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2014 CONGRESS NEWSLETTER

Welcome Message!

From the Congress Organizing Committee Chair, Dr. Richard Guldin

Greetings! In two weeks we will welcome you to Salt Lake City during the Opening Ceremony of the XXIV IUFRO World Congress. Much planning has gone into this Congress in the hope that it will be the best Congress yet! This newsletter provides tips for successful travel and arrival and for an enjoyable Congress. We look forward to seeing you soon and wish you safe travels.

In-Congress Tour Instructions

You will receive an email message outlining the details of your In-Congress tour for Wednesday, 8th October – what to wear, when to arrive, what to expect. These details will also be posted on the website at <http://iufro2014.com/tours/>.

Please arrive no more than 15 minutes before your slated tour departure time. Please do not arrive earlier; we are trying to manage the loading of many buses in a short period of time. Please do not enter the loading zone outside until your tour is called – you can gather with your tour group inside the South Foyer of the Convention Center near the registration area prior to loading. Tours will depart on time and will not be able to wait for delayed delegates.

If you wish to change your tour, you should pin a message on the message board located in the South Foyer, telling others what tour you are offering to trade, the tour or tours you would like to have, and contact information for you. When a match is made, both of you must then come together to the registration desk to get your registration badges validated for the new trips.

All trades must be completed and validated no later than 18:00 hours on Monday 6 October so that final lists of the persons on each trip can be prepared.

Programs Are Now Available Online!

For a searchable .pdf of the Scientific Program please visit:
http://iufro2014.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/14-USD-0003.ScientificProgram_Web.pdf.

To download the General Congress Program, please visit:
<http://iufro2014.com/congress-information/overview-congress/>.

Want the World to Know About Your Work?

Showcase your research or project to a global audience of your peers ahead of the Congress by submitting an entry into the #IUFRO2014 Blog Competition while being entered to win a cash prize of \$500. September 30th is the last day to submit your entry. Read all the entries and cast your vote for your favorite. Voting ends on October 8th. More information available here:
<http://bit.ly/1oCPACw>.



Oral Presenter Instructions

All oral presenters should have received an email from the content management system that provides a link to upload their presentation. Oral presenters are asked to upload their presentation a minimum of 24 hours in advance of their session. Presenters who upload now (encouraged), before arriving in Salt Lake City, can still make changes to their presentations in the Speaker Ready Room. All oral presenters are asked to check-in at the Speaker Ready Room (254B) 24-hours in advance of their session to test their presentation on the equipment. Note that only .ppt, .pptx, and .pdf files are supported by the system. If your presentation slides were created in different software, the slides will need to be converted to one of the three supported file types before uploading the correct file to the content management system. More important speaker instructions can be found here: <http://iufro2014.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/IUFRO-Oral-Presentation-Guidelines-2014.pdf>. Internet is NOT available in the technical session rooms, so plan your presentations accordingly.

Speakers are asked to be in the session room 15 minutes prior to the start time to introduce themselves to the moderator. Arriving early is a professional courtesy that will enable the technical session to start promptly and give each presenter their full allotted time. Each speaker should give the moderator a brief, written, biographical sketch (50 words or less) for the moderator to use in introducing them.

Poster Presenter Instructions

A poster check-in bay is located in the registration area (South Foyer). After poster presenters receive their name badge, they should then go to the poster check-in bay to receive their assigned poster location. The poster hall will open at 11:00 hours on Sunday to hang posters and there will be volunteers available to help presenters find their assigned poster location. The poster hall opens for viewing to all delegates on Monday at 15:00 hours, and it will remain open all week during the Congress.

Poster presenters should plan to be present at their posters during the lunch break (12:00-13:30) on Tuesday and Friday. Additional poster presenter guidelines are available at: <http://iufro2014.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/How-to-Prepare-Your-Scientific-Poster-20141.pdf>

THINGS TO KNOW

Practical Information

Please visit http://iufro2014.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/14-USD-0004.SaltLakeCity_Practical_Info.pdf for practical tips and tools for your travel to Salt Lake City.

Policies & Procedures

Congress organizers request you review the policies and procedures (traveling with children, tour switching, substitutions, and more) found at this link before your arrival to the Salt Palace Convention Center: <http://iufro2014.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Policies-and-Procedures-16Sep2014-1600MDT1.pdf>

Congress Dress Code

Business to Business Casual is recommended, but there is no dress code for the Congress. The Practical Information, above, outlines expected daily temperatures in Salt Lake City for this time of year. Cool mornings and evenings are expected, so please dress to your comfort. Also please note the recommended dress codes for your In-Congress Tour!



Welcome Reception and Farewell Gala

Delegates are invited to join us for both the Welcome Reception on Monday evening and the Farewell Gala Dinner on Saturday evening. These events will feature American music and cuisine and beverages.

For the farewell gala, we have some special western U.S. treats in store. For the Farewell Gala Dinner, we encourage you come in your country's traditional dress, or dress to your comfort.

