



Congress News

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Queensland, Australia

Poster presentations

After much anticipation, the Poster Presentations started yesterday and what a show!

Every five years, the IUFRO World Congress provides a fantastic opportunity for scientists to meet under the one roof and share their latest research and innovations and a key way of sharing this information is through posters.

If this presentation, of more than eight hundred posters, is anything to go by, delegates are truly among the best-of-the-best.

If you're a session organiser, don't forget to provide a nomination for the best poster. They're due tonight at 7pm at the Secretariat Office.



IUFRO Secretariat Executive Secretary Peter Mayer (Austria) with Judy Loo (Canada) and Tasmien Horsley (South Africa) at yesterday's poster presentation.

Queensland Premier Peter Beattie welcomes delegates!



Korean delegation members Esther Yoo and Byung-Dae Park with Queensland Premier Peter Beattie and DPI&F Director-General Jim Varghese at the trade display.

If a noisy room is an indication of a great party then last night's welcome reception and official launch of the trade display was a huge hit!

All 2000 delegates converged on the exhibition hall last night for boxes of delicious snacks and Australian wine and beer to catch up on the latest forestry gossip from colleagues, and check out the latest in innovations at the trade display.

To officially welcome international delegates to the congress, and to see for himself the large array of trade show exhibitors, Premier of Queensland, the Honourable Peter Beattie attended the event.



IN THE REGION

News from Australia's forestry sector...

Third generation SilviScan goes Global On display at the 2005 IUFRO Congress is one of the three major components of SilviScan-3, the only system capable of high-speed automated analysis of wood samples for a wide range of properties crucial to product performance.

SilviScan, developed by Dr Rob Evans, is a synergistic set of technologies designed for the rapid estimation of many important wood properties such as fibre diameter, fibre wall thickness, fibre coarseness, wood density, microfibril angle and extensional stiffness.

During the last decade, the worldwide demand for SilviScan data has grown exponentially, prompting the development of SilviScan-3, the first instrument designed specifically for commercial services. The primary components of SilviScan are a Cell Scanner (on display at IUFRO), a Densitometer and a Diffractometer. The last two components are x-ray systems which cannot be transported to the Congress, but may be seen at ensis laboratories in Melbourne.

The SilviScan-3 Cell Scanner is a fully operational system designed to measure the radial and tangential diameters of cells in small polished wood strips at a rate of four million cells/hour. The strips are prepared from increment cores taken non-destructively from standing trees.

The Cell Scanner was constructed with the financial support of the Australian Government through the Forestry and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation.

For more information visit the ensis exhibition stand during the Congress or contact Dr Rob Evans +61 3 9545 2329 or rob.evans@ensisjv.com

IUFRO Board Meeting

VERY SUCCESSFUL

While many delegates were preparing for the long flight to Australia, the IUFRO Board were busy at their annual board meeting, and according to President of IUFRO, Risto Seppala, the meeting was a huge success.

The agenda items of the board were connected with the congress and preparations for the meetings of the IUFRO International Council, the highest decision making body of the Union, and a group that will meet twice during the congress.

According to Risto Seppala the meeting was productive and the vision for the future organisation is clear.

"There are 24 voting members in the Board, and in addition there is an Enlarged Board (EB) which has over 50 members and includes Deputy Coordinators of eight Divisions as well as Coordinators of our Task Forces, Programmes and Projects," Mr Seppala said.

"Key agenda items were the IUFRO Strategy 2006-2010, the Congress Resolution and the IUFRO's participation and contributions in international forest – related processes and strategic partnerships and cooperation with other organisations," he said.

"I am happy to say that the IUFRO Board Meeting was a huge success."

"I believe it is very significant that we meet now in the Southern Hemisphere. For a 113 year old organization it was really time to come Down Under," he said.

IUFRO are very keen to emphasise transparency and participation in their activities, which is why both the Strategy and the Congress resolution are available to view and for comments via the E-Forum at internet cafes. Don't miss your chance to see it for your self.

Aussie fashion takes off!

In true Australian style, special congress thongs (or flip flops) are available to purchase from the IUFRO Secretariat display in the main entrance area.

At the rate they're selling, they're walking out the door themselves and priced at only \$3 EURO or \$5 AU, they're a congress memento not to be missed.

Johanna Gleissner
(Germany) and
Karmila Parakkasi
(Indonesia) show off
the IUFRO thongs.



Watch this space!

Need to contact a fellow delegate?

