

# Congress Update

**IUFRO**

Interconnecting Forests,  
Science and People

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Congress 2017

Monday, 18 September 2017

## Get a Foretaste of the Scientific Keynote Lectures

Read first interviews with scientific keynote speakers at the IUFRO 125th Anniversary Congress 2017

### Using the forest sector to help mitigate climate change

Dr. Werner Kurz Canadian Forest Service (Natural Resources Canada), Canada

Keynote Plenary Session 1, Thursday, 21 September, 10:30 – 12:00, Rolf Böhme Saal (Konzerthaus Freiburg)

<http://blog.iufro.org/2017/09/18/using-the-forest-sector-to-help-mitigate-climate-change/>

### Forest restoration means more than planting trees

Dr. Robin Chazdon, University of Connecticut, USA

Keynote Plenary Session 2, Friday, 22 September, 10:30 – 12:00, Rolf Böhme Saal (Konzerthaus Freiburg)

<http://blog.iufro.org/2017/09/18/forest-restoration-means-more-than-planting-trees/>

## IUFRO Tree Planting Ceremony

In the garden of the Faculty for Environment and Natural Resources of the University of Freiburg a linden or lime tree was planted on Monday 18 September, as a symbol of the social connection between trees and people.



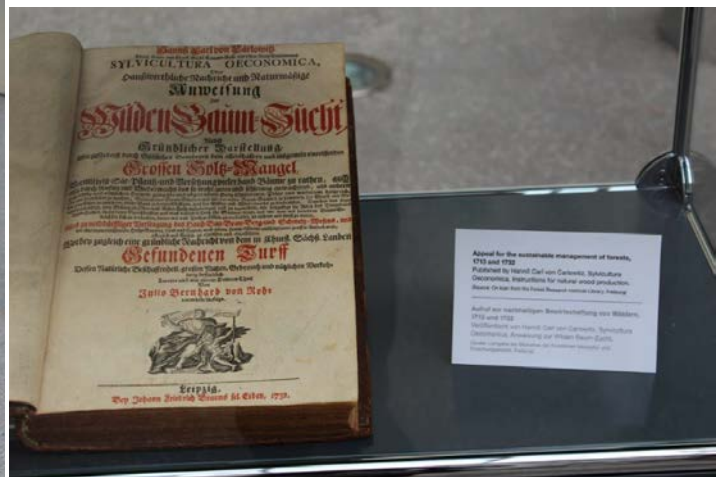
“Trees are a gift to our future generations”, said Freiburg’s Lord Mayor Dr. Dieter Salomon (left photo, centre), who planted the lime tree together with IUFRO President Mike Wingfield (left) and FVA Vice Director Dr. Gerald Kaendler (right). Then Prof. Mike Wingfield explained that the Latin name of the tree, *Tilia cordata*, referred to the heart-shaped leaves, which make it the tree of love, youth and the future.

A group of student musicians accompanied the ceremony with their hunting horns.

## Opening of the Forest History Exhibition

Following the tree planting ceremony the exhibition “Interconnecting Forests, Science and People - IUFRO’s activities of the past 125 years” was opened in the inner courtyard of the Herderbau (Tennenbacher Straße 4).

The exhibition is the creative and inspiring result of a cooperation between forest scientists and art students from the University for Art, Design and Popular Music in Freiburg. You should not miss this exhibition! It will be open for the entire Congress week and beyond! A big thank you to all the organizers and students!



Prof. Uwe Schmidt, Chair of Forest History, University of Freiburg, curated the exhibition, which also includes a “Sylvicultura Oeconomica” by Carl von Carlowitz.

## New publication: 125 Years of IUFRO

The year 2017 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO). This milestone provides a timely opportunity to present an overview of the history of IUFRO since its foundation in 1892. A limited number of hardcopies will be available at the IUFRO booth at the Congress in Freiburg. The book is also available for download from:

<https://www.iufro.org/news/article/2017/09/18/new-publication-125-years-of-iufro-published-on-the-occasion-of-iufros-125th-anniversary/>

## Informal Stakeholder Consultation

On the evening before the “Science in Dialogue” Sessions start, IUFRO invited its stakeholders to an informal consultation to hear their views on what the future of forests and forest science should look like. In-depth discussions will follow in the sessions where “Science meets Policy”, “Science meets Business”, “Science meets Stakeholders” and “Science meets Science” on 19 and 20 September in the Konzerthaus. Make sure to be there!



Welcome to the stakeholder consultation by IUFRO President Mike Wingfield

## Celebrating before the Congress:

Photo: IUFRO President Mike Wingfield together with former IUFRO President Walter Liese at the event held in commemoration of the founding of IUFRO in 1892 in Eberswalde, prior to the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congress in Freiburg on 15 September.



Photo “Alte Forestakademie” Eberswalde (Jürgen Rocholl/HNE)



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