy*

International Conference

Cologne, Germany, 22 – 24 May 2019

Deadline for abstract submission: 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019



## THE CONFERENCE AND VENUE

Since 20 years, the European Forum on Urban Forestry (EFUF) is a unique meeting place for forest and greenspace managers, planners, architects, researchers, public authorities and policy makers to share interdisciplinary experience and good practices within the field of urban greening, urban forests and urban forestry.

Urban forests are vibrant places for multifaceted recreational activities, social gathering and mental restoration, but also provide biomass for an urban bioeconomy. They are full of energy. And so is the venue of this years' conference: the **German Sport University Cologne** – the perfect location to explore energetic interactions of trees and human beings.

Cologne has a remarkably long history of urban forestry. In the 1920s, the city created the [“Inneren und Äußeren Grüngürtel”](#), the inner and outer green belt, on the premises of former fortress belt. The green belts are nowadays used for a huge variety of activities. These include the **Cologne “Waldlabor”** (Forest Laboratory) which has been established in 2010. Here foresters are experimenting with new types of urban forests in the face of climate change and changing society. EFUF will capitalize on the Waldlabor and will organize an **International Waldlabor Student Workshop** in parallel to the conference, connecting energizing debates with energetic forest activities (see [here for the call for the workshop](#), deadline 31 December 2018).

## THEMES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The 2019 European Forum on Urban Forestry invites **researchers and urban forest professionals to submit abstracts for contributions**. This includes – but is not limited to – applied as well as academic research, and perspectives/experience reports of professionals and practitioners. EFUF emphasizes the connection of practice and scientific knowledge, encouraging a variety of possible formats to contribute to the conference. Contributions may explore the urban forest as...

**... the healthy forest: sport, wellbeing and human health**

- Recreational activities with a special emphasis on outdoor sports and their management
- New well-being activities: supply, conflicts and visitor management in urban forests
- Urban forests and human health: interrelations, activities, management

**... the spiritual forest: culture, religion and art**

- Diversifying cultural perceptions of forests and related forest use
- Religious aspects of urban forests and trees, including sacred and funeral forests
- The urban forest in art, art in the urban forest, the urban forest as inspiration

**... the learning forest: research, laboratories and education**

- Forest laboratories as approaches for experiencing and transforming urban forests
- Participatory planning and research in urban green infrastructure
- Education for sustainable development and environmental education

**... the co-designed forest: diverging interests, governance and urban forest management**

- Diversifying societal demands, conflicts and their management: conservation, recreation, wood production, ecosystem service provisioning and infrastructure development
- New and experimental planning, design and management processes

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

We accept oral talks, posters and other non-commercial contributions. Abstracts (maximum 2000 characters) are only accepted in English language. They must not include figures, tables or attachment and should be related to one of the themes mentioned in the call for abstracts. Deadline for submission is **1<sup>st</sup> of February 2019**. For abstract submission, please use the online system: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=efuf2019>.

The **programme committee** will determine whether a work will be accepted for presentation, considering the significance and/or the innovative character of the contribution. Authors will be **informed** on the acceptance of their contribution by the **21<sup>st</sup> of February 2019**.

**REGISTRATION**

Will be open from 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2019 through the **22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2019**.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Opening call for abstracts: 19 November 2018
- Closing registration for Waldlabor workshop: 31 December 2018
- Closing call for abstracts: 1 February 2019
- Notification of selection of abstracts: 21 February 2019
- Registration opens: 1 February 2019

- Early bird registration closes: 30 March 2019
- Deadline for payment of early bird registration fees: 30 April 2019
- Registration closes: 22 April 2019
- Deadline for payment of registration fees: 15 May 2019

## CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

### Programme Committee

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- Ministry for Environment, Agriculture, Nature and Consumer Protection of the State Nordrhein-Westfalen
- German Sport University Cologne
- European Forest Institute (EFI), Bonn Office
- RWTH Aachen University
- City of Cologne
- University of Applied Sciences and Arts at Göttingen

## ACCOMMODATION

Rooms will be secured at the German Sport University Campus at attractive rates. Conference participants are welcome to book other accommodation if they prefer so. Be aware that there will be a high demand for hotel rooms during the conference week. Book well ahead!

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND CONTACT

**Dates:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May until Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 (arrival possible on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May with welcome drink, optional field excursion on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May)

**Venue:** German Sport University Cologne

**Travel:** please visit the website [2019.efuf.org](http://2019.efuf.org) for directions

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