IUFRO Congress has its very own message board, which you can use if you need to contact a fellow delegate. The message board is situated at the entrance to the venue, next to the general information booth.



Checking their mail at the messages board are Arvind Madhau Singh (India) and Francisco Jauier Silva-Pando (Spain).

Calling all office holders new research group formed

The IUFRO Executive Board has approved a new research group called Human Health and Forests, and are looking for office holders to take up their posts.

The main objective of the research group is to increase knowledge about the contribution that forests, trees and natural places make, and might make, to the health and wellbeing of people worldwide.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact Dr. Merete Furuberg on +17 9016 3092

President's Discussion

Make sure you don't miss the President's Discussion 'Research to cope with Global Change', today at 13:30 – 15:30 in the Plaza Terrace Room.

Contrary to what was reported in yesterday's Congress News, the key speakers will be Risto Seppala (President of IUFRO), Peter Mayer (IUFRO Executive Secretary) Joseph R Cobbinah (Director, Forest Research Institute of Ghana), Razak Mohd Abd. Ali (Director General, Forest Research Institute Malaysia), Lisa Sennerby – Forsse (Director General of FORMAS, Sweden), Jose J. Campos (Deputy Director General, CATIE, Costa Rica) and Thorry Gunnensen (Chair, FWPRDC, Australia).

IUFRO Business Sessions

There are some new meetings added to the IUFRO Business Sessions including:

- Unit 6.18.01 Gun Lidestav (meeting will be held in P5 from 18:00-18:30 tonight).
- Unit 4.02.06 Piermaria Corona (meeting will be held in M5 from 18:00-18:30 tonight).
- Unit 2.08.04 Brian Stanton (meeting will be held in F1 from 20:00-20:30 tonight).
- Unit 6.03.02 Michele Karnnel Dobbertin (meeting will be held in M8 tonight)

Just when you thought it couldn't get any better!

There is a new addition to the program Session 152 Research Demonstration: The clean development mechanism and forestry, chaired by Markku Kanninen is being held in M7 & 8 from 13:30 – 15:30 today. Speakers include Daniel Murdisyarso, Fritz Mohren, Sandra Brown and Miko Kirschbaum.

Keynote Presentation

Dr Joseph Gosnell

Keynote presentation:	8:30am-9:30am, Wednesday 10 August (Great Hall)
Keynote panel:	10am-12:00pm, Wednesday 10 August (Plaza Terrace Room)
Country:	Canada

Chief Negotiator for the signing of the historic Nisga's Treaty with the Canadian Government in 1999 and the first President of the new Nisga's Lisims Government in 2000, Dr Joseph Gosnell is one of the outstanding keynote speakers at the XXII IUFRO World Congress. He will present on Harvesting and Management of Natural Resources under the Nisga's Final Agreement.

Dr Gosnell is a former Council Member and Chief Councillor of the Gitl'akdamix Band and former member of the Pacific Area Regional Council. In 2002 he was appointed Governor on the Council for Canadian Unity.



Dr Joseph Gosnell will present his keynote address this morning.



OUT & ABOUT!



At the welcome reception are Michael Ngugi (Australia), Manyewu Mutamba (Zimbabwe) and Cossey Yosi (Papau New Guinea).

Having fun at the welcome reception from the Philippines are Minda Odsey, Yolina T Castaneto and Marilyn Combalicer.



Enjoying a chat at the welcome reception are Netherlands visitors (from left) Dr Rene Boot, Dr Ali Sharifi and Dr Fay Sharifi.



IUFRO president Risto Seppala with Premier Peter Beattie and Risto Paivinen at the European Forest Institute, founded by our esteemed president.

Poster presentations are very popular.



Italian delegates Nicola La Porta (left) and Paol Ambrosi inspect New Zealand's plantation forests poster.



Canadian Shashi Kant (left) with John Stanturf (USA) at yesterday's launch of Shashi's book Economics' Sustainability and Natural Resources.

COMING Tomorrow!

In-Congress Tours

Visiting Australia but haven't got much further than the Convention Centre or your hotel room? The in-congress tours are a highlight of the congress and from all the friendly banter at tea breaks, it's clear that there are a lot of people looking forward to tomorrow.

The tours are a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the Australian sun and see the best of forestry in Queensland.

Remember to wear comfortable walking shoes and to bring some sun protection as Queensland weather can get very hot - even though it's winter, however just in case, also bring a warm jacket to cover all bases.

Please refer to your ticket for your tour's departure time.



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