SAVE THE DATE - IUFRO WORLD DAY: Digital Forest Science Forum 2021 on 28-29 September!

Dear Members of the IUFRO Enlarged Board,

IUFRO is currently organizing the first ever all-IUFRO online forum, which will take place on 28 and 29 September 2021. This unique 24-hours event will provide ample opportunities to members of the IUFRO network to show and share forest-related research and activities and to facilitate networking and communication.

To enable participants from all over the world to take part in their own time zones, the event will be structured into three major time zone groups (see below).

The IUFRO WORLD DAY will include three *"About IUFRO"* networking sessions, one in each time zone, where participants can meet senior officeholders, learn more about how IUFRO works and how to get involved more actively, and listen to presentations of young scientists.

Furthermore, the event will include live events and static content from IUFRO Units and Member Organisations, as well as *"Science Informs Policy"* webinars on overarching forest research topics, one in each time zone.

We are looking forward to your attendance and active participation in the networking sessions, and furthermore encourage you to take part in the other program elements.

Please contact the IUFRO WORLD DAY Project Manager with the following information regarding the networking sessions:

➢ **Confirmation of attendance**
➢ **Preferred time zone**

You can find further information about the networking sessions below.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the IUFRO WORLD DAY Project Manager:
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Kind regards,

Carola Egger
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IUFRO WORLD DAY time zone groups:

1) **UTC-10 to UTC-3 (North America and South America)**
   8am-16pm (Anchorage)
   9am-17pm (Vancouver; Oregon)
   10am-18pm (Alberta; Denver; Montana; San José) center of the time zone
   11am-19pm (Bogotá; Lima; Mexico City)
   12noon-20pm (Washington D.C.; New York; San Juan)
   13pm-21pm (Buenos Aires; Curitiba; Montevideo)

2) **UTC-2 to UTC+5 (Africa, Europe, Middle East)**
   8am-16pm (Accra; Dakar; Reykjavik)
   9am-17pm (London; Dublin)
   10am-18pm (Pretoria; Lilongwe; Harare) center of the time zone
   11am-19pm (Addis Ababa; Doha; Moscow)
   12noon-20pm (Yerevan; Tbilisi; Dubai)
   13am-21pm (Dushanbe; Karachi; Tashkent)

3) **UTC+6 to UTC+13 (Asia, Asia-Pacific, Oceania)** (On the next day!)
   8:30am-16:30pm (Mumbai; New Delhi; Colombo)
   9am-17pm (Almaty; Bishkek)
   10am-18pm (Jakarta; Bangkok; Ho Chi Minh City)
   11am-19pm (Beijing; Kuala Lumpur; Manila; Perth)
   12noon-20pm (Tokyo; Seoul) center of the time zone
   13pm-21pm (Brisbane; Sidney; Vladivostok)
   16pm-24pm (Auckland, Wellington)

Example of timetable in one time zone group (in total there will be three such timetables):
The events by units are randomly allocated in this example. It is suggested to organize live sessions in parallel streams: Divisions / all other units / Member Organizations. In addition, there will be centrally organized networking sessions and policy forums (in total 3.5 hours) that are carved out in the middle of the timetable.

	Divisions	Task Forces, Special Programmes and Projects	Member Organizations (MO)
10:00	Event by a Unit in Division 1	Event by a Task Force #1	Event by a Member Organization
10:15	Event by a Unit in Division 1	Event by a Task Force #2	Event by a Member Organization
10:30	Event by a Unit in Division 2	Event by a Task Force #3	Event by a Member Organization

10:45	Event by a Unit in Division 2	Event by a Task Force #4	Event by a Member Organization
11:00	Event by a Unit in Division 3	Event by a Task Force #5	Event by a Member Organization
11:15	Event by a Unit in Division 3	Event by a Task Force #6	Event by a Member Organization
11:30	Event by a Unit in Division 4	Event by a Task Force #7	Event by a Member Organization
11:45	Event by a Unit in Division 4	Event by a Task Force #8	Event by a Member Organization
12:00 – 14:00	*Core element #2 (Networking sessions)*		
14:00 – 15:30	*Core element #3 (Science-informs-policy forums)*		
15:30	Event by a Unit in Division 5	Event by a Task Force #9	Event by a Member Organization
15:45	Event by a Unit in Division 5	*FREE SLOT*	Event by a Member Organization
16:00	Event by a Unit in Division 6	*FREE SLOT*	Event by a Member Organization
16:15	Event by a Unit in Division 6	*FREE SLOT*	Event by a Member Organization
16:30	Event by a Unit in Division 7	*FREE SLOT*	Event by a Member Organization
16:45	Event by a Unit in Division 7	Event by SPP (GFEP)	Event by a Member Organization
17:00	Event by a Unit in Division 8	Event by SPP (SPDC)	Event by a Member Organization
17:15	Event by a Unit in Division 8	Event by SPP (WFSE)	Event by a Member Organization
17:30	Event by a Unit in Division 9	Event by SPP (GFIS)	Event by a Member Organization
17:45	Event by a Unit in Division 9	Event by SPP (Director's Forum)	Event by a Member Organization
18:00	*Closing of the time zone group program*		

CORE PROGRAM ELEMENT: Networking session (one per time zone group)

The idea and aim:
The main goals of the three networking sessions (one per time zone group) are to 1) inform about IUFRO, 2) attract early career scientists, and 3) facilitate interaction and socializing.

The networking sessions will allow participants to:
 ➢ *Learn more about IUFRO and what it does;*
 ➢ *Find out how to get involved in Divisions, Task Forces, Special Projects and Programmes;*
 ➢ *Meet peers, make new acquaintances, talk with experienced scientists; and*
 ➢ *Share ideas about the future of forest research and emerging issues in regions.*

This element offers an opportunity to interact with the leadership (President, VPs, other Board Members) in an informal style and format. **Therefore, IUFRO Board members will be encouraged to be present in their preferred time zone groups.**

Duration and timing of sessions:
 ➢ All three sessions last for two hours each.

- ➢ They are organized in the "prime time" of each region (e.g. starting around 12:00 mid-region time).
- ➢ There is no overlap with other live events during the 2h (no live events by units or members).

Youth component, for example a competition on the most popular PhD presentation:
Such a competition could be one element of this session to attract early career scientists.

Structure and format of the sessions:
- ➢ Launch/presentation of the globe/map and guide to its contents (15 min) (live/recorded/both). *Note: Information on the globe/map will also be made available online beforehand.*
- ➢ Presentation about IUFRO (30 min) (live/recorded/both)
- ➢ Meet the IUFRO leadership (mentoring part) (55 min) (live only)
- ➢ Youth component (to be defined)
- ➢ Closing of the session (5 min)

During the 2-hour event, there will be **two breakout-rooms accessible to participants**:
- ➢ Coffee/tearoom for those who seek informal networking,
- ➢ Room with a digital pin-wall for sticky notes to collect ideas about the future of forest research and emerging issues in all three regions.

Participation will be free, but a registration system will be put in place by IUFRO Headquarters.