

Meeting programme

(all events will take place at The Venue):

Tuesday 4th November 2014

16:00 – 20:00 Registration, refreshments.

Wednesday 5th November 2014

8:30 – 9:15 Teas & Coffees

9:15 – 9:30 Welcome

9:30 – 12:30 Brainstorming, led by Idenk

12:30 – 13:20 Lunch

Session chaired by Ivika Ostonen

13:20 – 14:00 **Mary Edwards** (University of Southampton)
New DNA approaches to understanding Late-Quaternary and recent biodiversity changes – potential and problems.

14:00 – 14:40 **Inger Greve Alsos** (The Arctic University of Norway)
The use of lake sedDNA as proxy for reconstructing vegetation change: comparisons with known afforestation history and macrofossils.

14:40 – 15:20 **Annamaria Bevivino** (ENEA Roma)
Soil bacterial diversity: from culture-based to metagenomic approaches.

15:20 – 15:40 Teas & Coffees

15:40 – 17:00 Networking + posters

17:00 – 18:00 MC meeting

Thursday 6th November 2014

Session chaired by Elena Vanguelova

9:00 – 9:40

Thomas Bell (Imperial College London)

Soil biodiversity and ecosystem functioning: linking laboratory experiments to natural systems.

9:40 -10:20

Stefano Mocali (ENTECRA Italy)

Exploring soil microbial diversity in forest ecosystems: new perspectives

10:20 – 10:50

Teas & Coffees

10:50 – 11:30

Paul Henning Krogh (Aarhus University)

The role of soil invertebrates in forest ecosystems

11:30 – 12:10

Robert Griffiths (CEH Wallingford)

Large scale drivers of soil bacterial biodiversity

12:10 – 12:25

Lars Vesterdal (University of Copenhagen)

Do tree species identity and diversity influence soil carbon stocks in temperate and boreal forests?

12:25 – 12:40

Petr Baldrian (Charles University Prague) Fungal communities in forest soils: diversity, dynamics and functioning.

12:40 – 12:55

Isabel Abrantes (University of Coimbra)

The ecology of pinewood nematodes.

12:55 – 13:45

Lunch

13:45 – 15:30

WG sessions (in breakout rooms tbc)

15:30 – 16:00

Teas & Coffees

16:00 – 16:30

Closing remarks


19:00 – 22:00

Conference dinner

Friday 7th November 2014

Departure

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