

To
the participants of the
2020 ICP Forests Scientific Conference

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Subject: 9th ICP Forests Scientific Conference postponed to 2021

Dear participants of the 9th ICP Forests Scientific Conference,

We hope this message finds you and your families well during these challenging times!

Until end of march, we were able to successfully continue the organization of the [9th ICP Forests Scientific Conference at WSL](#). We managed to set up an attractive program including a WSL campus tour and post-conference excursion to the Pfynwald and the Aletsch Nature Reserve. We were able to win great key note speakers and over 80 abstracts from 18 nations were submitted on the topic "Forest Monitoring to assess Forest Functioning under Air Pollution and Climate Change". This, not least thanks to your engagement and supporting experts and stake holders from your country to join the 9th ICP Forests Scientific Conference.

Due to the decision of the Swiss Federal Council on 18 March, the entry restriction until 15 June, and similar restrictions from many other countries, it seems unfortunately no longer possible to hold the conference at WSL on 8-10 June 2020.

In search of alternatives, we have decided in consultation with the ICP Forests Lead Country and the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment FOEN representative of the UNECE host country to postpone the 9th ICP Forests Scientific Conference until 2021. This way, we are accommodating the countries that wanted to participate in the conference and can use a large part of the previous efforts for 2021.

We kindly ask you to mark your agenda with the following new dates:

- **ICP Forests Scientific Conference, 7-9 June 2021**
- **ICP Forests Task Force Meeting taking place on 10-11 June 2021**
- **Post-conference excursion on 11-12 June 2021**

In order to make best use of all the valuable abstracts, we are currently exploring possibilities for a joint publication. We will get back to you as soon as we can offer you an attractive option.

The participants who have already transferred their registration fees, will soon be contacted and informed about the procedure so we can reimburse your fees.

We regret these circumstances and hope to see you soon in 2021.

On behalf of the organizing committee,
we remain with the best wishes,

Marcus Schaub

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