

# Training School

## Impacts of Climate Change on Growth and Mortality of Forests in Europe

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### **Date and location:**

The Training School will be held at the University of Freiburg (Germany) on **April 19 – 22, 2010** ('icebreaker': **April 18**).

### **Objectives and activities:**

The Training School offers young-stage researchers (preferably PhD and post-doc students) in the field of climate change impact studies unique cooperation and networking possibilities. As the School is linked up to the international TRACE 2010 conference<sup>1</sup> (**April 23 – 25, 2010**), it offers furthermore valuable conferencing experiences.

The program of the School consists of presentations by key-note speakers, interdisciplinary discussion forums and group work activities. Report-back presentations at the TRACE conference are planned, besides publications in the conference proceedings. Group delegates are encouraged to present their group work outcomes, and to critically reflect on relevant conference topics.

The final Training School program will be shaped based on the interests of the participants. Group work activities will relate to the identification of relevant climate factors and parameters to describe climate change impacts on forests in Europe, as well as to the resilience of trees.

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<sup>1</sup> TRACE: *Tree Rings in Archaeology, Climatology and Ecology*. TRACE is an initiative of the Association of Tree Ring Research (ATR). The conference seeks to strengthen the network and scientific exchange of scientists and students, especially involved in tree ring research.

## Organization:

The Training School is organized as a COST Action FP0703 ECHOES event, with the *Institute for Forest Growth* as local organizer, and in close cooperation with the partners of the trinational NFZ.forestnet.

## Enrollment:

The Training School seats a total number of 20 participants from countries having accepted the Memorandum of Understanding of ECHOES, or from country institutions that are fully approved members of this COST Action (for a list click here). Grants are available that cover the registration costs (a list of included costs is provided under 'Registration') and in addition compensate the participant's travel- and accommodation costs partially.

Admission to the Training School is selective and based on the following criteria: country distribution (max. 4 participants per country), gender balance, motivation letter and Curriculum Vitae.

When you are interested to participate in the School, please send an email to Ernst.van-der-Maaten@iww.uni-freiburg.de before **January 31, 2010**. Attach a 1-page *Motivation Letter*<sup>2</sup> and a *Curriculum Vitae*<sup>3</sup>, highlighting your educational background, (anticipated) PhD subject, and relevant research experiences (in keywords!).

The final selection of participants will be announced latest **February 14, 2010**.

## Registration:

An approved registration for the Training School "Impacts of Climate Change on Growth and Mortality of Forests in Europe" includes:

1. An icebreaker on **April 18, 2010**
2. Participation in the Training School and TRACE 2010 conference
3. All Training School and conference material
4. Coffee breaks and lunch buffets from **April 19 – 25, 2010**
5. A Training School dinner on **April 21, 2010**

Not included are:

1. An excursion on **April 25, 2010**
2. A conference dinner on **April 24, 2010**

## Additional information:

Whenever you have any questions about the Training School, do not hesitate to contact: Ernst.van-der-Maaten@iww.uni-freiburg.de.

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<sup>2</sup> Pdf-file, Times New Roman 12, file name: *letter\_yourlastname\_yourfirstname*

<sup>3</sup> Pdf-file, Times New Roman 12, file name: *cv\_yourlastname\_yourfirstname*