



International Scientific Conference
**95 Years Forest Research Institute -
Forests without Borders**



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1

19 OCTOBER 2023

9.00 – 10.00 *Registration – Astoria Grand Hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria*

PLENARY SESSION – HALL 1

- 10.00-10.30** *Opening by the Director of the Forest Research Institute - BAS and Welcome address, CORR. MEMBER DSC GEORGI GEORGIEV*
- 10.30 - 11.00** **ACAD. ALEXANDER H. ALEXANDROV**
Historical review of the Forest Research Institute – Sofia (1928-2023)
- 11.00 - 11.30** *Coffee break*
- 11.30 - 12.00** **PROF. ERIK FINDEISEN**
Sustainable forestry in Germany - structural engine for rural areas
- 12.00 - 12.30** **ASSOC. PROF. PARASKEVI ALISOTI**
Challenges and perspectives for conservation and genetic improvement of forest tree species in the Mediterranean basin
- 12.30 - 13.00** **ASSOC. PROF. GERNOT HOCH**
Bark beetle outbreaks: Rising temperatures, drought and challenges for management – the Austrian experience
- 13.00 - 14.00** *Lunch break*

PARALLEL SESSIONS

19 OCTOBER 2023 – HALL 1

Session 1: Forestry and Sustainable Forest Management

Chair: Prof. Tsvetan Zlatanov, Technical assistant: Assoc. Prof. Yonko Dodev

- 14.00 - 14.15** **T. ZLATANOV, R. NACHEVA, M. PANAYOTOV, G. GOGUSHEV, G. HINKOV, M. GYOSHEVA, K. VASSILEV, M. ZLATANOVA, N. SOTIROVA, T. GROEN, M. J. LEXER**
Forest management scenarios for improved plant and fungal diversity conservation under climate change
- 14.15 - 14.30** **C. PUCHER, H. HASENAUER**
Spatially explicit assessment of Europe's forest available for wood supply
- 14.30 - 14.45** **I. VELICHKOV, D. N. DIMITROV**
Study on the relation between height diameter of the damage to the undergrowth in regeneration fellings in beech forests on the territory of State Forest Enterprise Gotse Delchev
- 14.45 - 15.00** **Y. DODEV, G. GEORGIEV, M. GEORGIEVA, S. MADZHOV, S. BELILOV, V. IVANOV, V. MARINKOV, L. GEORGIEVA**
Problems in management of the field protective forest belts in northeastern Bulgaria
- 15.00 - 15.15** **M. NEUMANN, C. PUCHER, H. HASENAUER**
Deadwood carbon – measurements, decay and management
- 15.15 - 15.45** *Coffee break*



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Session 2: Forestry and Sustainable Forest Management

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Ivaylo Velichkov, Chief Assist. Prof. Mariam Bozhilova

- 15.45 - 16.00** **T. ZLATANOV, G. GOGUSHEV, B. NIKOLOV, R. NACHEVA, M. GYOSHEVA, K. VASSILEV, M. ZLATANOVA, R. FIKOVA, L. LOZANOVA, S. BRATANOVA**
*Stand structure and biodiversity dynamics in old growth chestnut (*Castanea sativa*) and beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) dominated forest, a new network*
- 16.00 - 16.15** **G. HINKOV, I. VELICHKOV**
State and productivity of Douglas fir forest cultures on the territory of State Forest Enterprise Smilyan
- 16.15 - 16.30** **I. MARKOFF**
Geometry of the tree stem - Dr. G. Sirakov's theory of the stem shapebiometry
- 16.30 - 16.45** **I. MARKOFF, I. ANGELOV, I. DOBRICHOV, T. TONCHEV**
Checking the growth tables in Bulgaria
- 16.45 - 17.15** **Panel discussion and Q&A**

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Session 3: Forest Health and Monitoring

