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ANNOUNCEMENT

Honorary Doctorate Award Ceremony at Aristotle University's School of Forestry and Natural Environment

Thessaloniki, 14 October 2026

Professor Hubert Hasenauer, Director of the Institute of Silviculture and former Rector of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), will receive an honorary doctorate from the School of Forestry and Natural Environment at Aristotle University.

The award ceremony will take place on Thursday, 15 October 2026, at 11:00, in the Ceremonies Hall of the Old Philosophy Building at Aristotle University.

Award Ceremony Programme

Welcome address by the Rector of Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis
Welcome address by the Dean of the School of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Environment at Aristotle University, Professor Alexandros Dimitrakopoulos
Welcome address by the Chair of the School of Forestry and Natural Environment at Aristotle University, Professor Paraskevi Alizoti
Laudation of the honouree by Professor Ioannis Gitas, Director of the Laboratory of Forest Management and Remote Sensing at Aristotle University.
Award Ceremony
Reading and presentation of the resolution and the honorary doctorate diploma by Professor Paraskevi Alizoti, Chair of the School of Forestry and Natural Environment
Presentation of the honorary insignia by Professor Paraskevi Alizoti, Chair of the School of Forestry and Natural Environment at Aristotle University
Presentation of a commemorative plaque by Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis, Rector of Aristotle University

Response and address by the honouree on the topic: “The Role of Forests in Mitigating the Effects of Climate Change”

Brief Biography of the Honouree

Professor Hubert Hasenauer is an internationally renowned scholar in forestry and natural environment sciences. His research focuses on forest ecosystem management and modelling, as well as the role of forests in the global carbon cycle and in mitigating the climate crisis.

He is Professor and Director of the Institute of Silviculture at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU). He also served as Rector of the same university for four years (2018–2022), making a significant contribution to strengthening its position as one of Europe’s leading universities in environmental studies, sustainability and life sciences.

Through his pioneering research, he developed the MOSES forest tree growth model in 1994, which is now applied worldwide. He has also contributed to the development of biogeochemical process models for forest ecosystems that estimate carbon, nitrogen and water storage and fluxes.

His leadership is reflected in his extensive scientific and public service. He has held positions in international organisations and chairs the African-Austrian UniNet network, which brings together 78 universities. He also serves on the editorial boards of leading international scientific journals and acts as an editor-in-chief.

The international scientific community has recognised his extensive body of publications and pioneering contributions to forestry and natural environment sciences. His achievements have earned him numerous international distinctions and awards.

We kindly request that this event be published, broadcast, and covered by the media.