

Last call for abstracts!

Abstract submissions deadline is postponed to January 28, 2011.

DEADWOOD AND DYING TREES A MATTER OF LIFE AND DIVERSITY

Researchers from over 15 countries have already submitted abstracts for the FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON DYNAMICS AND ECOLOGICAL SERVICES OF DEADWOOD IN FOREST ECOSYSTEMS to be held in Rouyn-Noranda (Québec, Canada), May 15-19, 2011. As some people learned only recently about this exciting and important event, we have pushed the abstract submission deadline to January 28, 2011.

We are pleased to confirm our keynote speakers

Christophe Bouget (Cemagref, France) - Deadwood in the context of biomass harvesting for energy production

Juha Siitonen (Finnish Forest Research Institute) - Ecological importance of deadwood and saproxylic insects in forest ecosystems

Daniel Vallauri (WWF, France) - Deadwood conservation and restoration in managed landscapes

Kathy Martin (University of British Columbia, Canada) - Nest webs and functional biodiversity

Ian Thompson (Canadian Forest Service) - Deadwood in the global context

Martin Moroni (Forestry Tasmania) - Deadwood functions in carbon and nutrient cycles

Hit the road with the post-symposium excursion to James Bay.

This excursion will provide a unique opportunity to enjoy and discover Northern Quebec. Participants will travel the 620 km James Bay highway from Matagami to the town of Radisson, site of the world's largest underground generating station. Along the way, they will discover black spruce forest and taiga ecosystems, large areas affected by forest fires and a number of stops in natural and managed forests where work conducted by Quebec researchers will be discussed. The 3 day excursion also includes a visit of the Eastmain-1-A/Sarcelle/Rupert hydroelectric project and the Robert-Bourassa hydroelectric station. Cree elders in the town of Chisasibi will meet participants and provide an introduction to the Cree way of life. The tour is limited to 20 participants.

Make sure they don't leave without you.

Visit our web site at http://deadwood2011.uqat.ca for detailed information on guidelines for abstract submission, organising and scientific committees, venue, registration, and contacts.

Early registration deadline is March 26, 2011.