Chair: Prof. Margarita Georgieva, Assist. Sevdalin Belilov

- 14.00 - 14.15** **G. GEORGIEV, M. GEORGIEVA, P. MIRCHEV, D. PILARSKA, M. KECHEV, S. BELILOV, B. KATINOVA, V. PETROVA, L. GEORGIEVA, P. VELICHKOV, C. SCHAFELLNER, G. HOCH, M. SCHEBECK, P. ZELINKA, E. WEDENIG**
*Ecological characteristics of *Corythucha arcuata* (Say) (Heteroptera: Tingidae) in Bulgaria and Austria*
- 14.15 - 14.30** **G. ZAEMDZHKOVA, T. ZAEVSKI**
The effect of temperature on flight initiation of pine processionary moth in Bulgaria
- 14.30 - 14.45** **M. GEORGIEVA, G. GEORGIEV, P. MIRCHEV, V. IVANOV, M. HRISTOVA, S. BELILOV, Y. DODEV, M. KECHEV, S. MADZHOV, L. GEORGIEVA, P. VELICHKOV**
Deterioration of the health status of field protective forest belts in northeastern Bulgaria
- 14.45 - 15.00** **M. HRISTOVA, M. GEORGIEVA, M. YANEV**
*First report for the fungal pathogen *Massaria platani* on *Platanus × acerifolia* in Bulgaria*
- 15.00 - 15.15** **S. BELILOV, G. GEORGIEV, M. GEORGIEVA, M. IVANOV**
*Application of remote sensing for early detection of *Neodiprion sertifer* (Geoffroy) (Hymenoptera: Diprionidae) attacks in pine plantations in southwestern Bulgaria*
- 15.15 - 15.45** **Coffee break**

Session 4: Forest Health and Monitoring

Chair: Corr. Memb. Georgi Georgiev, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gergana Zaemdzhiikova

- 15.45 - 16.00** **G. GEORGIEV, V. IVANOV, M. GEORGIEVA, P. MIRCHEV, S. BELILOV**
*Impact of *Entomophaga maimaiga* on *Lymantria dispar* population in Dobrudzha, northeastern Bulgaria*
- 16.00 - 16.15** **M. KECHEV, A. TONGUÇ**
*Mediterranean predatory flies of the family *Dolichopodidae* (Diptera, Empidoidea) from Bulgaria and Turkey*
- 16.15 - 16.30** **P. TOPALOV, G. GEORGIEV**



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Trophic characteristics of longhorn beetles (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) in Vitosha Mountain, Bulgaria

16.30 - 16.45 **M. YANEV, M. GEORGIEVA, G. GEORGIEV, P. MIRCHEV, M. HRISTOVA**
*Deterioration of the *Sequoiadendron giganteum* plantation near Ivaylovgrad, southern Bulgaria*

16.45 - 17.15 **Panel discussion and Q&A**

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Session 5: Forest Management and Engineering

Chair: Prof. Sotir Glushkov, Chief Assist. Prof. Dimitar Peev

14.00 - 14.15 **F. POŠTENJAK, A. GLUSHKOV, S. GLUSHKOV, D. BOYADJIEV, N. STOYANOV**
*Investigation of the stability of park trees from *Platanus* by means of a pulling test*

14.15 - 14.30 **K. MARINOV**
Models for determining the operating costs of self-propelled forestry rotary tillers for soil preparation of poplar plantations establishment

14.30 - 14.45 **D. GEORGIEV, K. MARINOV, D. PEEV**
Determining the fuel consumption of a cable skidder TAF 690 PE for timber skidding in Western Stara planina

14.45 - 15.00 **S. GLUSHKOV, D. BOYADZHIEV**
Prerequisites for the application of the harvester/forwarder system equipped with traction (support) winches on the steep terrain in Bulgaria

15.00 - 15.15 **F. POŠTENJAK, A. GLUSHKOV, S. GLUSHKOV, D. BOYADJIEV, N. STOYANOV**
Investigation of the stability of trees from coniferous and broad-leaved forest crops by means of a pulling test

15.15 - 15.45 **Coffee break**

Session 6: Silviculture

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Veselka Gyuleva, Assist. Kristiyan Kolev

15.45 - 16.00 **S. JANSEN, N. TOURVAS, D. SEMIZER-CUMING, C. BLYTH, P. ACAR, F. ARAVANOPOULOS, Z. KAYA, C. RELLSTAB, D. M. LEIGH, F. Ö. DEĞIRMENCI, Ç. KANSU, A. ULUĞ, C. NEOPHYTOU**
Genetic structure of European white oaks with a particular focus on the Southeast

