

Pre-session Tour in France organized by the Conseil National du Peuplier

### Overview of environmental and socio-economic services offered by Poplar cultivation in Nouvelle Aquitaine Region (France)



Organizing Committee: Conseil Régional Nouvelle Aquitaine, DRAAF Nouvelle Aquitaine, Chambre du Peuplier, Association Propopulus, CRPF Nouvelle Aquitaine-IDF, Association Peuplier Nouvelle Aquitaine, Coopérative Alliance Forêt-Bois, FCBA, INRAE.

Thursday 1 October 2020 – Bordeaux (France)

- 13:00 – 14:00 Arrival at FCBA Boutaut wood laboratories, Welcome [1]
- 14:00 – 15:00 Presentations by the French Ministry of Agriculture, FCBA Boutaut, and the French National Commission on of poplar and other fast growing species cultivation in France
- 15:00 – 17:00 Presentation on advances in wood sawing and grading and visit of the different wood laboratories
- 17:00 – 18:00 Bus transfer to Hôtel de Région Nouvelle Aquitaine (included) [2]
- 18:00 – 20:00 Presentation on the regional context for poplar cultivation and use in Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region and cocktail reception

*Night in Bordeaux, **not included** in package*

Friday 2 October 2020 – Start of field tour – ‘Wood factories Day’

- 07:30 – 10:30 Bus transfer to Secondigné-sur-Belle [3]
- 10:40 – 11:30 Visit to Archimbaud sawmill
- 11:30 – 11:45 Transfer to Secondigné-sur-Belle city hall
- 11:45 – 12:45 Presentations by ProPopulus and by Chambre du Peuplier
- 12:45 – 14:00 Lunch at Secondigné-sur-Belle city hall
- 14:00 – 15:00 Transfer to Augé [4]
- 15:00 - 16:00 Visit of Martin Packaging factory
- 16:00 – 17:00 Presentation of the Société Fournier wood chemistry , coffee

*Transfer, diner and accommodation in Niort, included in package*

Saturday 3 October 2020 – ‘Poplar Cultivation Day’

- 07:45 – 08:25 Transfer to Coulon [5]
- 08:30 – 09:30 Presentation of Regional natural park of Marais Poitevin and of the project “ poplar challenge in Marais Poitevin”
- 09:30 – 10:30 Bus tour
- 10:30 – 11:40 Transfer to La Vergne / Moulinvau [6]
- 11:45 – 13:00 Populiculture demonstration by the Alliance Forêt Bois Cooperative
- 13:00 – 14:30 Transfer and lunch at Saint Jean d’Angely
- 14:30 – 15:30 Transfer to Auvignac [7]
- 15:30 – 16:40 Presentation of the activities of GIS Peuplier (poplar breeding, clonal testing and conservation of genetic resources)
- 17:00 – 18:15 Transfer to Bougneau [8] and visit of an experimental plot managed by private forest owners
- 18:15- 20:00 Transfer to Bordeaux

*Night in Bordeaux, **not included** in package*

Sunday 4 October 2020 - ‘Robinia Cultivation Day’

- 08:00 – 09:00 Visit to a Robinia experimental plot close to Langon [9]
- 10:45 – 11:00 Transfer to Bommès [10]
- 11:00 – 12:00 Vineyard visit and wine tasting, Château La Tour Blanche

*Transfer to Bordeaux: airport and departure*



1 Map of Study Tour in France