

## Newsletter n.4

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This issue of our newsletter presents an update of MOTTLES activity and upcoming Events

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### LAST EVENTS

## Second annual MOTTLES survey

Every year, MOTTLES surveyor teams carry out the assessment of tree responses to ozone pollution at the forest sites of our network with the help of local site managers.

Assessments of crown conditions (i.e. discoloration, defoliation) and of visible foliar ozone-induced injury were carried out at 17 forest plots during summer 2018 (August-September). Data will be then related with the ozone metrics calculated on the basis of direct measurements at those sites.



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## Guidelines for the improvement of air quality in Tuscan urban forests

“Estimating the contribution of urban woody plants to the removal of atmospheric pollution: a species-specific

From the collaboration between MOTTLES researchers and Tuscany Region, new guidelines were suggested for the management of urban forests in Tuscany aiming at the improvement of air quality. The guidelines were presented on 21st October in Florence.

The result of this collaboration was also presented at the "World Forum for Urban Forest" (Mantova, 28th November-1st December 2018) with a presentation entitled:

case study in Italy"

More info at [link](#)



## Presentation at the National Park « des Ecrins »



Presentation of the talk "MOTTLES: Réseau innovant de suivi pour la protection des forêts en Europe » by Pierre Sicard (ARGANS) on August, 29th at the National Park « des Ecrins » (in the area of le Casset MOTTLES site). Pierre Sicard explained the effect of ozone pollution on vegetation and the aim of our project.

More info at [link](#)

## "Forest Science for a Sustainable Forestry and Human Wellbeing in a Changing World"

The International workshop organized by INCDS, in Bucharest from 18th to 21st of September entitled "Forest Science for a Sustainable Forestry and Human Wellbeing in a Changing World" had a great success, with more than 200 persons, from 16 Countries.

MOTTLES organized a session addressed to stakeholders ("Bridging science and decision-making for monitoring ozone harm to forests"). Download this [file](#) for more info or visit [conference website](#)



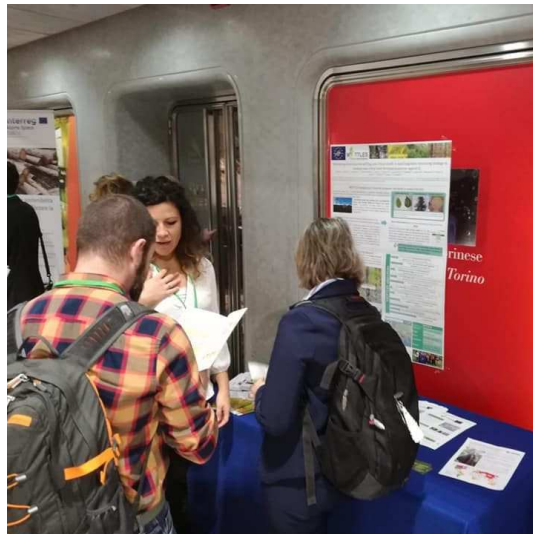
## IV CONGRESSO NAZIONALE DI SELVICOLTURA

MOTTLES supported the "IV CONGRESSO NAZIONALE DI SELVICOLTURA" [IV Italian Congress of Silviculture], held in Torino from 5 to 9 November 2018. Organized by the Italian Academy of Forest Sciences (AISF) with the collaboration of Piedmont Region, University of Turin and the support of the most prestigious Italian academic and scientific institutions, the event had a great success. The Congress was divided into numerous scientific sessions, round tables, congress excursions and a wide range of initiatives open to the public.

MOTTLES was present with its own stand to present its activities, while some scientific results were presented as oral or poster contributions.

Visit the Congress website

<https://congressoselvicultura.com/>



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## Combined Expert Panel Meeting of ICP-Forests



MOTTLES presented its results at the ICP-Forests meeting held in Zvolen from 1st to 5th October.

ICP-Forests is the International Co-operative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests operating under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP).

More info at [link](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### IUFRO Nanning 2019, Harmonized Growth, Cleaner Environment and Sustainable Forests,

*May 13-17 2019 Guangxi Forestry Research Institute, China*

The next IUFRO Research Group 7.01 "Impacts of air pollution and climate change on forest ecosystems" biennial conference will be held on 13-17 May 2019 in Nanning, Guangxi, southern China. The deadline for abstract submission was **15 December 2018** but an extension is in progress.

More info at <http://iufroNanning2019.csp.escience.cn/dct/page/1>

## 32nd ICP-Vegetation Task Force Meeting

February 18-21 2019 Targoviste, Romania

The deadline for registration was **Friday 7th December 2018**, you may want to contact Harry Harmens ([hh@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:hh@ceh.ac.uk)) for registration. See the [Template and guidelines for abstract](#) for details on abstract format. The deadline for one-page abstracts to be submitted is **Friday 18th January 2019** (send to Harry Harmens, [hh@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:hh@ceh.ac.uk)). A book of abstracts will be produced and circulated in advance of the meeting.

More info at <https://icpvegetation.ceh.ac.uk/32nd-task-force-meeting>

## IUFRO 2019 XXV World Congress, Curitiba, Brazil

September 29-October 5 2019 Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil

In 2019, for the first time Latin America will host a World Congress of the IUFRO (International Union of Forest Research Organizations). This event will take place in Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil (at [Expo Unimed](#)), from September 29 to October 5, and will be organized and coordinated by the Brazilian Forest Service (SFB) and EMBRAPA. Approximately three thousand participants are expected at the event, which will discuss various aspects related to **forest research**. The deadline for abstract submission is **31 December 2018**.

More info at <http://iufro2019.com/>

## XII Congresso Nazionale SISEF

November 12-15 2019 Palermo, Italy

The National Congress of the Italian Society of Silviculture and forest Ecology (SISEF) will be held in Palermo, at the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Forestry Sciences of the University from 12 to 15 November 2019.

More info at [link](#)

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