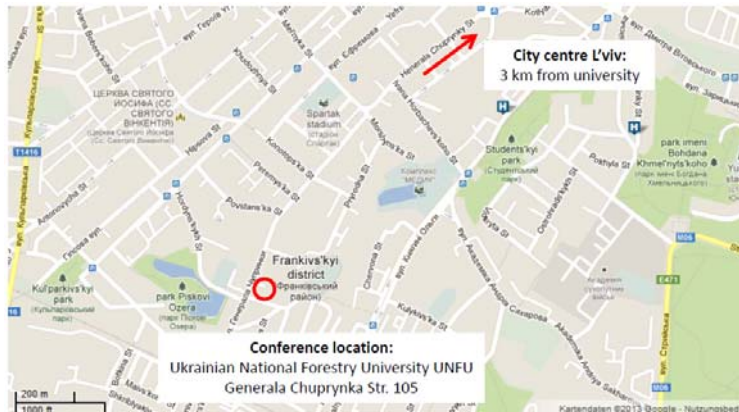


Information for participants

Conference location

The conference sessions (oral and poster sessions) will be held in the conference hall of the Ukrainian National Forestry University, which is situated at Generala Chuprynka str. 105, approx. 3 km from the city centre of L'viv (see map).



The city map of L'viv can be found at <http://www.lviv.a-ukraine.com/de/stadtplan>

We will organise transport from the Hotel George and the Hotel of the Ivan-Franko University to the conference location.

Hotels

Hotel George <http://www.georgehotel.com.ua/>, 1, Mickiewicz sq., 79000, Lviv (city center)

Hotel of Ivan-Franko University, Yaroslava Stets'ka str. 3, 79005 Lviv (5 minutes walk to Hotel George)

Registration

Registration is possible on

- **Sunday (June 2)** from 17:00 to 19:00 at the Hotel George <http://www.georgehotel.com.ua/>, 1, Mickiewicz sq., 79000, Lviv (city center)
- **Monday (June 3)** from 08:00-08:50 at the conference location (Ukrainian National Forestry University, see above).

Welcome Apéro

The Welcome Apéro will be on Sunday (June 2) between 17:30 and 19:30 at the Hotel George <http://www.georgehotel.com.ua/>, 1, Mickiewicz sq., 79000, Lviv (city center)

Oral presentations

Oral presentations must be not longer than 12 minutes (15 minutes including discussions).

The conference room is equipped with data/video projector (beamer) for PowerPoint presentations, and PC with Windows 7/Office 2010.

Please bring your presentation on a USB-stick (named as: **paper-ID_ your name**) and hand it before working sessions or during the coffee breaks to the technical personnel available in the conference room. Please verify, that it will run correctly under Windows 7/Office 2010. (To be on the safe side, you may save your presentation also as PDF-file). If you bring your own computer, we cannot guarantee that it will work with the beamer. Please note: the time needed to setup your equipment will shorten the time available for your presentation.

Short communications

Short communications of maximum 2 minutes (120 seconds) length are presented during the oral sessions. You may present 1-2 PowerPoint slides to advertise your poster and to show the 3-4 highlights or main results of your study.

If you intend to present PowerPoint slides, bring it on a USB-stick (named as: **paper-ID_ your name**) and hand it before working sessions or during the coffee breaks to the technical personnel available in the conference room (see "Oral presentations").

Poster exhibitions

The maximum size of posters is DIN A0, portrait (84.1 cm wide, 118.9 cm high). Due to the high number of announced posters and the limited space for poster exhibition, we cannot accept larger posters or posters mounted in landscape format.

The posters will be exhibited along the corridors outside the conference hall. They will be fixed with adhesive tape to poster walls. We will assign space (marked with the **ID-number**) for each poster. Participants are responsible for mounting and removing their posters. Adhesive tape will be provided, but you may also bring your own tape. Posters can be mounted on Monday (June 3) during registration, coffee break and lunch time. They should be on display from Monday afternoon (June 3) to Wednesday noon (June 5). The organisers are will dispose of posters left on the walls after 16:00, June 5, 2013.

Poster sessions will be on Monday afternoon, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. Each poster will be allocated to one of the sessions. Poster authors are requested to be available for questions during the respective session.

Workshop (invited participants)

The workshop will be on Wednesday, June 5, 17:00-19:00 and Thursday, June 6, 08:00-13:00.

It will be held at the Hotel George <http://www.georgehotel.com.ua/>, 1, Mickiewicz sq., 79000, Lviv (city center).

