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## 12th Int BIOGEOMON Conference: Ecosystems in transition

The BIOGEOMON conference is a vital forum for integrated, place-based ecosystem research across the biosphere, hydrosphere, geosphere, and atmosphere – join us in UMEÅ, Sweden, **June 8-11 2026!**

### Registration is open!

The 2026 conference is themed "Ecosystems in Transition" and will feature 20 interdisciplinary sessions. The program offers numerous opportunities for PhD students and early-career researchers to present their work, network, and engage in mentoring and discussion sessions. Participants will also enjoy field excursions to two world-class research infrastructures of the SITES network.

For information on speakers, registration, abstract submission and more, have a look [here](#)



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## Nordic Forest Summit: The whole Nordic forest sector under one roof

Nordic Forest Summit 2026 is one of the major meeting place of the year for the forest sector in the Nordic region. The conference focuses on preparedness and resilience and highlights the crucial role of forests in building a robust, sustainable, and competitive Nordic region at a time marked by climate change, geopolitical uncertainty, and increasing demands on supply security and societal preparedness.

The conference serves as a meeting place where academia, industry, and policy engage in dialogue on strategic choices for the forest sector. We will present the Greve Carl Bernadottes Forest Award and the Guldkvisten Award. The remarkable 80-year journey of Nordic Family Forestry (NSF) will also be highlighted!



[See the program and register](#)

### Apply for funding for PhD courses in forests and forestry

SNS offers the opportunity for an organizer of a PhD course for young researchers to apply for funding. By reaching more people in the Nordic region, SNS believes the PhD courses can contribute to synergies and collaborations in forest research in the future.

You can be granted maximum of SEK 50,000 and there must be a Nordic component in the application. This could for example be travel expenses for Nordic participants, to invite visiting Nordic lecturers, or for general planning of the course if the subject of the course has a direct Nordic component.

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### Building research connections beyond Russian aggression

In spring 2025, an SNS initiative opened doors for Ukrainian researchers to collaborate beyond the

### Nordic collaboration strengthens woody plant conservation

The project links 15 (and growing) woody plant collections across the Nordic region into a shared

constraints of war. By joining research environments shaped by stability and cooperation, new partnerships emerged and expertise could continue to grow and circulate, even as Russia's war against Ukraine persists.

[Cooperation gives several benefits](#)

framework. It will highlight priority species and collections and support practical steps such as propagation and material exchange. Using open data and common standards, the Nordic meta-collection can grow further and connect to global initiatives.

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### **LAST CHANCE: SNS and NordGen Forest scholarship**

If you are in forest seed or plant production, regeneration methods or tree breeding, this is a good chance for funding for a study trip or maybe a smaller research project. SNS and NordGen Forest opens for applications for our joint scholarship 15 December (2025)–15 February (2026).

[Read about one of last years beneficiaries, Giulia Attochi](#)

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#### **Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research: Exploring Douglas-fir as a viable alternative softwood to Scots pine at poor sandy soil sites**

Douglas-fir was compared to Scots pine on sandy Czech soils. Growth, wood quality, and carbon data showed clear advantages for Douglas-fir: higher wood density, faster volume growth (0.167 vs 0.044 m<sup>3</sup> at 29 years), and greater carbon sequestration (121 vs 81 t ha<sup>-1</sup>). Climate limits differed, but overall Douglas-fir appears a promising alternative species for Central European production forests.

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#### **Wood Material Science and Engineering: "Hygroscopicity and liquid water absorption of earlywood and latewood in radiata pine heartwood within the same growth ring"**

"In this study, dynamic vapor sorption apparatus and immersion methods were employed to investigate the hygroscopicity and liquid water absorption of EW and LW within the same growth ring, and the underlying mechanisms were elucidated by examining chemical composition, microstructure, pore structure, and surface wettability."

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