



**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
PROGRAM
VERENIKE Project 18TH - 20TH June 2014**

«Enhancing Biodiversity in Mediterranean Ecosystems from
Theory to Practice»

Conference room of the Agricultural Research Center of North
Greece-Hellenic Agricultural Organization-Demeter (former
NAGREF)
Thermi, Thessaloniki
Greece

Wednesday, 18th of June

- 09:00-10:00** Registration and Mounting of posters & distribution of Life punflets.
- 10:00-10:10** Welcome addresses
- 10:10-10:30** K. Radoglou
“Accomplishments of Verenike Life Project: From A through Z”
- 10:30-10:50** K.Todorova, V.Tsakova and G. Bobeva
“Conservation and restoration of Black Sea oak habitats- LIFE09
NAT/BG 000229”
- 10:50-11:10** D. Dimitrakopoulos
“JUNIPERCY: Improving the conservation status of the priority
habitat type 9560*
(Endemic forests with *Juniperus* spp.) in Cyprus. LIFE10
NAT/CY/000717”
- 11:10-11:30** E. Milios, E. Pipinis, A. Stampoulidis, K. Kitikidou and P. Petrou
“Conservation of *Juniperus excelsa* M. Bieb. formations in Greek
forests”
- 11:30-12:00** **Coffee Break**



Thursday, 19th of June

- 09:00-09:20** Sv. Bozhinova and T. Todorov
"Conservation of the genetic fund and restoration of priority forest habitats within Bulgarian NATURA 2000 network"
- 09:20-09:40** Ch. Georgiadis
"ForOpenForests - Conservation of priority forests and forest openings in "Ethnikos Drymos Oitis" and "Oros Kallidromo" of Sterea Ellada"
- 09:40-10:00** K.T. Mantzanas, Ch. Evangelou, V.P. Papanastasis, P. Delipetrou and K. Georgiou
"Structural and productive characteristics of mountain grassland habitats in central Greece"
- 10:00-10:20** I. Koutseri, M. Malakou and M. Vlassi
"The contribution of LIFE projects in reconciling human activities & biodiversity conservation in the Prespa basin, Greece"
- 10:20-10:40** V. Chrysopolitou, P. Drougas, D. Alifragkis, D. Avtzis, N. Avtzis, S. Diamandis, G. Poulis, K. Radoglou, V. Tsiaoussi, I. Tsiripidis, A. Zerva and S. Dafis
"Adaptation of forest management to climate change in Greece: Management Measures and Planning"
- 10:40-11:00** **Coffee Break**
- 11:00-12:00** **Poster Session**
- 12:00-12:20** E. Maloupa, N. Krigas, K.Papanastasi and M. Panagiotidou
"Conservation actions regarding the Greek native plants in the Balkan Botanic Garden of Kroussia and the Botanic Garden of Environmental Awareness"
- 12:20-12:40** F.A. Aravanopoulos
"Genomic biomonitoring, a valuable tool in the protection Mediterranean ecosystem biodiversity"



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- 12:40-13:00** D.Chiatante, R. Tognetti, G. S. Scippa, T., Congiu, B. Baesso, M. Terzaghi and A. Montagnoli
"Competition for seedling establishment between three oak species in a Mediterranean forest affected by summer drought and fire"
- 13:00-13:20** A. Montagnoli, T. Mattia, Gabriella, S. Scippa and D. Chitante
"Fine-root dynamics in a *Quercus cerris* (L.) forest in relation to soil moisture in the Southern Apennines, Italy."
- 13:20-13:40** E. Margheriti and S. Giannisi
"Innovation in forest nurseries and the opportunities given by the new Common Agricultural Policy."
- 13:40-14:00** Final Discussion & Closing Remarks
- 14:00-15:00** **Light Lunch and Networking**



Poster Session

N. Akritidou, M. Poulos, G. N. Zaimis and V. Iakovoglou
"Assessing Torrents of Lake Doirani Watershed, Greece Using the Stream Visual Assessment Protocol vs. 2."

S. Antoniadou and Th. Arvanitis
"Extracting urban green spaces using Quickbird, Ikonos and Worldview-2 imagery"

Th. Arvanitis and S. Antoniadou
"The use of high resolution satellite images and GIS for recording and sustainable management of the forestal ecosystem of Polygyros"

I. N. Athanasiadis, D. Anastasiadou, A. Ourouzi and Eir. Euaggelidou
"Aitolos project contribution."

M. Ioannidou, K. Balaska, K. Papalazarou, N. Papamatheakis, A. Papanastasiou, K. Poirazidis, D. Kasimiadis, G. Korakis, C. Chatzissavidis and A. C. Papageorgiou.
"Conservation priorities for the vulnerable and rare woody plant *Eriolobus trilobatus*."



Poster Session

V. Isajev and V. Lavadinović

“Bioecological characteristics of white-bark pine (*Pinus heldreichii* Christ.) and its importance for production of planting stocks.”

P. Loisios, A. Tsaragli, D. Avtzis, V. Iakovoglou and G. N. Zaimis

“Riparian Habitat Impacts on Insects Species and Populations along streams and torrents of Drama and Kavala, Greece.”

Th. Merou and G. Varsamis

“Seed germination and viability of *Juniperus excels.*”

A. A. Pelekanaki, A. Manolis, Ch. Kostoudi, G. Korakis, A. C. Papageorgiou

“Genetic diversity and differentiation of two populations of *Cupressus sempervirens* L. in Crete.”

