

Canadian Urban Forest Conference

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CUFC

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Call for Presentations for the 12th Canadian Urban Forest Conference

Bringing together between 300 and 400 urban forestry experts every second year, the Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) promotes dialogue between professionals, scientists and community groups. The CUFC unites these diverse stakeholders so they can share experiences and innovative approaches relating to stewardship, policies, technologies, research and best practices in managing Canada's urban forests.

The 2016 CUFC is being coordinated by the City of Laval, Quebec, and is benefiting from the guidance and support of Tree Canada, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation as well as researchers from the Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO) and the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM).

The CUFC in Laval

Selected to host the 12th CUFC, the City of Laval is among the Canadian municipalities where the forest occupies a large part of the territory. In fact, Laval's nature is distinguished by the presence of wooded areas alongside both agricultural and urban lands and by a vast network of aquatic, wetland and longshore ecosystems.

Aware of the many benefits of trees in the urban environment, the City of Laval is committed to protecting the various habitats on its territory—all of which are essential to its residents' quality of life and to the development of wild life and plant life as well. Laval is therefore proud to welcome urban forestry experts who will share their knowledge on the topic and enable significant advances in protecting and preserving urban natural environments.

Conference theme

The main theme for the 12th CUFC is **«The urban forest revealed»**

Three subjects will be featured:

Planning green infrastructures

Our urban and peri-urban ecosystems are genuine green infrastructures and the services they provide depend on the connections created between trees, woodlands and landscapes. Conservation and reforestation efforts should aim to consolidate and/or create new connections to maximize their efficiency and resilience in the face of global change.

Discovering urban biodiversity

Often severely modified by human activities, urban ecosystems are habitats for a range of plant and animal species. The many challenges associated with urban diversity ranging from selected tree species to activity at the landscape level and these are greatly influenced by land-use planning and by urban environmental interventions.

Understanding ecosystem services

Ecosystem-based services refer to the benefits produced and sustained by green environments (i.e. trees and vegetation) that benefit human communities. These services are important from an ecological standpoint to maintain biodiversity; they also have an economic value—as they make it possible to avoid certain costs in managing services—as well as social value, which impacts and influences educational, cultural and recreational significance.

You may also submit your oral presentation or poster on any other topic related to urban forests. We also welcome and encourage applications from the social sciences that explore mixed methodologies and critical reflection.

Expectations for presentations

- Overview of current questions and related information
- Novel perspectives on common problems
- Tools, advice and techniques
- Motivation and inspiration
- Best practices
- Resources and funding
- New scientific knowledge

Format of presentations

- The communications proposed may be submitted in a poster or as an oral presentation.
- Oral presentations must be 20 minutes long, including the question period.

The deadline for submitting your communication proposal is Friday, January 29, 2016, at 5 p.m. (EST).

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your proposal
(maximum 300 words),



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