

First Announcement



International Symposium 2023 “Intersectoral Cooperation for Resilient Landscapes”

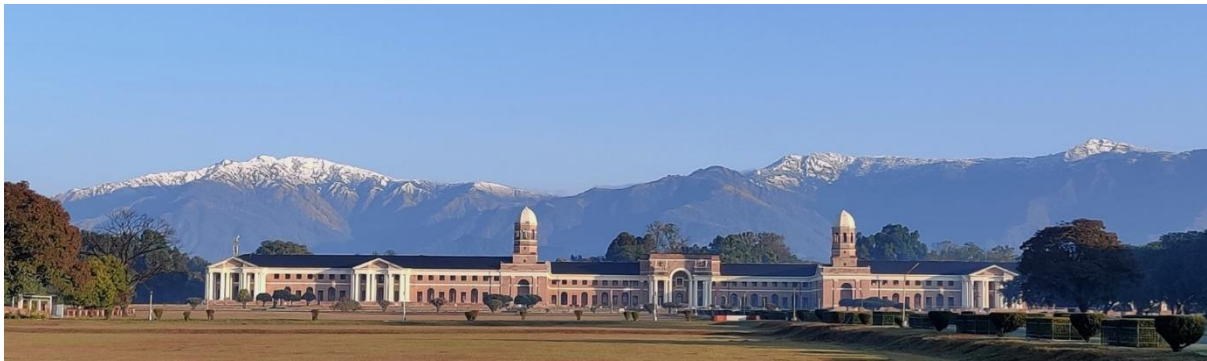
29-30 March 2023

ICFRE-Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India

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International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) and
Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE)

Symposium website: www.fri-iufro2023.in



Overview and Objectives of the Symposium

Forest and land degradation poses major challenges to sustainable development worldwide, including in the South Asia region. Efforts to reverse land degradation in forestry, agriculture, mining, and other sectors have accelerated by testing and applying a wide range of alternative and improved land management practices such as agroforestry and agropastoral systems, water and biodiversity conservation through protection and ecosystem restoration, and innovative financing mechanisms and novel contractual arrangements between local stakeholders, private sector, and governments. As a result, we now have a wealth of experience in restoring vital ecosystem functions while simultaneously improving the livelihoods and well-being in local communities and society. This experience, and the lessons learned, are crucial for upscaling of land restoration in different socio-ecological contexts.

The symposium will bring together experts and scientists the fields of forestry, agriculture, nature conservation, water resources management, and mining to (1) discuss landscape restoration issues and needs from various stakeholders’ perspectives; (2) share experiences on innovative approaches to landscape restoration integrating trees into the landscape while increasing agriculture productivity

and health of soils and vegetation; and (3) discuss landscape governance issues, particularly the need for policy change, intersectoral policy and planning coordination, incentive systems, and benefit sharing arrangements when implementing improved landscape management practices.

Programme

The symposium program will include plenary and thematic sessions featuring a combination of invited presentations by experts from India and abroad, panel discussions, and voluntary papers and/or poster presentations by scientists, practitioners, and other experts (see **Call for Abstracts** below and at: <http://www.fri-iufro2023.in/call-for-abstract>).

Symposium sessions will focus on the following topics in relation to the restoration of resilient forests and landscapes:

- Biodiversity/nature conservation integration in FLR
- Intersectoral coordination in policy and planning for FLR
- Agriculture, agroforestry and food security
- Governance issues and stakeholder engagement in FLR
- Water resources, soils conservation and mined land restoration
- Enhancing livelihoods, equity, and human well-being in FLR
- Building resilience to climate change and its impacts in FLR
- Integrated/cross-sectoral education and training
- Experiences/case studies of sectoral integration for building resilient landscapes

Day 1 –Wednesday, 29 March: A full day *field excursion* for symposium delegates will offer two alternative places to visit (<http://www.fri-iufro2023.in/field-excursion>):

- Mussoorie hills, in the outer Himalayan range north of Dehradun
OR
- Rajaji National Park, located at the Himalayan foothills near Dehradun

Day 2 –Thursday, 30 March: *Symposium program*

(<http://www.fri-iufro2023.in/programme>)

Colleagues who register for virtual participation will be able to view all symposium sessions and have the opportunity to engage in discussions through the session moderators.

Registration & Practical Information for Participants

Registration fee: (<http://www.fri-iufro2023.in/registration>)

The registration fee for the Symposium is as under:

- Overseas delegates: EUR 200
- Indian delegates: INR 4,400

Travel: Dehradun is well connected to India's national capital New Delhi through air, rail and road

Accommodation: A number of hotels in varied budget range are available in Dehradun

(<http://www.fri-iufro2023.in/travel-accommodation>)

City of Dehradun

Dehradun - the capital of the state of Uttarakhand - is located in Northern India in the foothills of Himalayas at about 640 m altitude. It serves as the location of many national institutes and organizations and is very popular among tourists. Weather during the last week of March is usually pleasant (24-30°C). Light woollens/heavy cottons are recommended (For more details, please visit <https://uttarakhandtourism.gov.in/destination/dehradun>).

Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education

The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) was created in 1986 as an umbrella organization for catering to the forestry research, education and extension needs of India. Its headquarters is at Dehradun and it serves as an apex body in the national forestry research system under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. The Council has a pan-India presence with its 9 regional research institutes and 5 centres in different bio-geographical regions of the country.

ICFRE-Forest Research Institute

Forest Research Institute (FRI) began its journey as Imperial Forest Research Institute in 1906. Its history is synonymous with the evolution and development of scientific forestry in the entire Indian subcontinent. In the year 1988, FRI and its research centres were brought under the administrative umbrella of ICFRE. FRI carries out research in all the main disciplines of forestry.

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Call for Abstracts

The Symposium Scientific Committee welcomes submission of abstracts for voluntary presentations.

For submitting an abstract online at <http://www.fri-iufro2023.in/call-for-abstract> you are required to

- Create your online account (<http://www.fri-iufro2023.in/login>) followed by
- Login to your account and access the abstract preparation instructions and form to submit your abstract.

Key Dates

- **Closing date of abstract submission: 20 February 2023**
- **Communication of decision on submitted abstracts to authors: 28 February 2023**
- **Closing date of Registration: 10 March 2023**

Please note: Presentations must be relevant to one or more of the topics listed above, based on the author(s) original research or development work. If accepted by the symposium scientific committee (<http://www.fri-iufro2023.in/scientific-committee>) for either poster or short oral presentations, the presenting author will need to register for the symposium to be included in the final programme and join the event in person.