



# Call for posters

The Mediterranean Forest Week has been conceived as a common regional platform for cooperation on Mediterranean forests, aiming at improving the dialogue between the Mediterranean forest research community, policy-makers and the relevant stakeholders, as well as at communicating to the international community and the society at large on the roles of Mediterranean forests and the challenges affecting them. .

Forests and natural areas are an integral part of Mediterranean territories. They are sources of energy, food, income and many other goods and services. Global changes (changes in societies, lifestyles and climate change), evident in the Mediterranean region, adversely affect these ecosystems (degradation and biodiversity loss, increase of fire hazards, desertification).

## To meet these challenges:

- The political and administrative authorities at national, regional and local level, as well as the stakeholders and civil society must adapt their strategies and methods of governance to the objectives of sustainable development of these territories;
- Technicians are expected to develop and adapt good practices that should be disseminated and shared.

After the success of the first two Mediterranean Forest Weeks, in 2010 in Antalya (Turkey) and in 2011 in Avignon (France), the Algerian authorities welcome this third edition in Tlemcen on the following issue: "Mediterranean forests for sustainable development of territories: what strategies of mitigation and adaptation to global change?"

This event is supported by the Algerian Government, FAO, the French Ministry of Agriculture, the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions–Silva Mediterranea and its Turkish Presidency, the German International Cooperation (GIZ), Plan Bleu, the Mediterranean Model Forest Network (MMFN), the International Center for Advances Méditerranéenne Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), the Mediterranean office of the European Forest Institute (EFIMED), the International Association for Mediterranean Forests (AIFM) and the Forest Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC).

## How to present a poster at the Mediterranean Forest Week?

You are invited to submit abstracts for posters at the III MFW. Posters should fall within the scope of the III MFW and be focused on one of the four topics outlined in the four sessions of the event.

- 1. Contribution of Mediterranean Forests to sustainable development of rural areas*
- 2. The value of goods and services provided by Mediterranean forests*
- 3. Vulnerability of forested territories and impacts of global changes – Reasons for degradation and desertification*
- 4. Examples of good results in Mediterranean territories on different scales to face global changes*

Posters can address scientific /technical issues, be based on research projects or highlight specific case studies.

A poster session will be held on Monday, March 18 evening, where authors will make a brief (2 minute) presentation of their poster.

Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted by January 30, 2013 by email to [pilar.valbuena@cesefor.com](mailto:pilar.valbuena@cesefor.com) . You will be informed whether your poster has been accepted by February 14, 2013.

Abstracts should be submitted as a Word document containing the following information:

- Author(s) and affiliations
- Key contact and correspondence email address
- Theme: one of the four identified themes of the III MFW
- Type: technical, research or case study

## Languages

Abstracts and posters can be submitted in either English or French. Accepted abstracts and papers will not be translated before including them in any documentation or proceedings. While not required, authors are encouraged to include translated abstracts in both languages in their posters.

## For Further Information

For additional information on the call for posters, please contact: [pilar.valbuena@cesefor.com](mailto:pilar.valbuena@cesefor.com)

Further information on poster format and the poster session will be made available soon.