



## Closing Ceremony

**THE BRISBANE RESOLUTIONS****RESOLUTION 1:  
PROMOTING GLOBAL COOPERATION IN FOREST-RELATED RESEARCH**

The XXII IUFRO World Congress “Forests in the Balance – Linking Tradition and Technology” provided a unique forum to present the results of the collective global research related to forests and trees.

The Congress identified a range of issues where research could significantly aid the better understanding of forest-related problems, including the achievement of balanced approaches towards forest conservation and sustainable forest management; the adaptation of forests to climate change; the use of genetic resources and biotechnology to further sustainable forest management; the involvement of indigenous groups in forest science and forestry; increasing the value of forest and forest products through innovative technologies; and the role of education, communication and capacity building in ensuring a sustainable future for forests.

Driven by the desire to address these and other forest-related problems and to further strengthen IUFRO as a home for scientists and research institutions related to forests and trees, including those currently operating outside the IUFRO network, IUFRO and its members will work to:

1. *provide* an improved thematic structure and flexible mechanisms within our organization that allow us to address key issues relevant to forest scientists and their stakeholders and to respond to research questions that are emerging as a result of the ongoing changes in society and the global environment;
2. *continue to ensure* that our scientific work lives up to the highest quality standards;
3. *strengthen* the participation of scientists and research institutions of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the activities of IUFRO, including through providing assistance in capacity development of scientists and research institutions;
4. *actively promote* gender mainstreaming and cultural diversity within IUFRO and support and encourage the participation of women, young scientists and students in IUFRO's activities;
5. *increase* our cooperation with scientists and research institutes working in other scientific disciplines on forest-related research topics that cross the traditional boundaries of forest science;
6. *more actively communicate* our research findings within the scientific and educational communities;
7. *fully implement* the IUFRO Strategy 2006-2010 to position IUFRO as a truly global network of forest-related science knowledge and cooperation.



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**RESOLUTION 2:  
PROMOTING SCIENCE FOR DECISION-MAKING**

The XXII IUFRO World Congress noted that, despite the scientific advances so far, the understanding of forest ecosystem dynamics and their relation to continuously changing human demands and global developments such as population growth, migration, urbanization, technology changes and climate change remains incomplete, and that there continues to be a need for advancement of forest-related scientific knowledge.

In spite of that, the status and capacities of traditional forest research institutions and universities as well as the funding available to carry out forest research is decreasing in many countries, notably as a result of shifting priorities of policy and decision-makers as well as donors.

It is therefore essential that in the future resource inputs into science and technology are seen primarily as an investment in forest-related socio-economic development and in preserving forests as natural life-support systems for present and future generations.

Driven by the desire to provide relevant, scientifically sound information and advice to policy and decision makers and other stakeholders, IUFRO and its members will work to:

1. *enhance* the provision of relevant problem-oriented forest research results to policy and decision makers and other stakeholders, including the private sector, and encourage them to make better use of scientific outputs;
2. *increase efforts* to translate research results of the forest science community into language that is readily understood by policy makers and other stakeholders;
3. *further enhance* our contributions to the work of international processes and conventions such as the United Nations Forum on Forests, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, *inter alia*, through the active involvement in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests;
4. *contribute* to the possible establishment of an advisory body to international processes and conventions with the specific purpose of giving scientific advice on forest-related issues similar to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in climate issues;
5. *further increase* partnerships and collaboration with international organizations and stakeholders;
6. *contribute* to reaching the Millennium Development Goals through science collaboration, capacity building and education activities aimed at reducing poverty and improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people, and at ensuring environmental sustainability.