



# Precision Forestry Symposium 2017



**Precision Forestry – Producing More from Less. Towards optimising value in the bio-economy from data driven decisions.”**

**Stellenbosch University, South Africa**

**Call for abstract submissions**



**Date: 28 February to 2 March, 2017**

**Precision Forestry (PF) 2017** will be the fourth of a series of international symposia aligned to the theme of Precision Forestry and presented by Stellenbosch University in cooperation with the International Union of Forest Research Organisation (IUFRO). This meeting will review continuing developments in the rapidly advancing field of Precision Forestry. New technology for data collection, automation, robotics and ICT, make it possible to manage forest operations and to control the supply chain, from growing through to and including processing, with ever-increasing levels of precision. PF 2017 aims to connect the research within the relevant disciplines on an international level.

### **Symposium objectives**

To bring decision-makers, practitioners, academics, managers and researchers; who are interested in PF together in one forum to share and review information, developments, concepts and ideas within the broad listed topics. This interaction will facilitate networking to development joint projects and activities that will address priority issues.

### **Symposium Format**

The symposium is planned over three days at the Wallenberg Research Centre, Stellenbosch ([www.sun.ac.za/stias](http://www.sun.ac.za/stias)). This will include two days of presentations and a one-day field trip. The programme will consist of key note addresses and a number of invited speakers who will address new PF technologies and scientific developments. There is however adequate provision for voluntary contributions by other researchers, academics and practitioners from both South Africa and abroad.

### **Themes**

1. Precision measurements and modelling of quality and yield
2. Utilising precision data for efficient forest management and operations
3. Optimised logistics – from seed to product
4. Value and costs throughout the value chain
5. Operations Research - optimisation, heuristics and simulation
6. Delivering new values to the bio-economy

**Visit the Precision Forestry website for more information and registration:**

**<http://conferences.sun.ac.za/index.php/pf/2017/index>**

### **Deadlines**

Abstract submission:	1 September 2016
Feedback from technical committee:	1 November 2016
Early registration deadline:	1 December 2016
Late registration deadline:	15 January 2017
Registration cancellation deadline:	31 January 2017