16.00 - 16.15 **V. GYULEVA, T. STANKOVA, E. ANDONOVA**
*Root capacity of *Salix viminalis* var. *purpurea* after four years of growth*

16.15 - 16.30 **K. KOLEV**
*Height growth of naturally regenerated seedlings of three *Quercus* species as affected by different silvicultural treatments*

16.30 - 16.45 **F. USTABASHIEV**
*Growth and productivity of natural *Pinus nigra* forests in the Northwestern Rhodopes*

16.45 - 17.15 **Panel discussion and Q&A**

17.15– 18.00 **POSTER SESSION 1**

19.00– 22.00 **OFFICIAL DINNER**



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DAY 2
20 OCTOBER 2023

09.30 – 10.00 *Registration – Astoria Grand Hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria*

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Session 7: **Forestry and Sustainable Forest Management**
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Georgi Hinkov, Dipl. Eng Filip Ustabashiev

10.00 - 10.15 **H. TSAKOV**
Changes in the vegetation in the protected area Ardashlaka as a result of succession processes

10.15 - 10.30 **A. FERENZLIEV, E. EVANGELOV**
Model for measuring of volumes, sorting and making of assortment table for middle-aged Douglass –fir plantations in the Western Rhodopes

10.30 - 10.45 **F. USTABASHIEV**
Increment model for Pinus nigra forests

10.45 - 11.00 **R. PETRIN**
Structure in thickness of oak dendrocenoses using new indicators and comparison with structure in height

11.00 - 11.30 *Coffee break*

Session 8: **Forestry and Sustainable Forest Management**
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Yonko Dodev, Chief Assist. Prof. Mariam Bozhilova

11.30 - 11.45 **G. HINKOV, V. KACHOVA**
Agroforestry and opportunities for application in forestry

11.45 - 12.00 **S. MADZHOV, G. GEORGIEV, M. GEORGIEVA, Y. DODEV, V. IVANOV, S. BELILOV, V. MARINKOV, L. GEORGIEVA**
State of the forest road system in the field protective forest belts in Dobrudzha, Bulgaria

12.00 - 12.15 **I. MARKOFF**
Fitting non-linear equations in forest biometry

12.15 - 12.30 **D. BOYADZHEV, S. GLUSHKOV**
Investigating the process of ringing wood species with a manual chain saw

12.30 - 13.00 *Panel discussion and Q&A*

13.00 - 14.00 *Lunch break*

Session 9: **Forestry and Sustainable Forest Management**
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Alexander Delkov, Chief Assist. Prof. Proletka Dimirova

14.00 - 14.15 **Z. TSENOV**
Productivity standards and hourly costs of afforestation in Bulgaria

14.15 - 14.30 **T. STOYANOV**
Forest cooperatives and the circular bioeconomy

14.30 - 14.45 **D. GEORGIEVA**
Analysis of transactions for the consolidation of forest land properties in Bulgaria for the period 2016-2022

14.45 - 15.00 **M. GLUSHKOVA, M. ZHIYANSKI, B. BORISSOVA, S. NEDKOV**
Modelling the recreational potential of forest territories in 'Rila' and 'Pirin' National Parks



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15.00 - 15.15	S. DALER <i>The Damage and Significant Effects of Wildfire and Stubble Burning on Vineyards and Grapes</i>
15.15 - 15.30	Panel discussion and Q&A
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee break
Session 10:	Forestry and Sustainable Forest Management <i>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Ivaylo Markoff, Chief Assist. Prof. Todor Stoyanov</i>
16.00 - 16.15	T. STOYANOV <i>Determining the extent of forest fire risk in the Pirin National Park</i>
16.15 - 16.30	Z. TSENOV <i>Prices of goods and services in the Bulgarian forestry sector</i>
16.30 - 16.45	D. GEORGIEVA <i>Tables for valuation of forests at market prices for 2022</i>
16.45 - 17.15	Panel discussion and Q&A
17.15 - 18.00	POSTER SESSION 2

