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**Honorary Doctorate Ceremony of the School of Forestry and Natural
Environment of Aristotle University**

Thessaloniki, 8/10/2026

Professor Hubert Hasenauer, Director of the Institute of Silviculture and former Rector of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the School of Forestry and Natural Environment of Aristotle University.

The Honorary Doctorate Ceremony will take place on Thursday, 15 October 2026, at 19:30, in the Ceremonies Hall of the Old Building of the School of Philosophy at Aristotle University.

Honorary Doctorate Ceremony Programme

Welcome address by the Rector of Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasidis

Welcome address by the Dean of the School of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Environment of Aristotle University, Professor Alexandros Dimitrakopoulos

Welcome address by the Chair of the School of Forestry and Natural Environment of Aristotle University, Professor Paraskevi Alizoti

Citation in honour of the honouree by the Director of the Laboratory of Forest Management and Remote Sensing at Aristotle University, Professor Ioannis Gitas

Honorary Doctorate Ceremony

Reading and presentation of the resolution and the honorary doctorate diploma by the Chair of the School of Forestry and Natural Environment, Professor Paraskevi Alizoti

Presentation of the honorary insignia by the Chair of the School of Forestry and Natural Environment of Aristotle University, Professor Paraskevi Alizoti

Presentation of a commemorative plaque of honour by the Rector of Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasidis
Response and lecture by the honouree on the topic: “The role of forests to mitigate climate change effects”

Brief Biographical Note on the Honouree

Professor Hubert Hasenauer is a world-renowned scientist in the fields of Forestry and Natural Environment, with expertise in the management and modelling of forest ecosystems and 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), and served as Rector of the same university for four years (2018–2022). During his tenure, he made a decisive contribution to strengthening BOKU’s position as one of Europe’s leading universities in the fields of the environment, sustainability and life sciences.

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

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

The international scientific community has recognised his extensive body of published work and pioneering contribution to the fields of Forestry and Natural Environment. He has received numerous international distinctions and awards for his work.

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