

13th-19th May, previous to Agroforestry 2019

Special event for young participants

THE LEARNING VILLAGE

ENTER

- Become part of a community of young professionals and researchers from all over the world and from different disciplines, working on agroforestry.

CONNECT

- Share with your peers about your academic journey, get mentorship from the best experts on your field, start to build a solid and powerful network.

THINK

- Take a step back from your research and reflect about your possible career paths.

DISCOVER

- Get to know a genuine, exciting and innovative ecosystem that develops agroforestry systems on the region by supporting new farmers on their settle down.

LEARN

- Improve your soft skills leaving your comfort zone by addressing a non-expert audience.

ENJOY

- Experience collective work in a trustful and respectful atmosphere.

RATIONALE

One of the major factor of success for a young graduate aiming to undertake a research career, is his/her capacity to build strong network with other young fellow scientists and with leading senior researchers in their field. This is often achieved through the participation of these young graduates in large research projects. However, just a few of them can access this type of network.

International congresses offer promising venues for these young graduates to build such network. However, it appears to be hard for them to take full advantage of their participation in this type of events, as they might feel intimidated by the environment and the presence of high-level well-known scientists.

With ARTrees, we would like to foster the development of a network of young professionals who are taking the opportunity that the World Agroforestry Congress 2019 represents.

There is a critical need for training and support programmes to help both young graduates and young researchers get prepared for a successful development of their professional career. By attending ARTrees learning village participants will have the chance to reflect and take action for building up an accomplished professional trajectory.



MAIN OBJECTIVES

The **overall objective** of ARTrees learning village is to induct the beginning of a community of practice upon selected young participants attending Agroforestry 2019 and to foster links with senior leading researchers. This as a means to trigger their positive impact at the congress.

Specific objectives:

- to support the emergence of a network of French and international young professionals who are working on topics in agroforestry.
- to offer a mentoring program that will constitute the starting point of participant's scientific network and recognition.
- to improve their communication skills with non-expert audiences.
- to induct a collective reflection on agroforestry as a means to restore degraded ecosystems that could serve as a basis for a future working paper, through several rounds of discussions and the analysis of an agroforestry project set up by the association Terracoopa.

PARTICIPANTS

20 participants will be selected through a competitive application process.

To be eligible:

- You can be a graduate student (about to finish your MSc or enrolled on a PhD) or an early-career professional (you have completed your MSc or PhD less than 3-4 years ago).
- You are able to communicate in English (knowledge of French is an asset).
- You have a strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and intercultural exchange.
- You are eager to share your skills and expertise in the ARTrees learning village.

APPLICATION

Your application will consist of an online form and includes your CV, motivation letter and references. We will ask you to introduce your self in 280 characters and to share with us a protrait picture of yourself.

The ARTrees selection committee reviews the applications and selects the participants within 5 days after the deadline(s). Places are limited (**early application strongly recommended**). The selection committee will select a group with diverse backgrounds (country of origin, field of study, gender).

There will be a waiting list for places that may open up at a later stage.

Please visit our website frequently to follow up **further details and deadlines of the application process**.

Participants are expected to arrive the 12th May



RECOGNITION

Participants can receive ECTS credits at their home institution (European Credit Transfer System) for their participation to ARTrees. The workload is equivalent to 3-6 ECTS points.

ARTrees participants get a certificate with a detailed summary of working hours and content at the end of the week.

Obtaining credits relies upon participant's own will to undertake the administrative procedure. ARTrees team will be at your disposal to furnish documents requested by your institution of origin. Get informed and ask the respective units or your professor at your university for recognition.

PARTICIPATION FEES

The participation fee is subsidized by the ARTrees partners and sponsors. It covers **accommodation** (usually rooms of 2), **full board**, local transfer from a central meeting point to the venue, the high-quality **experts and facilitators**, all program activities including evening musical performances, documents and materials; all of which are arranged by the ARTrees team.

- **Early Bird (before 15 March) 500 €**
- **Full cost 700 €**
- **Partial scholarship 350 €**

You are responsible to organize and ensure: your visa (if required – start process at least 3 months in advance), your international or domestic travel to the meeting point, and your health and travel insurance (mandatory).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Participants are encouraged to seek support for their travel and participation cost from their universities, employers or other sponsors. Many universities have lists of institutions that support study travel on their webpages. Ask the student service or international office at your university whether they have similar lists. Supporting material on ARTrees on behalf of potential sponsors will be available for you upon request.

The program is heavily subsidized, allowing us to offer you this experience at a fee much lower than the effective cost. Nevertheless, a limited number of partial and full participation fee scholarships will be available (merit-based and need-based).

If you plan to apply for a participation fee scholarship, you will be asked to send us in a second stage a **"scholarship application letter"** explaining : i) what is your financial situation and ii) how ARTrees will contribute to make you progress on achieving your career objectives. The scholarship commission decides within 2 weeks after the application deadline and will inform the applicants thereafter.

There are no travel scholarships available.



This sounds great, where can I sign up?

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<http://www.gaealliance.org/artrees.html>

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