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Session 11:	Forest Ecology and Ecosystem Services <i>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Maria Glushkova, Chief Assist. Prof. Elena Todorova</i>
10.00 - 10.15	H. PRODANOVA, D. VARADZHAKOVA, S. NEDKOV <i>How individual scores affect the final expert-based assessments of ecosystem services: Range and mean scores analysis of natural heritage supply maps</i>
10.15 - 10.30	R. YANEVA, M. ZHIYANSKI <i>Mapping hotspots and supply of forest ecosystem services in Central Balkan National Park</i>
10.30 - 10.45	E. TODOROVA, M. ZHIYANSKI <i>Identification of trade-offs and synergies between ecosystem services and human demands. A history analysis of the coupled Human and Natural Systems in the region of Velingrad, Bulgaria</i>
10.45 - 11.00	S. NEDKOV, H. PRODANOVA, V. STOYCHEVA, G. PETKOVA, I. ANANIEV <i>Integrated mapping of ecosystems at river basin scale</i>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break
Session 12:	Soil, Erosion and Flooding Control <i>Chair: Prof. Miglena Zhiyanski, Chief Assist. Prof. Lora Kirova</i>
11.30 - 11.45	V. KACHOVA <i>Formation of organic matter in Mining spoils of Pernik coal mines</i>
11.45 - 12.00	L. KIROVA <i>Soils after forestry management activities in spruce plantations</i>
12.00 - 12.15	T. YAKUPOGLU, N. OZDEMIR <i>Changes in erosion susceptibility of a chromic haplustert pasture soil by some polymers under simulated rainfall</i>



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12.15 - 12.30 **E. PAVLOVA-TRAYKOVA**
Assessment soil erosion risk in forest territories in Selska river

12.30 - 13.00 **Panel discussion and Q&A**

13.00 - 14.00 **Lunch break**

Session 13: Biodiversity Conservation/ Game Fauna and Non-timber Forest Resources
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Plamen Glogov, Chief Assist. Prof. Chavdar Zhelev

14.00 - 14.15 **P. GLOGOV D. PAVLOV, G. HINKOV**
Sustainable autochthonous forests ecosystems as natural barriers to the spread of invasive alien species

14.15 - 14.30 **S. GYUDOROVA**
*An attempt to a classification of plant communities with the participation of *Fraxinus ornus* in Bulgaria*

14.30 - 14.45 **B. KOYCHEV, N. SPASSOV**
Seasonality in wolf prey selection in the northern part of the Central Stara Planina (Bulgaria)

14.45 - 15.00 **C. ZHELEV, R. ANDREEV, E. POPOVA**
Density, sex structure, selection of habitats and diurnal activity of big game and predators on the territory of State Hunting Enterprise 'Dikchan'

15.00 - 15.30 **Panel discussion and Q&A**

15.30 - 16.00 **Coffee break**

Session 14: Natural Resources Policy, Land use
Chair: Chief Assist. Prof. Dimitar P. Dimitrov, Assistant Lora Stoeva

16.00 - 16.15 **L. STOEVA, R. IVANOVA-STOYANOVA**
Exploring the use of IACS database for land-use change mapping and assessment

16.15 - 16.30 **M. ZHIYANSKI, E. TSIROS, A. MAXIMOVIC, M. KATIC, J. IVANOVSKI**
Improving the strategic framework of the forestry sector in North Macedonia

16.30 - 16.45 **M. STOJANOVSKA, V. STOJANOVSKI**
Approximation of forestry within agriculture and rural development policy in Republic of North Macedonia

16.45 - 17.15 **Panel discussion and Q&A**

17.15 - 18.00 **POSTER SESSION 2**

19 OCTOBER 2023 POSTER SESSION 1

M. HRISTOVA

Impact of maintenance regimes on species richness in newly established perennial wildflower meadows

D. DIMITROV, K. PETROVA, I. VELICHKOV, G. HINKOV

*Tree-ring study of Norway spruce (*Picea abies* (L.) Karst.) forests in northwest Bulgaria*

M. MINCHEV, L. KIROVA, T. STANKOVA



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Growth and adaptivity of Salicaceae clones for biomass on two sites along the Danube River