E. Pipinis and E. Milios

“Seed dormancy and methods to overcome it.”

Th. Samara, I. Spanos, P. Platis, Th. Papachristou

“Tree species diversity improves heavy metal retention in lignite mining areas”

G. Spanou, A. C. Adamou, V. Iakovoglou and G. N. Zaimis

“Evaluating Public Awareness on the Protected Wetland of Larnaca, Cyprus.”

G. Spyroglou and K. Radoglou

“Effect of pre-treatments on the germination of *Phillyrea latifolia* (L) seeds.”

Aik. Syropi, V. Iakovoglou, and K. Radoglou.

“Seedling growth of four Mediterranean conifer species under different watering conditions.”

G. N. Zaimis, P. Koutalakis, D. Kaziolas and D. Emmanouloudis

“Enhancing Protected Areas by Sustainable Water Management to Suppress Wildfires for the Black Sea Region- Streams-2-SUPPRESS-Fires.”



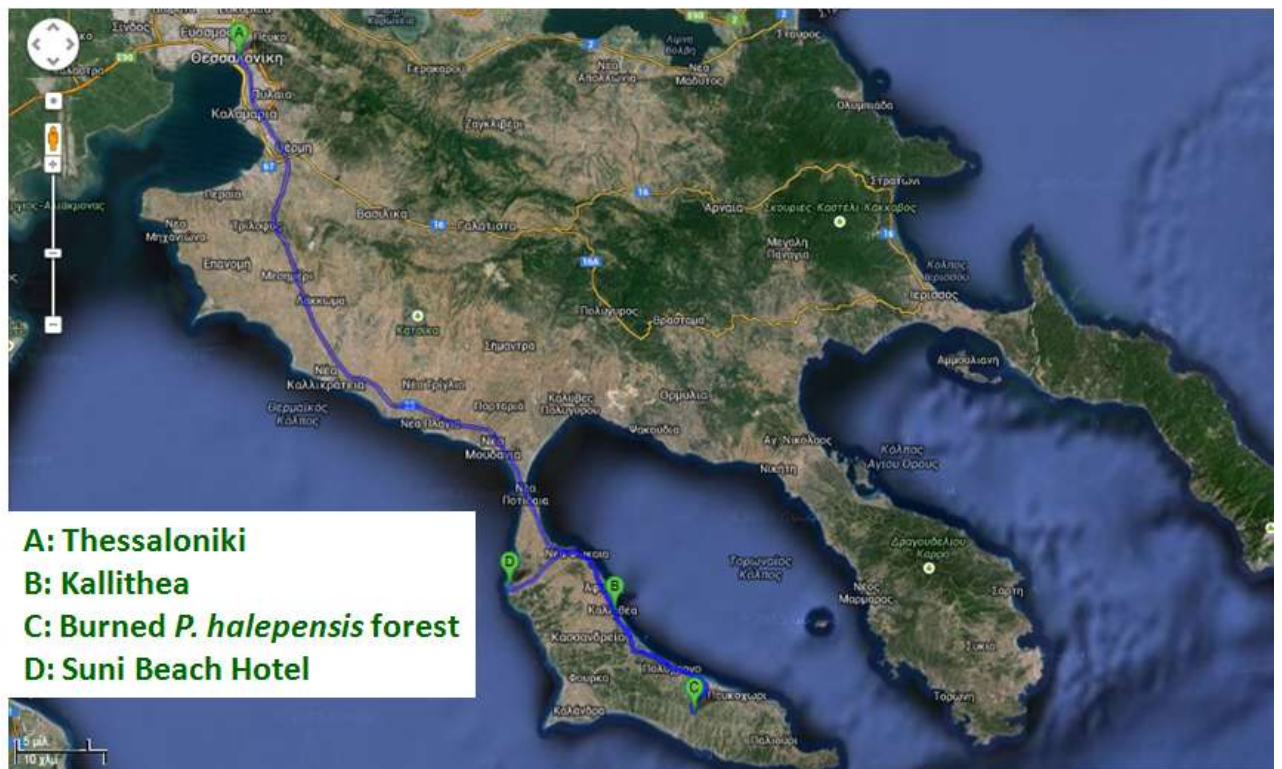
Friday, 20th of June

08:30-18:30 Field Trip To Kassandra, Chalkidiki, Greece

- 08.30** Departure (Place will be announced)
- 09.00** Reforestation site of VERENIKE project (26 species planted species)
- 11.30** Kallithea (Coffee)
- 13.00** Visit the Burned area of *Pinus halepensis* Forest (fires 2006) (natural regeneration – restoration of landscape)
- 15.00** Lunch *
- 17.30** Stop at the mature forest of *Pinus halepensis*-Sani resort
<http://www.saniresort.gr/page/default.asp?id=24&la=1> (Coffee)
- 20.00** Return to Thessaloniki
- 22.00** Arrival at the center of Thessaloniki (for those who are leaving next day)

* Optional you can arranged an early return from field trip your departure schedule earlier

** Whoever wants can stay overnight in Chalkidiki.



Map. Indicates the location of the field trip that is starting from Thessaloniki (A), then stopping for coffee break at Kallithea (B), visiting the burned *P. halepensis* forest (C) and finally the location of “Sani Beach” hotel (D).