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International Workshop on forest adaptation to climate change

The French network AFORCE and the Institut des Sciences de la Forêt Tempérée (ISFORT) of the University of Quebec in Outaouais are organizing in collaboration with AgroParisTech, CNPF, EFIATLANTIC, INRA, GIP ECOFOR, ONF, OURANOS consortium and the Canadian Forest Service, a new thematic workshop on:

Forest and Climate Change: adaptation initiatives and new management practices

on March 8 and 9 2017, in Nancy (France)

Foresters are now fully aware of the need to respond quickly and in a coordinated manner to the climate change issue. Firstly interested to improve the understanding of the running current processes, foresters began to study the impacts of climate change: those already observable and those that could be considered under different climate and societal scenarios. Initial findings highlighted several needs: to improve the knowledge on the functioning of trees and stands, to set up monitoring sites and to design diagnostic tools in order to characterize their current status and their potential vulnerability.

Some of these diagnosis tools have been presented during a first international workshop organized in 2014 by the AFORCE network. This workshop was devoted to the global adaptation strategies and action plans developed in various countries to deal with climate change. By organizing this second workshop, AFORCE wishes to focus on the new practices and on concrete adaptations measures, from their elaboration to their implementation.

The event is open to a various public of foresters: researchers in applied research, forest advisors, extension services, teachers, trainers and policy makers who have to intervene on forest-related issues.

The main focus of the workshop are:

- to share experiences related to the support for changes: how to develop advices and recommendations for action? Which projection tools may be use to explore the future evolution of the forest in order to guide these advices? How to support their dissemination? How is their implementation progressing? What are the methods to encourage a change of practices? How to assess the success of the accompanying measures implemented?
- to describe existing initiatives of new practices that are used by forest managers concerned by current or future vulnerable forests: how are these adaptation actions implemented at a system of management scale? Are the developed actions a solution to the problem? Are they included inside a network or are they isolated actions? Do they rely on a diagnosis? Is there a monitoring that has been implemented?

The workshop will be based on the conclusions of a comparison between France and Quebec carried out in 2016 about approaches and networks of actors working on forest adaptation to climate change.

Exchanges will be in English. A simultaneous translation from French to English is planned.

The opening registration date and a more precise program will be communicated shortly.

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