

2014 CONGRESS NEWSLETTER

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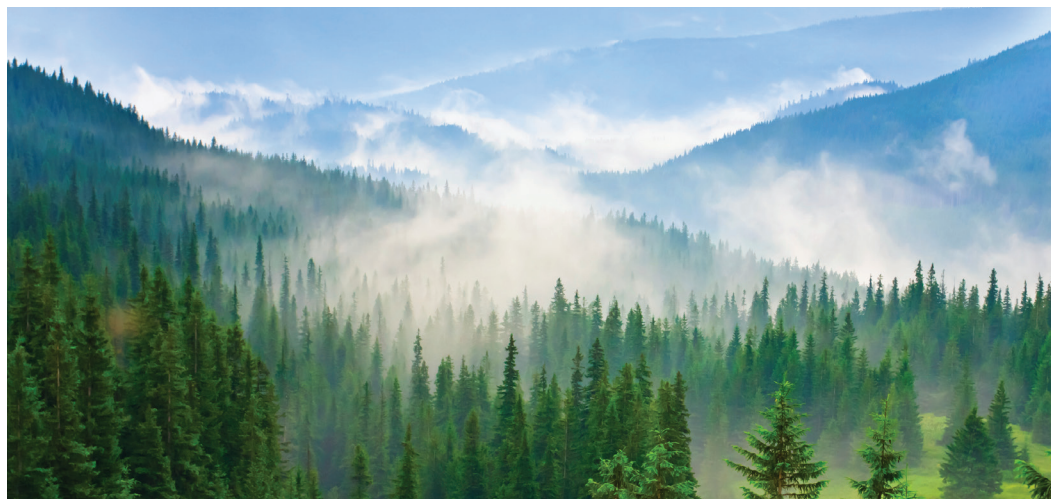
Congress Announces Blog Competition!

Enter for a chance to win a cash prize of \$500 USD!

Ahead of the upcoming IUFRO World Congress, we want to provide a platform for you to showcase your work and enter for a chance to win a cash prize of \$500 USD! We know that there is a lot of interesting work being conducted around the world and that a lot of this work flies “under the radar.” This is your chance to bring awareness to your research or project and showcase its importance to the global forest community. Learn more: <http://blog.iufro2014.org/>

Lodging

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations! Orchid Housing/Event Solutions is the only official housing provider for the Congress. To book your room visit: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/10841819/owner/1418/home>. If you have questions about your hotel reservation, please contact Orchid: Toll-free (US): 888-310-1390 or International: +1-801-214-7280. *Beware of scams, only book through Orchid at the above website to get into the Congress room block!*



The Scientific Program Is Now Available Online!

View a full listing of presentation times and dates: <http://iufro2014.com/scientific-program/overview/>

A personal program scheduler and Congress app are in development and should be ready by mid September! Watch iufro2014.com for updates!

Plenary Speakers Confirmed!

An inspiring line-up of keynote speakers will be sure to spark your interest! <http://iufro2014.com/scientific-program/speaker/>

Best Poster Award Nominations

Accepted Until August 31! Click here for more info: <http://www.iufro.org/discover/awards/>



Tours

Pre-Congress Tours are still available for purchase – just log into your registration profile to add them and pay. Post-Congress sightseeing tours are available for purchase at: <https://www.westernleisure.com/store/iufro2014>. Many In-Congress tours still have spots available; if you are interested in switching tours, please log into your registration and view and select your preferred tour.

Flight Discounts

For Sky Team visit www.skyteam.com/GlobalMeetings and enter our Event ID: **2460S**; for Delta visit www.delta.com and enter the meeting event code: **NMHSJ**; for American Airlines visit www.aa.com/group and use discount code: **79H4BR**.

U.S. Visas Tips

It is critically important that you have every single question on the visa form complete and that you have a copy of your visa support letter in hand when you go for your visa interview. Some countries require additional administrative processing time, so don't wait too long to schedule your interview. If you are denied a visa, we may be able to help you appeal it, depending on the denial reason. You can also apply again if you are denied a visa. To learn more and for answers to frequently asked questions about Congress participants visas (such as the website to apply and who to list as your US contact), please visit: http://iufro2014.com/congress-information/frequently-asked-questions-2/#scroll_2676

What to Pack?

Many In-Congress tours will travel to high elevations where the temperature could be very cold and possibly even snowing. Please bring warm clothing and close-toed shoes for the tours! The traditional dress of your country is encouraged for the Saturday Farewell Gala. Comfortable walking shoes are a must – the convention center is quite large! The dress of the Congress is either business or business casual.



Frequently Asked Questions

Wondering how to get from the airport to downtown, or how to complete your visa application? Our FAQs section likely has the answer – we update this as more questions come in: <http://iufro2014.com/congress-information/frequently-asked-questions-2/>

THINGS TO KNOW

Practical Information

on local transit, electricity converters, currency exchanges and more – see http://iufro2014.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/14-USD-0004.SaltLakeCity_Practical_Info.pdf

Spotlights on the Congress!

IUFRO has prepared a series highlighting many of the major forest issues to be discussed at the Congress – check them out here: <http://theiufroblog.wordpress.com/>

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