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International Cooperative Programme on Effects of  
Air Pollution on Natural Vegetation and Crops**

Invitation to participate in the

**38<sup>th</sup> Task Force Meeting of the  
UNECE ICP Vegetation**

**Tirana, Albania**

**February, 2025**

**Meeting: Tuesday 11 - Wednesday 12**

**Registration and Welcome: Monday 10**

**38<sup>th</sup> TFM Meeting Dinner: Wednesday 12**

**Excursion: Thursday 13**

*Information about the meeting, travel details and a registration form are included in this document. The final programme will be distributed in January 2025.*

## 38th Task Force Meeting of the UNECE ICP Vegetation 10 – 13 February 2025

### Meeting venue

The 38th Task Force Meeting (TFM) of the ICP Vegetation will be held at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Tirana, Albania (<https://unitir.edu.al/eng/fakulteti-i-shkencave-te-natyres/>).

### Accommodation

We recommend the following hotels close to the Faculty of Natural Sciences.

Hotels in Tirana

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Distance from FNS</b>
<i>Tirana International Hotel</i>	0.6 km
<i>Opera Hotel</i>	0.6 km
<i>Hotel Oresti Center</i>	0.6 km
<i>Hotel Nobel Tirana</i>	0.55 km
<i>Tirana Square Hotel</i>	0.45 km
<i>Center Boutique Hotel</i>	0.65 km
Hotel Millennium Tirana	1.2 km
Sky Hotel Tirana	1.5 km
Rogner Hotel Tirana	1.7 km

The hotels written in italics are positioned in Scanderbeg Square, the centre of Tirana and three others in the main boulevard of Tirana.

The prices are cheaper for early booking.

### Registration

The online registration deadline is **December 15, 2024**. Click **here**:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wf1AK04HKkr8ibxXKhujfuHIYmvKccJAdvBHRnyjk\\_s/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wf1AK04HKkr8ibxXKhujfuHIYmvKccJAdvBHRnyjk_s/viewform?edit_requested=true)

**The registration fee is 100 Euros.** It includes lunches and the refreshments during coffee breaks (February 11 and 12, 2025), materials of the meeting, and a visit to Tirana centre (Tuesday evening, 11 February 2025). The welcome reception (Monday evening, February 10, 2025) and conference dinner (Wednesday evening, February 12, 2025) are hosted by the University of Tirana. The dinners not specified above are not included.

Tirana walking tour through the city centre will go on Tuesday afternoon, February 11, 2025, at 18:00.

The **excursion** will be arranged (Thursday, 13 February 2025) to the **Berat, an old city protected by UNESCO** (full day; around 8 - 9 hours). The cost for the excursion (travel, entrance to the amphitheatre and lunch break) will be 50 Euros. After the excursion, participants departing from Mother Teresa airport, or will be able to stay in Tirana.

**The registration fee payment (100 Euros) and excursion (50 Euros) will be done in advance only by bank transfer. The deadline for payment is 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Payments in cash or by card during the meeting are not permitted.**

**For bank transfer, in Euros**, please use the following information (will appear soon)

Beneficiary Name: University of Tirana

Beneficiary account No.: AL32212110160000000000589007

Beneficiary address: Mother Teresa square, Tirana, Albania

Post code: 1001

Bank name: CREDINS BANK

SWIFT (BIC) code: CDISALTR

Bank code: KIB 212

Bank address: RRUGA ISMAIL QEMALI NR 21, TIRANA, ALBANIA

Post code: 1000

**Please indicate as payment description:**

Name of conference and the name of the participant (for example: 38 TFM, Harry Jones).

In order to receive a Performa Invoice for payment of registration fees, please send your details (Participant's Name and Surname/Organization name, address, company code, VAT code) to Ms. Nensi Isak by email: [nensi.isak@fshn.edu.al](mailto:nensi.isak@fshn.edu.al)

**Other information** about Tirana can be found at: <https://albaniavisit.com/destinations/tirana/>

### Visa

Citizens of the EU countries and Schengen area do not need VISA.

If you are a citizen of a country that requires a visa to visit Albania, please find the VISA policy at the following link: <https://punetejashtme.gov.al/en/regjimi-i-vizave-per-te-huajt/>

For participants who need visa, we will prepare a visa invitation letter supporting your application stating that you will participate and are already fully registered for the event.

