

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
ADEQUACY OF SPATIAL DATABASES FOR CONDUCTING RISK ASSESSMENTS OF
SUSTAINABLE WOOD SOURCING PRACTICES OF THE U.S. INDUSTRIAL WOOD
PELLET INDUSTRY SUPPLYING EUROPEAN ENERGY DEMAND

VENUE

GA Center for Continuing Education & Hotel
1197 S Lumpkin St, Athens, GA 30602

Dates

May 01, 2019 (Noon) to May 03, 2019 (Noon)

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

First Day (May 01, 2019)	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	Lunch - GA Center Ballroom
01:00 PM - 01:10 PM	Introduction - Puneet Dwivedi (Warnell School, University of Georgia)
01:10 PM - 01:20 PM	Welcome - Associate Dean of Research (Scott Merkle) (Warnell School, University of Georgia)]
01:20 PM - 01:30 PM	Overview of the First Day - Tat Smith (University of Toronto)
01:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Bioenergy Policy for Ensuring Carbon Benefits and Protecting Land, Water, and Wildlife - Steven Hamburg (Environmental Defense Fund)
02:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Conceptual Overview: Feasibility of FMU-level and Risk-based Certification for Ensuring Sustainability of Wood Pellet Supply Chains - Inge Stupak (University of Copenhagen)
02:30 PM - 03:00 PM	Wood Sourcing Practices and Sustainability Policies of the US Industrial Wood Pellet Industry - Brian Kittler (Pinchot Institute for Conservation)
03:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Coffee Break
03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Panel Discussion (#1): How Companies are Documenting Compliance with Sustainability Standards? - Moderator Puneet Dwivedi (Warnell School, University of Georgia) - Panelists Barry Parrish (GA Biomass) Richard Peberdy (Drax Biomass) Jennifer Jenkins (Enviva Biomass)
04:30 PM - 05:15 PM	Trans-Atlantic Policy Issues - Gert-Jan Nabuurs (Wageningen University & Research)
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Banquet + Talk - GA Center Ballroom - Industrial Wood Pellet Trade: Past, Present, and Future: William Strauss (FutureMetrics LLC.)

Second Day (May 02, 2019)	
07:30 AM - 08:30 AM	Breakfast - GA Center Ballroom
08:30 AM - 08:45 AM	Summary of First Day and Overview of the Second Day - Tat Smith (University of Toronto)
08:45 AM - 09:15 AM	SFI Fiber Sourcing Standard and Small Lands Initiatives - Barry Graden (Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc.)
09:15 AM - 10:15 AM	FSC US: Risk Assessment of Forest Regions - TBD
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break - Last 15 minutes for hotel check out, if applicable
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	US perspective on auditing practices of FMU-level and risk-based approaches to forest certification - Mike Ferrucci (Independent Consultant)
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	NEPCon: Implementation of risk-based verification, as developed for legality in the European Timber Regulation, FSC controlled wood and SBP, and possible needs for improvement. - Ondrej Tarabus (NEPCon)
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	Lunch @ GA Center Ballroom
01:00 PM - 01:30 PM	The Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program data for Carbon accounting - Grant Domke (USDA Forest Service)
01:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Wildlife Conservation Data and Tools - TBD
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Panel Discussion (#2): Tools for Risk Assessment - Moderator: Brian Kittler (Pinchot Institute for Conservation) - Panelists Sorin Popescu (Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, Texas A&M) Puneet Dwivedi (Warnell School, University of Georgia) Steven Castleberry (Warnell School, University of Georgia)]
03:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Coffee Break
03:30 PM - 04:50 PM	Panel Discussion (#3): Opportunities for Encouraging Collaboration, Finding Common Ground, and Developing Trust - Moderator: Tat Smith (University of Toronto) - Panelists Inge Stupak (University of Copenhagen) Peter-Paul Schouwenberg (RWE) Keith Kline (Oak Ridge National Laboratory) John Schelhas (USDA Forest Service)
04:50 PM - 05:00 PM	Thanks - Dr. Dale Greene (Dean of Warnell School, University of Georgia)

Third Day (May 03, 2019)	
07:30 AM - 08:30 AM	Breakfast @ GA Center Ballroom
08:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Collaborative Session: Explore Oak Ridge National Laboratory's (ORNL's) recent sustainability case study of two Southeast US wood pellet supply areas using a proto-type visualization tool called the Bioenergy Sustainability Tradeoffs Assessment Resource (BioSTAR). - Moderators: Keith Kline and Esther Parish (Oak Ridge National Laboratory)
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Coffee Break
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Collaborative Session Continued

Registration

Please use the following link for completing workshop registration

Link: <https://www.hotel.uga.edu/events/bio-energy-conference>.

Travel Directions

Nearest Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (<https://www.atl.com/>). The Atlanta International Airport is the busiest airport in the world with flights over 150 U.S. destinations and more than 75 international destinations in 50 countries. The airport is divided into international and domestic terminals. The airport is about 80 miles (about 130 km) from Athens, GA.

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Hotel

Please book your stay at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education and Hotel (aka Georgia Center). Groom Shuttle can drop you at the GA Center and pick you as well from GA Center. The address of the hotel is 1197 S Lumpkin St, Athens, GA 30602. Guest parking is available. You can explore the hotel at <https://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/>. GA Center also provides a shuttle service (no extra cost) for visiting nearby places (e.g., Downtown Athens or Five Points). Please ask at the registration desk if you need shuttle service from GA Center.

University of Georgia

Chartered by the state of Georgia in 1785, the University of Georgia (www.uga.edu) is the birthplace of public higher education in America. The University of Georgia is a Land and Sea Grant University supporting over 37,000 students, 5,000 staff members, and 2,000 faculties. The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources (<http://warnell.uga.edu/>) is the oldest forestry school in the southern United States with about 200 graduate students undertaking research on various cross-cutting themes. The University of Georgia is located in Athens, Georgia also known as Classic City due to local music, food, and recreational opportunities all year around. Please visit <https://www.visitathensga.com/#> for more information on ongoing activities in Athens, Georgia.

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