World Forestry Committee for SAF

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) invites IUFRO members to attend their sessions October 9-11 and are eager to learn more about your work and the professional challenges you face. The World Forestry Committee invites you to visit the SAF Booth (#402) in the Exhibition Hall to meet with SAF members and learn more about SAF and the World Forestry Committee. To schedule a meeting with members of the World Forestry Committee or learn more about SAF, please contact Danielle Watson at watsond@safnet.org.

Community Event Opportunities

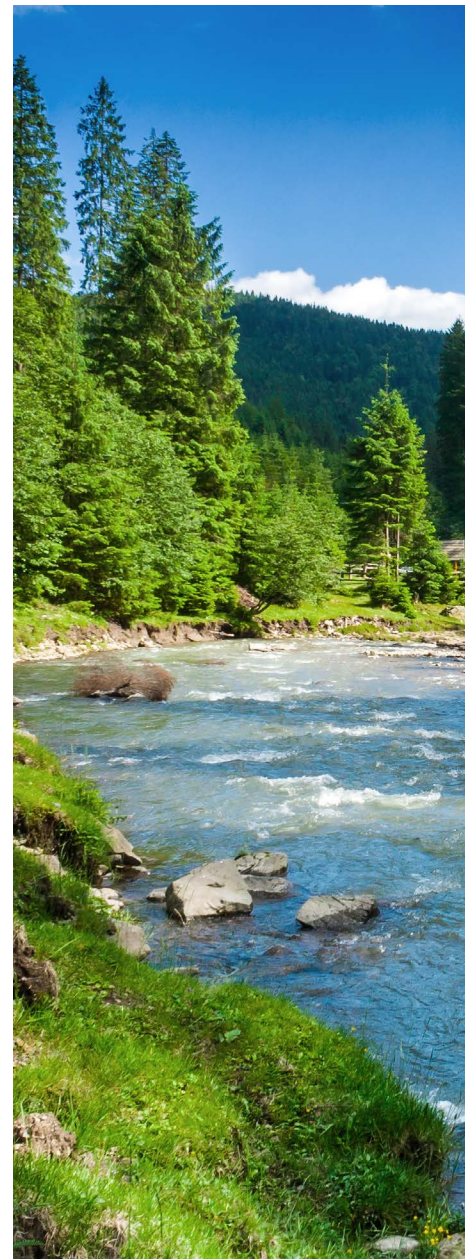
Salt Lake City has planned numerous community events related to the importance of forests to coincide with our Congress. While these are not official Congress events, you are invited to join them for a film showing and discussion, book readings, and more – check out the list here: <http://iufro2014.com/events-training/community-events>

In addition, on Thursday, October 9, the world-renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir will be practicing at the Salt Lake Tabernacle (in Temple Square, adjacent to the Convention Center) from 20:00-21:00; attendance is free and open to the public.

Volunteers Needed!

We are still recruiting volunteers for the Congress. Professional and student volunteers welcome. Students can get their registration fees reimbursed in exchange for completing 16 hours of volunteer work. Professionals get a free t-shirt and a free breakfast for completing a shift or two.

We have exciting opportunities on field trips, in our registration area and more! We especially need help in the registration area on Monday morning from 7:30-10:30am! Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Lisa Thompson at lisathompson@fs.fed.us or Vicki Berrett at vberrett@fs.fed.us if you are interested in volunteering at the Congress.





Is this your First Congress? Learn How to Make the Most of It!

IUFRO is organizing a primer course for first-time Congress attendees. Join us in room 155 A-C on Sunday 5 October from 17:30-18:30! Participants will be familiarized with the Congress facility, the Congress app, “best practices” of exchanging information, making contacts with fellow researchers, and building partnerships for research projects through involvement in IUFRO activities.

Where do I fit in IUFRO? What are Divisions, Research Groups and Working Parties? How Do I get Involved?

Stop by the IUFRO Information Booth in the North Foyer to learn more about how to connect your research globally! You are also encouraged to look at the Business Sessions schedule and attend any of interest to learn more about how to engage in your specific research area. More information on Business Sessions can be found here: <http://iufro2014.com/events-training/business-session/>.

Interested in How to use Social Media to Promote Forest Science?

Take part in the #IUFRO2014 Social Media Workshop happening on October 5th from 10:00 – 16:00. The workshop will bring together communications professionals, and scientists alike to discuss the tools, best practices, and strategies used promote forest science online. In addition, you will learn how you can help promote IUFRO 2014 during the Congress to help spread OUR research to the World! More information available here: <http://bit.ly/1qKsXzy>.

THINGS TO KNOW

Connect With Us

Keep current with plans for the Congress. Learn about new opportunities and interesting science, keep abreast of program changes and major announcements – connect with us today and throughout the Congress!

The Congress app will be available this week for download on your mobile devices from the iTunes and Google Play stores – just search for IUFRO 2014. A personal session scheduler will also be available in the Scientific Program section of our website by next week!

Follow us on Twitter (@iufro2014) and like us on Facebook (/iufro2014).

More on our social media efforts (hashtags, app, blog and more) can be found here: <http://iufro2014.com/sub-news/connect-with-us/>