

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

2019 WESTERN CHAPTER ISA
CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

Trees in a Changing Environment

Date/Time/Session: **TUESDAY, 4.30.2019, 1:15:00 PM, in the GENERAL session**
Presentation Length: **45 minutes**

Presented by: **Mark Roberts**
Co-Presenter (if scheduled): **NA**



Overview of Presentation:

This presentation builds on 'The myth of the urban forest' which I gave in Seoul to the United Nations FAO. It explores the rate that change is occurring around our urban trees and questions the concept of the right tree in the right place.

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimate that 60% of world's population will live in urban areas by 2030. With the increase in urbanisation, comes increased spatial and environmental constraints on the urban forest. The 'place' that an urban tree grows in is likely to completely change two or three times during the life of the tree.

This presentation looks at pruning practices, urban ecology and tree risk, it looks at what we know, what we have done, what can be done and what we need to do going forward. For our urban trees and those that manage them, change is the only constant.

Presenter Bio:

Mark Roberts is a former President of the ISA and the NZ Arboricultural Association. His relaxed and approachable presenting style has seen him talk on varied topics across the world stage.

Mark has regularly written industry articles for over 20 years, he has been published in several countries and even had some of his work translated, his writing now includes an educational blog <http://www.robertsconsulting.co.nz/blog/>

Mark is an arborist and an educator, his previous presentations include: 'Trees in a Changing Environment', Exeter UK (the Arboricultural Association) 'The myth of the urban forest', Seoul (United Nations, Food and Agriculture Organization). 'Critical thinking in arboriculture', Washington DC, (ISA). 'Risky Business', Melbourne, Australia (Arboriculture Australia)