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patterns, processes and threats***



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Symposium Location

The symposium will be held in the city of Lyon, France, at the Rockefeller Campus located in the city center. Lyon is the second largest city in France, surrounded by the Alps and embedded in a landscape particularly rich in rivers, streams, alpine lakes and ponds. Lyon was the former capital of Gaul, which was founded in 43 BC. The city has preserved many archaeological relics. Today Vieux Lyon is the largest, most homogenous Renaissance site in France. There are also the typical courtyards and wells, shops, famous traboules and the magnificent Saint-Jean Cathedral.

Venue

Lyon's geographic location at the heart of a motorway network of more than 1 000 km puts it at less than 2 hours from the large towns and cities in the region: 1h 30 from Geneva, and 3 hours from Turin and Marseille, 4 hours from Paris.

A major hub for the Rhône-Alpes region, Lyon Saint Exupéry airport, located 25 km from the town centre, boasts excellent road, air and rail links, in particular with the TGV high-speed trains and Europe's major motorways. Every day of the year from 5.00 to midnight, Rhônexpress connects Lyon Part-Dieu to the Airport in less than 30 minutes (every 15 minutes from 6.00 to 21.00 and every 30 minutes in peak hours). It is the safest and fastest way to connect the town center of Lyon and the airport. With two stations in the town center, Part-Dieu and Perrache, and a third at Lyon Saint Exupéry Airport, the TGV high-speed train network puts Lyon at 2 hours from Paris (a train every 30 minutes), 3 hours from Lille, 4 hours to Brussels and 5 hours from London (Eurostar).

A transport pass will be provided at the registration desk to each registered participant (included in registration fees) for traveling within the city during the whole week (bus, tramway, subway). City transport information is available on www.tcl.fr (routes, timetables, etc).

Important dates

The meeting will begin the morning of Monday, June 20 and will end during the afternoon of Friday, June 24. The mid-symposium excursions will be held on Wednesday, June 22.

The important dates are the following:

- Abstract submission is extended until the 15th March 2011
- Notification of abstract acceptance: 30th March 2011
- Deadline for early registration with reduced fees: 1st April 2011
- Deadline for registration with regular fees: 1st May 2011

Accommodation

Teamtour is in charge of the organisation of the accommodation during the IAVS 2011 Symposium. Please follow the link to the Teamtour page :

<http://iavs2011.univ-lyon1.fr/en/pages/iavs2011-accommodation>

Passport and Visas

A valid passport or identity card is necessary for all travels from EU Countries. The visa entry requirements for France vary according to your Country of origin. Please contact your local Embassy or Consulate of France for further information.

General Information

The official time in France is UTC/GMT + 2 h in June. The power supply is 230 V, AC. Participants are advised to take out travel and health insurance.

Symposium Center

The Domain of Rockefeller is fully audio- visually equipped. Plenary lectures will be given in a 500 pers. theater, and parallel sessions will be held in smaller seminar rooms. Small rooms will be also available for working group meetings, workshops, librarian exhibitions, etc.



Currency and exchange

The national currency is the Euro (€). 1 euro is approximately 1.4 \$ and 0.8 £. Exchange bureaus can be found in the international airport and in the railway stations. Cash machines are very frequent in public areas, and function with international payment cards.

Symposium participants

Membership in the International Association for Vegetation Science is not required to participate to the 54th IAVS Symposium (but registration fees must be paid to participate to the symposium).

The registration fees include lunches and coffee breaks, the Monday welcome wreception, the Mid-Symposium Excursion, the symposium book of abstracts, and a free public transport pass (bus, tramway and subway) for the full week. Fees do not include the symposium dinner, the other dinners and the hotel accommodation costs. On payment of fees, participants can take part to the pre and post symposium excursions (additional cost of 650€ and 600€ respectively). Unfortunately, funding will not be available to assist those wishing to attend the Symposium. Participants will have to find their own sources of funding.

Accompanying person fees cover the social events of the symposium (Monday welcome reception, symposium dinner), a free public transport pass for the full week and a visit to the city of Lyon.

Registration fees

	IAVS Members	Non IAVS participants	Students
Symposium fees	300 (400) €	400 (500) €	200 (300) €
Symposium dinner	60 €	60 €	60 €
Accompanying person	120 (160) €	120 (160) €	120 (160) €
Pre symposium excursion	650 €	650 €	650 €
Post-symposium excursion	600 €	600 €	600 €

Between brackets: payment after April 1th 2011



T-shirt of the 54th IAVS Symposium !

There is a symposium T-shirt (see registration web site for further information).

Language

The official language of the Symposium is English. There will be no French simultaneous translation.

