



IUFRO Tree Biotechnology 2027 Meeting

Intelligent Forests - Facing the Future

25-30 April 2027 | Stellenbosch, South Africa



WELCOME TO IUFRO 2027

Dear partners, colleagues and industry representatives

On behalf of the Joint Organizing Committee and our co-hosts, Stellenbosch University and the University of Pretoria, it is my privilege to invite you to participate as a vital sponsor or exhibitor at the IUFRO Tree Biotechnology 2027 Meeting, taking place in Stellenbosch, South Africa, from 25 to 30 April 2027.

Our conference theme, *"Intelligent Forests - Facing the Future,"* underscores the critical intersection of advanced forest biotechnology, genetics and data science with the pressing socio-ecological demands of a modern world in a new era of accelerated scientific and technological advances. As the premier biennial conference of the International Tree Biotechnology Community, this gathering attracts top-tier international scientists, industry pioneers, and researchers to share groundbreaking innovations in genomics, bioinformatics, molecular breeding, gene editing and climate resilience solutions.

By partnering with us as a sponsor or exhibitor, your organization will secure premium visibility among global decision-makers, foster strategic collaborations, and directly support the advancement of forest biotechnology. We offer tailored packages ranging from comprehensive Platinum and Gold profiles to highly specific technical, registration, and social event alignments.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Western Cape Winelands for an unforgettable week of cutting-edge science and productive networking.

Warmest regards,

Prof. Zander Myburg

Chair: 2027 Organizing Committee



INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

MEETING VENUE

Protea Hotel by Marriott -Stellenbosch

Address: Techno Avenue in Techno Park, Stellenbosch

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Registration opens	18-Aug-26
Early registration closes	22-Jan-27
Regular registration closes	22-Mar-27
Abstract submission opens	28-Jul-26
Abstract submission for oral & poster presentation closes	02-Nov-26
Announcement of Presenters	30-Nov-26



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IN PERSON EXHIBITIONS HYBRID EVENTS

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ABOUT IUFRO

The International Union of Forest Research Organizations

IUFRO is a non-profit, non-governmental international network of forest scientists, which promotes global cooperation in forest-related research and enhances the understanding of the ecological, economic and social aspects of forests and trees.

IUFRO is “the” global network for forest science cooperation. It unites more than 15,000 scientists in almost 700 Member Organizations in over 110 countries, and is a member of the International Council for Science (ICSU). Scientists cooperate in IUFRO on a voluntary basis.



IUFRO TREE BIOTECH 2024 MEETING in Annapolis, MD, USA

The biennial meeting gathers thought leaders, technologists and practitioners from across the globe including:

- International and South African researchers and academics in biotechnology and genomics
- Scientists and technical specialists involved in tree breeding, genetics, molecular biology and plant science
- Commercial forestry companies and forestry industry research and development teams
- Government departments, research organizations and conservation agencies involved in forestry and environmental management
- Postgraduate students and early-career researchers representing the next generation of forest scientists
- Technology, biochemical, laboratory and scientific equipment specialists supporting research and innovation
- International decision-makers from universities, research institutes and industry across the global forestry sector

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

25-30 APRIL 2027

Conference Programme						
	Sunday 25 April 27	Monday 26 April 27	Tuesday 27 April 27	Wednesday 28 April 27	Thursday 29 April 27	Friday 30 April 27
08:00	Exhibitor/ Sponsor build-up	Full Day Meeting Session 1 & 2	Full Day Meeting Session 3 & 4	Half Day Meeting Session 5	Full Day Meeting Session 6 & 7	Half Day Meeting Session 8
				Excursion and Sunset Event		Meeting closes
18:00/ 19:00	Welcome Reception & Keynote Address	Social Event for Early Career Delegates			Conference Dinner	

Programme subject to change without prior notice.