K. KALMUKOV

Status, growth and productivity of pure and mixed with Silver linden forest plantations in region of Central North Bulgaria

I. TSVETKOV, T. ZAGORCHEVA, V. GYULEVA, I. ATANASSOV

*Opportunities for revealing genetic identity in willows (*Salix* spp.) by sequence-related amplified polymorphism (SRAP) markers*

M. GLUSHKOVA

*Genetic diversity assessment of *Castanea sativa* Mill. population in Bulgaria for supporting long-term conservation*

S. TOSHEV

Analysis of data for the afforested area on the territory of the Regional Forestry Directorate Sofia

R. YANEVA, E. PAVLOVA-TRAYKOVA, D. P. DIMITROV, K. KOLEV

How important are forest ecosystems when the socio-ecological system is disrupted, ecosystems deteriorate and biodiversity is threatened?

M. GEORGIEVA, G. GEORGIEV, M. ZHIYANSKI, P. MIRCHEV, S. DIMITROV,

B. BORISSOVA, M. ILIEV, V. TRENKIN

Health condition of vegetation in urban green infrastructure as indicator for assessment the ecosystem services and sustainable management

L. STOEVA, V. RÁCZ, G. SZAJKÓ, A. KIS

The role of price incentives in carbon sequestration by the forestry sector of Bulgaria

B. BORISSOVA, E. TODOROVA, I. IHTIMANSKI, M. BOZHILOVA, M. ZHIYANSKI, M. GEORGIEVA, T. STOYANOV, M.

GLUSHKOVA, M. ATANASSOVA, S. DIMITROV

Methodology for assessing the risk of wildfire in protected areas

E. PAVLOVA-TRAYKOVA

Soil loss assessment in Dospeyska river with the IntEro Model

G. GEORGIEV, M. GEORGIEVA, S. BELILOV, G. ZAEMDZHIKOVA, M. MATOVA, M. HRISTOVA, P. MIRCHEV

Ecological habitat parameters of the winter and summer phenological forms of the pine processionary moth during the imago flight

V. MLADENOV, M. GEORGIEVA

*First record of *Dothistroma* spp. caused needle blight on dwarf mountain pine (*Pinus mugo*) in Bulgaria*

V. IVANOV, G. GEORGIEV, M. GEORGIEVA, Y. DODEV, S. BELILOV

*Two *Dasineura* species on ash trees in the field-protective forest belts in Dobrudzha, Bulgaria*

D. TAKOV, M. BARTA, S. GROZDANOV, T. TOSHOVA, D. PILARSKA, D. DOYCHEV

**Metarhizium pemphigi* (Fungi: Ascomycota: Hypocreales) pathogenicity against bark beetle *Ips acuminatus* under laboratory conditions*

M. MILOSAVLJEVIĆ, M. TABAKOVIĆ-TOŠIĆ, M. TOMIĆ

*Diversity of Mites Associated with *Ips typographus* (Linnaeus, 1758) and *Pityogenes chalcographus* (Linnaeus, 1761) in National Park Tara, Serbia*



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R. ANDREEV, C. ZHELEV, E. POPOVA

Selection of habitats and 24-hour activity of the roe deer, wild boar and brown hare on the territory of State Hunting Enterprise 'Osogovo'

A. AHMED, B. KOICHEV, R. ANDREEV, I. STEPANOV, P. SAVEV

*Morphometric characteristics of the wolf (*Canis lupus*) in Bulgaria*

V. DIMITROVA, D. N. DIMITROV

Assessment of the state of natural habitat 5210 in protected area BG0001021 'Reka Mesta'

N. M. BENAVENT SAEZ DELGADO, V. CHAKAROV

Multiple use of palm trees in the region of Elche, Alicante

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M. MINCHEV, K. KOLEV, T. STANKOVA

Biomass of coppiced plants from Salicaceae clones grown for 1 and 2 years at different densities

M. NEUMANN, T. LEDERMANN

Branch surface area – modelling and relevance for water cycling

M. ZHIYANSKI, R. YANEVA, E. ABAKUMOV, V. POLYAKOV

Humic acids in Sub-Antarctic soils

V. IVANOV, M. GEORGIEVA, G. GEORGIEV, M. HRISTOVA

Health status of the urban vegetation in the 'St. George' city park in Dobrich, Bulgaria