Exkursion

The Excursion will lead to the primeval beech forest of Uholka-Shyrokyi Luh, the largest primeval forest of European beech (Carpathian Biosphere Reserve, Transcarpathian Oblast). It is a long drive from L'viv to the excursion area. We will travel in four busses and we will spend two nights (June 6 and 7) in hotels in Chust or Shaian, a recreation village close to Chust (participants will spend both nights in the same hotel). The hotels are of good standard and all rooms have shower/toilet. However, single rooms are limited so that many participants will have to share two-bed rooms.

Thursday, June 6: Drive from L'viv across the Carpathian mountains to Chust. Stops and side excursions on the way. Dinner will be served at your hotel in Chust/Shaian. (Workshop participants will drive directly to Chust without side excursions).

Please note that some roads in Ukraine are in bad condition. Participants suffering from travel sickness are advised to take some prophylaxis.

Friday, June 7: Drive from Chust to Mala Uholka. Walking tour through the primeval beech forest. It is planned to offer four tours of different length (minimum walking time 2-3 hours, maximum 6-7 hours; we will try to give you more information as soon as possible). The longest tour will be for very fit people only. All tours will start and end at the same point (Mala Uholka field office).

The routes are partly steep and rough. Good hiking boots are required. Although we hope for a sunny day, please be prepared for bad weather (rain jacket, sweater, umbrella). Participants will have to carry their lunch with them.

Dinner will be in Mala Uholka, and afterwards, we will drive to Chust/Shaian for the night.

Saturday, June 8: Drive from Chust/Shaian back to L'viv. Arrival in L'viv at approx. 18:00. If necessary, one bus could be back in Lviv at about 16:00, traffic allowing. If you need to be back in L'viv at 16:00, please send a mail to primevalbeech2013@wsl.ch before May 22. Please note that in any case we cannot guarantee to catch afternoon flights leaving from L'viv on June 8.

End of Excursion.

Hotel reservations

According to the preliminary reservations we made for rooms in the Hotel George and the Hotel of Ivan-Franko University, it should be possible to accommodate all participants in rooms according to their specific wishes expressed before May 15, 2013. However, we are still waiting for confirmations from the respective hotels.

Transfer from L'viv airport to the hotel

We will try to organise transport from L'viv airport to the Hotel George and Ivan-Franko for participants arriving in L'viv on June 2. Please let us know the flight number and exact time of your arrival by mail to primevalbeech2013@wsl.ch.

We are sorry but we cannot offer pickup service for participants arriving at an earlier or later date. For questions regarding airport taxis or bus transport to the city centre please contact Vasyl Lavnyy lavnyy@gmail.com. An airport taxi to city centre will cost approx. 100 UAH.

General information

Money, change

Meals are included in the conference and excursion fees, as well the accommodation in Chust/Shaian during the excursion. However, you will need money to pay for your accommodation in L'viv and for extras, such as drinks in the evenings, bus or taxi fees or whatever.

The local currency is Hryvna (UAH). You can only get it within the Ukraine. The exchange rate is about 10 UAH to 1 EUR or 8 UAH to 1 USD. Euros, US dollars and Swiss Francs can be changed in banks and exchange offices in L'viv (some of the latter are also open on Sundays), but you may get problems with other currencies.

You can use the Maestro cash card and the most widely accepted credit cards to withdraw amounts of 1000-2000 UAH from cash machines (ATMs).

Rooms in the hotel George can be paid by credit card.

Electricity

The electric current in Ukraine is 220 V, although there might be voltage fluctuations (or even power interruptions; it might be useful to bring a torch with you). Plugs are the European type with two round pins. You will need an adapter for the 3-poles plugs common in Switzerland as well as for any other type of plugs.

Hygienic conditions

The hygienic conditions in Ukraine do not everywhere meet the Western European standard. Toilets may be simple and during excursion you might have to use pit latrines.

Drinking water: we advise not to drink water from the tap unless you can boil it.

Eating and drinking

Traditional Ukrainian meals are sometimes rather heavy. Ukrainians like to eat lots of bacon (in particular salted and flavored fat) and meat – mainly pork – and they often cook with bacon fat. If you do not eat pork, please send an e-mail to primevalbeech2013@wsl.ch!

Drinking of vodka is part of the social life in Ukraine, and it is tradition to give a toast with each glass of vodka. Toasting is a complex matter and follows certain rules, e.g. in the sequence of toasts given (at least in large company and at the beginning of the evening). Of course, people will accept if you say that you do not drink alcohol.