Social Events:

Welcome Reception and Keynote Address	25 April 2027 - Conference Hotel
Social Event for Early Career Delegates	26 April 2027 – venue to be confirmed
Excursion and Sunset Event	28 April 2027 – Banhoek Valley and Winelands
Symposium Dinner	29 April 2027 – Conference Hotel

Session topics:

- Biological, evolutionary and ecological insights from 'omics
- Application of AI in tree genomics and biotechnology
- Genes, development, and physiology
- Biotechnology for biomaterials and bioeconomy
- Genetic engineering and reproductive biology of forest trees
- Genomics and phenomics for tree improvement
- Trees in changing landscapes (biotic and abiotic stress)
- Translating genomics and biotechnology to practice



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship Opportunity	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Conference Excursion Sponsor	Conference Shweshwe Bag	Name Badge and Lanyard Sponsor	Morning Refreshment break	Poster Session Sponser	Online Registration Sponsor	Audio Visual Sponsor	Invited Speaker
Sponsorship Amount	R200 000	R130 000	R100 000	R80 000	R75 000	R55 000	R50 000	R45 000	R40 000	R35 000	*
Number of sponsors restricted to	2	4	6	2	1	1	Multiple	2	1	3	
Complimentary Meeting Registration	4	2	1								
Logo on the official meeting website	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•
Logo on the Digital Programme and Abstract Booklet	•	•	•	•			•	•			•
Logo on the holding slides between sessions	•	•		•			•		•		•
Oral Presentation included in the official Meeting Programme	•										
Exhibition stand	•										
Logo on the Online Registration Form and automated confirmation email sent to all the registered delegates									•		
Logo on all the delegates name badges						•					
Logo on the conference bags					•						
Display material set up in the network venue for the duration of the sponsored refreshment break							•				
Banner at the registration Desk										•	•
Banner in the Session/Poster Venue								•			

* Invited Speaker Sponsorship - sponsor to cover the airfare, accommodation, meals and onsite transport. Confirmation of the speaker is subject to the approval of the Organizing Committee.

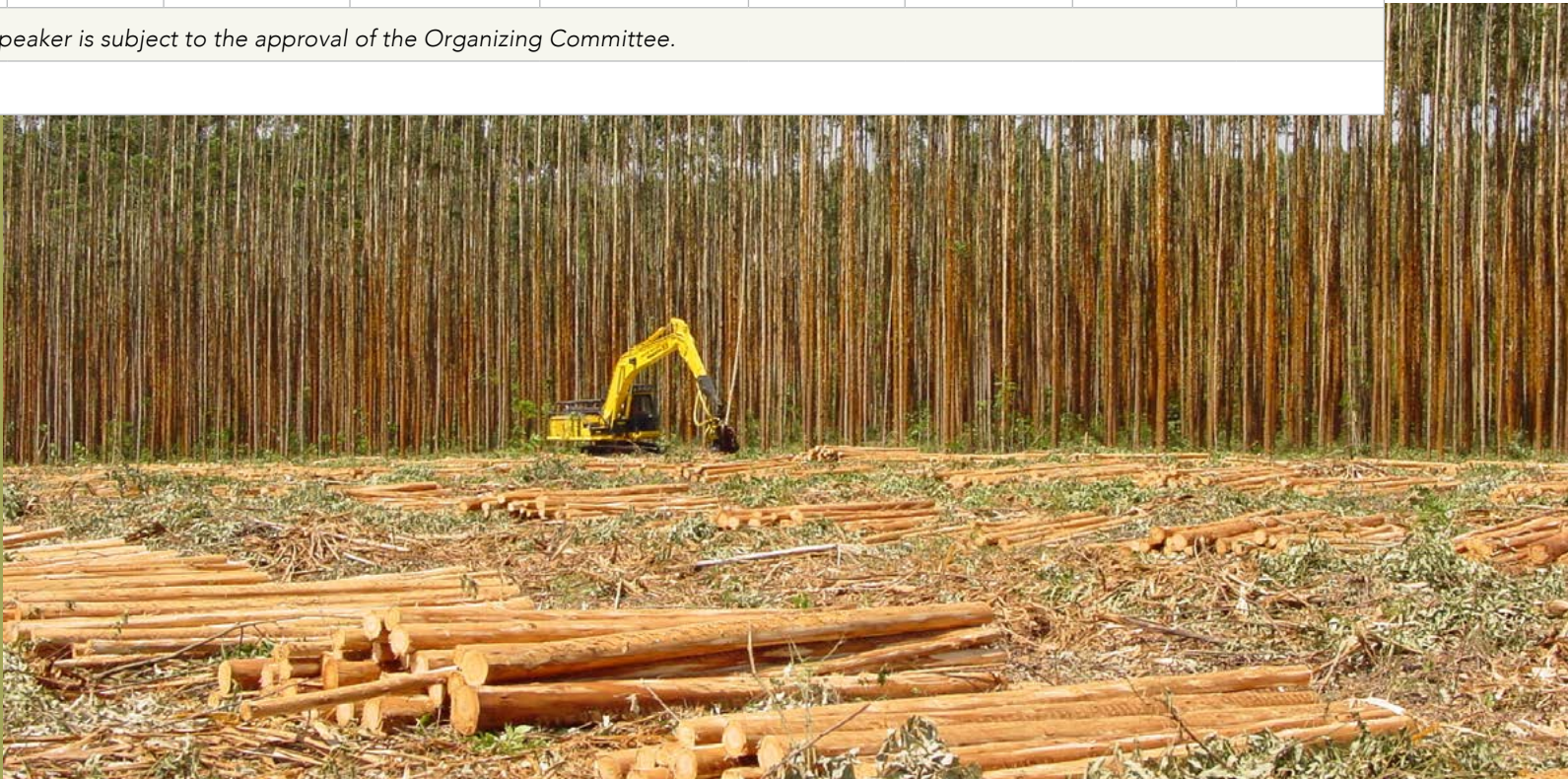
Sponsor to provide all artwork and logos where relevant .