M. BOZHILOVA, L. BOYADZHEVA

Floristic Regions of Bulgaria - Refinement of the Boundaries given in Flora of Bulgaria (Yordanov 1966)

M. GEORGIEVA, G. GEORGIEV, K. TRENCEVA, M. DOBREVA, M. HRISTOVA

*First records for the interaction of *Phylloxera glabra* and *Microstroma album* on *Quercus* spp. in Bulgaria*

V. BRNDEVSKA STIPANOVIĆ, V. ANDONOVSKI

Enhancing the Environmental Impact of Roundabouts as a part of Urban Green Infrastructure: A Case Study of Skopje, North Macedonia

S. MITROVIĆ, M. VESELINOVIĆ, G. ČEŠLIJAR, Z. RADULOVIĆ, N. CULE,

S. EREMIJA, S. STAJIĆ

*Restoration and conservation of the tree *Quercus robur* L., syn: *Quercus pedunculata* Erh. in the Jozića koliba site, Serbia*

A. DELKOV

Dendroflora of the monasteries in Sofijska Mala Sveta Gora

P. DIMITROVA

*Genetic resources of *Robinia pseudoacacia* in Bulgaria – past, present and future*

Y. ALEXandroVA, S. BOTEVA, M. ZHIYANSKI, D.P. DIMITROV, L. KIROVA

Spatial dynamics of soil microbial enzyme activity in the coniferous forest in Parangalitsa Reserve, Rila Mountain, Bulgaria

K. PETROVA, D. DIMITROV, E. PAVLOVA-TRAYKOVA, B. GRIGOROVA-PESHEVA

Study of basic soil parameters in relation to permanent growth depression of Norway spruce stands in Bulgaria

B. KATIHOVA



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Changes in the amount of phenols, flavonoids and pH of the leaves of Quercus spp. attacked by Corythucha arcuata

M. DOBREVA

Species composition and harmfulness of herbivorous entomofauna on the poplars (Populus spp.) in Central South Bulgaria

Z. BAKALOV, S. BELILOV, M. GEORGIEVA, G. GEORGIEV

Evaluation of preventive measures to suppress the number of bark beetles after natural disturbances in the forests of the Western Rhodopes for the period 2015-2023

A. ANTONOV

Study of the technical and economic indicators of long-length portable ropeway 'Wyssen' W-30 HY for the period 2019-2022 in the State Hunting Enterprise 'Rositsa' Sevlievo

M. HRISTOVA, M. GEORGIEVA, G. GEORGIEV, V. IVANOV

New fungal pathogens on plane trees (Platanus spp.) in Bulgaria

S. MITROVIĆ, M. VESELINOVIĆ, M. TABAKOVIĆ-TOŠIĆ, A. LUČIĆ, R. GAGIĆ-SERDAR, M. MILOSAVLJEVIĆ, M. MARKOVIĆ

Assessing the health status of woody plants of the urban forest in order to appraise the risk to the use of space

C. ZHELEV, M. GEORGIEVA, M. ZHIYANSKI, G. GEORGIEV, M. HRISTOVA, M. BOZHILOVA, R. YANEVA, B. KOYCHEV

A survey of fungal biodiversity in organic soils on Livingston Island

S. BELILOV, G. GEORGIEV

New braconid parasitoids (Hymenoptera: Braconidae) on bark beetles in Bulgaria

MIRA L. GEORGIEVA

Plane trees - the invisible threats to their genetic diversity and existence

M. YANEV, M. HRISTOVA, M. GEORGIEVA, G. GEORGIEV

First records of Kretzschmaria deusta and Xylaria polymorpha fungi on Acer pseudoplatanus in Bulgaria

**K. PETKOVA, S. BENCHEVA, N. ILIEV, G. KOSTOV, M. YORDANOVA,
V. VASILEV**

Agroforestry practices in the Western Balkans for sustainable development: weaknesses and strengths

DAY 3

21 OCTOBER 2023 FIELD TRIP

Sofia – Koprivshitsa – Sofia (Chair: Assoc. Prof. Alexander Delkov)