

I am writing you on behalf of IUFRO WP 7.03.16 to let you know about a new **initiative to highlight graduate student research on the behavioural and chemical ecology of forest insects**. Beginning in January 2022 we will host a series of three webinars that will provide a platform for graduate students to present their work and develop their networks.

Talks will be pre-recorded and submitted in advance of each symposia for judging. **The top three from each region will be presented for a total of six student presentations per symposia. The best talk from each region (i.e., two will be selected from each symposia) will be recognized and our goal is to offer financial assistance to each winner to attend the IUFRO All-Division 7 meeting in 2022 in Portugal** where the winners will present their talks in a symposium highlighting student research in the working party (the symposia has been approved by the organizing committee of the All-Division 7 meeting and we have some funding already secured).

The first webinar will occur 24-January at 12:00 UTC and will have talks from graduate students studying in Europe (n=3) and Africa (n=3).

The second webinar will occur 21-February at 18:00 UTC and will have talks from graduate students studying in North America (n=3) and Central/South America (n=3).

The third webinar will occur 28-March at 04:00 UTC and will have talks from graduate students studying in Asia (n=3) and Oceania (n=3).

We ask your assistance in bringing this webinar series to the attention of anyone interested in attending and watching, and in particular helping make graduate students aware of this opportunity. Anyone interested in participating needs to visit the registration page (see https://www.fabinet.up.ac.za/index.php/event/IUFRO_WP_7.03.16_Mentoring_Program/).

Although only the top three talks from each region will be played in the webinars, all submitted talks will be uploaded to the WP 7.03.16 YouTube page where they can be viewed. Registration is now open and in a few weeks we will be contacting students interested in participating to explain deadlines and the submission process.

Thank you for your assistance. Best wishes,

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