PAYMENT TERMS - SPONSORSHIP

- Upon submission of the Sponsorship booking form, a full sponsorship invoice will be issued.
- Sponsorship benefits will be activated upon receipt of the sponsorship payment.
- Sponsorship allocation follows a first-come, first-served basis.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- No refunds are applicable for cancellations.



EXHIBITION DISPLAY STAND

All exhibits will be set up in the networking venue where all refreshment breaks and several of the lunches will take place. This is also the venue where the Welcome Reception will take place on Sunday, 25 April 2027.

Exhibition Fees: R 45 000.00

Exhibits include the following:

- 2m V-Shaped Wall with fascia panel for branding
- Vinyl name on fascia panel
- Power Point
- Trestle table with tablecloth and 2 x chairs
- One staff member – Welcome Function & access to all meeting sessions included

Excludes:

Meeting Dinner and the Excursion



ADDITIONAL EXHIBITOR STAFF @ R6 000

- Cost of additional exhibitor staff includes:
- All refreshment breaks and lunch for 5 days and the Welcome function is included.
- Excludes: Attendance to the Excursion and Meeting dinner

EXHIBITION CONTRACTOR ONSITE

- ABContour, the official IUFRO exhibition contractor, can assist exhibitors to produce banners and other promotional material for their own account.
- Contact Beulah Henning at info@abcontour.co.za.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Exhibitor bookings operate on a first-come, first-served basis, and confirmation is conditional upon payment receipt. No provisional stands will be reserved.
- On receipt of the exhibition booking form, an invoice for the full amount will be issued.
- The final date for the organizers to receive exhibition bookings is 25 January 2027.
- All payments must be received by 1 February 2027.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- Cancellations before 25 January 2027 - Exhibiting companies will receive a full refund, less a R1000.00 administrative fee.
- Cancellations after 25 January 2027 - No refund will be applicable.

LIABILITY

All sponsor/exhibiting company assumes the risk of injury, loss and/or damage for their own fixtures, displays and any other property located in the Protea Technopark Hotel. The Sponsor/Exhibitor shall not damage any of the provided items or the venue infrastructure. Any resulting damages must be paid to the supplier or venue by the exhibiting company directly. It is recommended that exhibiting companies take out their own event insurance.

EXHIBITION / SPONSORSHIP BOOKING FORMS

Forms available on the Meeting website.



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