

Dear colleagues,

You have registered to participate in the EPPO – FAO-REUFIS – BFW Conference ‘**Safeguarding Forests in Europe: Emerging Risks of *Agrilus* Wood Borers (Buprestidae)**’ (21–23 April 2026, Vienna). The date of the conference is approaching, and we would like to inform you about the following points.

1. This conference is a face-to-face event, but interest in *Agrilus* pests is very high, and we plan to **record and broadcast** the presentations (all three days). Please let us know (by email to dm@eppo.int by 15 April) if you **do not want** your presentation to be broadcast or a video recording of your presentation to be stored on the conference webpage (https://www.eppo.int/MEETINGS/2026_meetings/conf_agrilus). If we do not receive any email from you on this matter, we will assume that you do not mind **the broadcasting** and storage of a video **recording**.
2. **The programme** and **abstract book** of the conference will be soon available on the conference webpage (https://www.eppo.int/MEETINGS/2026_meetings/conf_agrilus).
3. We plan the following **presentation timings**:
 - invited plenary lectures: 25 min + 5 min for questions,
 - standard talks: 15 min + 5 min for questions,
 - short oral presentations of poster: 10 min + 5 min for questions.
4. Authors of the **posters** are invited to print and bring their posters (the preferred format is A0) on the morning of 21 April (there is no printing service at the venue).
5. To facilitate the meeting, we encourage presenters to **upload their presentations** by 19 April to the special folder: <https://bfwebm.bfw.ac.at/nextcloud/index.php/s/ceJ6eJBrcYEFfNA> (please use your family name at the beginning of the file title). We also advise bringing the file on a memory stick (in PPT or PDF format).
6. After the conference, we will invite all presenters (of both talks and posters) to upload their presentations and posters in **PDF format** to an **open special section** of the conference website. If you prefer, you can delete some slides (e.g. if some data are not yet published).
7. Also after the conference, we will invite presenters (of both talks and posters) to submit manuscripts to the **EPPO Bulletin** following a standard submission procedure (<https://submission.wiley.com/journal/EPP>). The accepted papers will be published in **regular issues** of the journal, and immediately after acceptance they will become part of a **special virtual collection** of the **EPPO Bulletin** devoted to emerging risks of *Agrilus* wood borers. This special virtual collection will also include all papers, diagnostic protocols, standards, datasheets, etc. concerning different *Agrilus* species previously published in the **EPPO Bulletin**. Presenters can already start preparing their **manuscripts** (original or review papers, or a short note); manuscripts can be submitted before the conference or later during 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact us:

- by email to Dmitrii Musolin (dm@eppo.int)

or

- by phone in Vienne in the case of emergency: Gernot Hoch (+43 664 1454776) or Doris Schikola (+43 664 8412737).

Kind regards,

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