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Highlights

Workshop: Plant-Soil-Microbe Interactions for Crop and Pest Management (30 June 2016)

In this workshop, we assembled a group of leading international scientists to discuss plant-soil-microbe relationships in the context of sustainable agriculture. The workshop consists of a morning session that primarily focuses on the impact of rhizosphere microbes on crop plants in general, and an afternoon session that considers how changes in the soil microbiome cascade up to impact aboveground interactions with agricultural pests.

European Forest Resources and the Bio-economy (5-10 June 2016 27 November – 2 December 2016)

This postgraduate course addresses the role of European forests in the bio-economy and the changes that are taking place in management and forest industry such as: European forest resources, management and governance challenges, new demands in bioenergy & bio-economy, changes in demand from industry, criteria for Sustainable Forest Management and for solid biomass production, and trade-off issues with biodiversity. To address the elements above, we bring together experts on European forest ecology, but also experts from industry, economics, and policy. At the same time, we will make excursions to field sites as well as organisations dealing with forest products.

1. Workshops / Meetings / Symposia

- **Talent Scheme Information Meeting (Veni, Vidi, Vici) (1 July 2016)** @ NWO Java building, The Hague, Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Conference: Unifying Ecology Across Scales (24-29 July 2016)** @ Biddeford, Maine, USA. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Water Initiative for the Future (WatIF) Graduate Student Conference (27-29 July 2016)** @ Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. For more information, please click [here](#).

- **International BioBased Economy Student SymbioSUM (IBBESS) (28-31 August 2016)** @ Wageningen University, Wageningen, Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **5th International EcoSummit Congress on Ecological Sustainability (29 August – 1 September 2016)** @ Montpellier, France. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **European Ecosystem Services Conference (19-23 September 2016)** @ Antwerp, Belgium. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **10th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference (19-24 September 2016)** @ Changshu, China. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Sfécologie2016, the 2016 International Conference of the French Ecological Society (24-28 October 2016)** @ Marseille, French. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **International Conference Functional-Structural Plant Modeling (7-11 November 2016)** @ Qingdao Holiday Inn Expo, Qingdao, China. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement (FLARE) Meeting (2-5 December 2016)** @ University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom. For more information, please click [here](#).

2. Courses

- **Summer school: Individual- and agent-based modeling (30 June – 8 July 2016)**. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Summer Institute in Food Safety and Security (3-22 July 2016)**. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Sustainable food production (4-8 July 2016)**. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **The FSD Course 2016: Analysis and Design of Sustainable Agricultural Systems: Concepts, Methods and Applications to Mediterranean and Tropical systems (12-16 July 2016)**. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Climate-Smart Agriculture: from fundamentals to application (21-26 August 2016)**. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Soil-Landscape Modelling (3-7 October 2016)**. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Uncertainty Propagation in Spatial Environmental Modelling (5-9 December 2016)**. For more information, please click [here](#).

3. Position Announcements

- For job openings, check [our website](#).

4. Other News

- **The MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity (\$ 100,000)** (deadline: 30 June 2016). For more information, please click [here](#).
- **NWO Visitor's Travel Grants.** Researchers in the Netherlands can apply for a visitor's grant for highly qualified senior researchers from abroad who hold a PhD. With this grant these researchers can stay in the Netherlands for a maximum of four months. For more information and application click [here](#).
- **Van Gogh Programme.** Dutch and French researchers who wish to start or continue research cooperation under the Van Gogh Programme can now submit their application for a travel grant for 2016-2017. For more information, please click [here](#).

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