

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
2014 IUFRO World Congress Host Country Scientific Achievement Award
Due: December 31, 2013

Purpose

The Congress Host Scientific Achievement Award honors a truly outstanding scientist from the host country (for 2014 IUFRO World Congress, the United States of America) who has elevated the profile of forest science and research accomplishments.

Award

The award shall consist of a scroll and a cash honorarium from IUFRO.

Criteria

The recipient of this prestigious award should be regarded as the pre-eminent forest scientist of contemporary times in the United States of America. She or he will have an unchallengeable international standing in the scientific community, evidenced by demonstrated impact of their scientific achievements in one or more sectors of forest or forest-related scientific disciplines, spanning social/cultural, economic, or ecological perspectives. Further, their work would have set new research directions for others; led to development of new methods, techniques, or tools used by other researchers; and/or driven resource management and policy outcomes of national or global importance.

The criteria to qualify for this award are:

- An extensive list of publications in highly reputable scientific journals over a prolonged period of time (one to five decades);
- An author or senior author of books, book chapters, and/or monographs of an international scientific stature;
- A focus on research achievement as distinct from research administration, although a combined endeavor in both will be considered;
- Contributions to inventions, designs, techniques, models, theories, or strategies that are regarded as major advances and that open the way for further developments or solving problems of great importance to the scientific community and the public;
- Requests for collaboration from other senior scientists and for advice or consultations from senior resource managers, policy makers, or agency and industry leaders;
- Participation in major technology or information transfer activities of great importance to the scientific field or the public; and
- Demonstrated success in training and mentoring graduate students, helping to expand and accelerate the research progress in the nominee's area(s) of expertise.

Evidence of contributions to the advancement of science capacity in developing countries is an additional factor to be favorably considered.

Number of Awards

At least one (1) award may be made at each IUFRO World Congress.

Eligibility

The individual nominated must either still be professionally active or recently retired (2008 or more recently). The individual nominated does not need to be affiliated with an IUFRO member organization.

Nominations

Under the auspices of IUFRO, the Chair of the XXIV IUFRO World Congress Organizing Committee (COC) invites nominations from any individual involved in forest or forest-related sciences, both within the United States and outside of the United States, except that an individual may not nominate themselves. The person submitting the nomination does not need to be affiliated with an IUFRO member organization. ***Nominations are due by December 31, 2013***, and should be submitted electronically to Dr. Richard Guldin, Chair of the Congress Organizing Committee (rguldin@fs.fed.us)

Nomination Package

The nomination package consists of a seven-page nomination plus two testimonial letters. The attached seven-page nomination form must be used. Fill in the text boxes as indicated. The two testimonial letters must be from independent people, where “independent” means that within the past five years they have not been research collaborators (e.g., co-investigators on a grant or agreement) nor in an employee-supervisor relationship. The testimonial letters should be scanned electronically as PDF or JPEG files and attached to the email submitting the nomination form. A nomination will be considered incomplete without the testimonial letters and nominations that remain incomplete at the deadline—December 31, 2013—will not be considered.

The nomination form is a “fillable” PDF document, which means you need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer to open it. After opening the PDF document, blue fields indicate where information needs to be entered. Scroll the cursor over a field to see what information to enter into the field. The “Type of Phone” has a dropdown menu to select the type. It may be easier to create the narratives for pages 2 to 7 in word processing software and then copy and paste them into the nomination form’s required fields. The “Save Form” and “Print Form” buttons are for your convenience.

The signature field asks for an electronic signature. If you do not have one, then print out the completed form, sign the hard copy, and then scan the signed form back into your computer to submit it via email. Your signature attests that you have complied with the certification information.

Selection and Timeline

The short list, with a recommendation on the COC’s preferred recipient(s), will be forwarded to the IUFRO Honors and Awards Committee (HAC) by February 1, 2014. The HAC will make a final recommendation to the IUFRO Board by April 1, 2014, with a final selection decision announced by May 1, 2014.

Presentation

The award shall be formally presented by a senior representative of the host country at the Opening Ceremony of the IUFRO World Congress on October 6, 2014. The awardee(s) will be notified of the IUFRO Board’s decision in advance of the announcement of the final selection decision on May 1, 2014. The travel costs for the awardee(s) to attend the Congress will be provided and registration fee will be waived.

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Submission Deadline: December 31, 2013

Scientist Being Nominated for the Award		Person Making the Nomination	
Name:		Name:	
Position:		Position:	
Current Employer:		Current Employer:	
Contact Information:		Contact Information:	
Street#1:		Street#1:	
Street#2:		Street#2:	
City, State, ZIP Code:		City, State, ZIP Code:	
Email Address:		Email Address:	
Telephone Number:		Telephone Number:	
Education:			
Master's Degree:			
University:			
Year Awarded:			
Major:			
Doctor's Degree:			
University:			
Year Awarded:			
Major:			

CERTIFICATION:

As the nominator, I certify that:

- The information on this nomination form is accurate, to the best of my knowledge;
- I have obtained the consent from the person I am nominating to be nominated; and
- The testimonial letters I have solicited to support this nomination are from people who are independent of the nominee, as defined in the call for nominations.

(Signature)

(Date)

TESTIMONIAL LETTERS

Testimonial letters are attached from:

PROPOSED TEXT OF CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD

Scientist Being Nominated:

Why Should the Award be Given to the Nominee? (refer to the criteria in the Call for Nominations)

Scientist Being Nominated:

Why Should the Award be Given to the Nominee? (continued)

Scientist Being Nominated:

Narrative Description of the Demonstrated Impact of the Nominee's Scientific Achievement

Scientist Being Nominated:

Narrative Description of the Demonstrated Impact of the Nominee's Scientific Achievement (continued)

[Empty text box for narrative description]

Scientist Being Nominated:

List of Highest Impact/Most Significant Publications:

Scientist Being Nominated:

List of Scientific Recognitions and Awards