Scientific Program

Invited Key Speakers (Preliminary list and titles)

Doctor Eric GARNIER : “*A framework to scale-up from species to ecosystem functioning using species traits and abundance*”

Emeritus Professor J Philip GRIME : “*The twin-filter model of plant community assembly and ecosystem functioning*”

Doctor Paul KEDDY : “*Vegetation In and Around Water—Two Perspectives on Wetlands: Special Features and General Rules for Vegetation Science*”

Professor Christian KORNER : “*Alpine vegetation under environmental change*”

Professor John S RODWELL : “*A place for ecology*”

Theme and Topics

The special theme of the symposium will be “Vegetation in and around water: patterns and processes”.

Main short topics:

- A. Biogeochemical approaches to understanding plant communities and ecosystem functioning
- B. Modeling biodiversity: tools and concepts
- C. New insights in descriptive vegetation science
- D. Biological invasions: towards general models and increased predictability
- E. Conservation, management and restoration of plant communities
- F. Understanding wetland functions and services: a challenge for conservation
- G. Alpine vegetation: threats in a changing world
- H. Anthropogenic impact on vegetation: climate, land-use, habitat alterations
- I. Describing biodiversity patterns at multiple scales: from the patch to the biome
- J. Landscape dynamics in result of anthropogenic disturbances
- K. Computational vegetation science: structure and dynamics of plant assemblages in silico
- L. Climate Change Experiments in Temperate Grasslands
- M. Clonal growth in plant communities: patterns and role in community dynamics
- N. Warm-Temperate Deciduous Forests in southern Europe, East Asia, and elsewhere around the Northern Hemisphere
- O. Biodiversity and functioning of riparian habitats: indicators of change
- P. Ecosystem functioning and nutrient cycling

Abstract(s) should be preferably related to the topics listed above. Communications may be presented orally or as posters. To submit your abstract, it is necessary to pre-register at the IAVS2011 Symposium. The abstract template is downloadable on the registration page: <http://iavs2011.univ-lyon1.fr/en/pages/iavs2011-abstract-submission-deadlines>. You will receive a confirmation by e-mail when the abstract is accepted for the Symposium. Some abstracts submitted for oral presentation could be accepted for poster presentation. The symposium language is English.

Schedule

- **12 -18 June (Sunday-Saturday):** Pre-Symposium excursion-Mediterranean Landscapes
The excursion is fully detailed on the web site : <http://iavs2011.univ-lyon1.fr/en/pages/iavs2011-pre-symposium-excursion>
- **Monday 20 June,**
 - 8h00-12h00: Registration
 - 9h00-10h00: Opening Ceremony
 - 10h00-11h00: Plenary lecture: P.A. Keddy
 - 11h00-18h00: parallel sessions (including lunch and coffee breaks)
 - 19h30: Welcome reception at the Hotel de Ville of Lyon, with French specialties



<http://www.lyon.fr>



- **Tuesday 21 June**
 - 8h00-10h00: Registration
 - 8h30-11h00: Opening ceremony for the new honorary members of the IAVS Society: J.P. Grime and J.S. Rodwell and plenary lectures
 - 11h-11h30: coffee break
 - 11h30-16h00: parallel sessions (including lunch)
 - 16h30: IAVS council
 - 16h30-18h30: coffee break and poster session
 - 18h30-20h00: IAVS editorial meeting
 - 18h30-20h00: "Plant Ecology" editorial meeting
 - Evening: French annual music festival: Symposium participants are encouraged to visit the city and enjoy the numerous groups playing music along the streets and in the bistros.
- **Wednesday 22 June**
 - 8h00-18h00 (approx): mid-symposium excursions: the excursion program is detailed on the web site: <http://iavs2011.univ-lyon1.fr/en/pages/iavs2011-symposium-excursions>
- **Thursday 23 June:**
 - 9h00-10h00: Plenary lecture: E. Garnier
 - 10h00-16h00: parallel sessions (including lunch and coffee breaks)
 - 16h30-18h30: coffee break and poster session
 - 16h30: IAVS council (end)
 - 20h00: Symposium dinner
- **Friday 24 June:**
 - 9h00-10h00: Plenary lecture: C. Körner
 - 10h00-15h30: parallel sessions (including lunch and coffee breaks)
 - 15h30: General assembly IAVS
 - 17h00: Closing ceremony
- **27 June-1 July:** Post-Symposium Excursion – Alps
The excursion is fully detailed on the web site of the symposium: <http://iavs2011.univ-lyon1.fr/en/pages/iavs2011-post-symposium-excursion>

The organizers reserve the right to cancel one or more of the excursions due to small numbers of participants.

Other activities

To organize workshops and informal meetings, please contact the organizing committee :

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