### Travel information

Tirana is the capital city of Albania, situated in the centre of the country. You can reach Tirana through the Tirana airport, 17 kilometres from the city center of Tirana. The Tirana airport website gives real-time updates on the Tirana airport arrivals here:

<https://www.tirana-airport.com/en/flights/arrivals>

From Tirana airport, you can take a shuttle bus to the city centre of Tirana. The shuttle bus operates daily 24 hours. Bus transport takes around 30 minutes. The cost of bus ticket is 400 Albania Lek, or about 4 EUROS. It is possible to pay in euros for your bus ticket. The bus stop is at the south of the terminal building. To see the airport shuttle bus departure point on a Google Map click **HERE**: <https://goo.gl/maps/DZ6qsguxH3mcFNXY7> and for bus station in the centre of Tirana click **HERE**: <https://goo.gl/maps/22K3EffTdtOwEret8>

### Posters and presentations

There will be opportunities for participants to give an oral presentation or present a poster. Oral presentations will generally be 20 min (15 min presentation + 5 min discussion).

Poster size maximum A0 (poster stand size is 850 x 1200 mm).

Authors are requested to indicate their preferred oral/or poster presentation at online **REGISTRATION FORM**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wf1AK04HKkr8ibxXKhujfuHIYmvKccJAdvBHRnvjk\\_s/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wf1AK04HKkr8ibxXKhujfuHIYmvKccJAdvBHRnvjk_s/viewform?edit_requested=true)

One-page **ABSTRACTS** will be published in an abstract book; a hard copy will be provided at the registration desk. The book of abstracts will be circulated to all participants before the meeting in pdf format and made available on the ICP Vegetation website (<http://icpvegetation.ceh.ac.uk>).

Authors should prepare their abstracts according to the enclosed instructions and e-mail them by **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to Felicity Hayes ([fhay@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:fhay@ceh.ac.uk))**

For further details or any queries, please do not hesitate to contact:

**Felicity Hayes ([fhay@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:fhay@ceh.ac.uk))** (Chair ICP Vegetation)

or

**Local organisers ([ICP38TFM@unitir.edu.al](mailto:ICP38TFM@unitir.edu.al))**

### **Draft Programme**

**Monday, 10 February 2025**

**17:00** Registration in Faculty of Natural Sciences and putting up posters

**18:30** Welcome reception

## Tuesday, 11 February 2025

- 08:30** Late registration and putting up posters
- Session 1: 09:00 – 10:45** Plenary session
- 09:00** Welcome address
- 10:45 – 11:30** Coffee/tea and poster viewing (with authors at poster)
- Session 2: 11:30 – 13:00** Two parallel sessions: Ozone and Moss survey
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- Session 3: 14:00 – 15:30** Two parallel sessions: Ozone and Moss survey
- 15:30 – 16:00** Coffee/tea and poster viewing
- Session 4: 16:00 – 18:00** Two parallel sessions: Ozone and Moss survey
- 18:00** Walking tour in the centre of Tirana

## Wednesday, 12 February 2025

- Session 5: 08:30 – 10:30** Two parallel sessions: Ozone and Moss survey
- 10:30 – 11:00** Coffee/tea and poster viewing
- Session 6: 11:00 – 13:00** Two parallel sessions: Ozone and Moss survey
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- Session 7: 14:00 – 16:00** Final plenary session
- 17:00: 38<sup>th</sup> TFM Meeting dinner**

## Thursday, 13 February 2025

**Excursion to Durres - Tirana** (With possibility to drop off to Tirana Centre for those who would prefer to stay in Tirana on Thursday night and for those with a Thursday evening flight)

### Parallel sessions:

There will be several parallel sessions on ‘Ozone’ and ‘Moss survey’. Depending on papers offered, the following topics are likely to be presented and discussed:

### Ozone (and nitrogen):

- Application and new developments of flux-based methodology and critical levels of ozone for crops, forest trees and (semi-)natural vegetation;
- Updates required to Scientific Background Document B for Chapter 3 of the Modelling and Mapping Manual;
- Monitoring and recording ozone damage on vegetation – EU National Emission Ceilings Directive (2016/2284/EU) and smart-phone App;
- Evidence of ozone impacts on crops in developing regions, mapping areas at risk;
- New evidence of nitrogen impacts on vegetation;
- Interactive impacts of ozone and nitrogen on vegetation.
- Progress with revising critical levels for NO<sub>x</sub>

**Moss survey:**

- Results of the 2020/21 moss survey on heavy metals, nitrogen and POPs (at national and regional scale);
- New developments and applications of mosses as biomonitors of heavy metal, nitrogen, POPs and microplastics pollution;
- Mosses as biomonitors of atmospheric microplastic deposition;
- Preparations for the 2025 moss survey;

**Both sessions:**

- Outreach activities in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA), Asia and other regions (e.g. Africa, South-America);
- Collaboration with other subsidiary bodies of the Convention, including other ICPs and EMEP Centres/Task Forces.