

## Dear Journalists and Media representatives,

Press accreditation is now open for those interested in journalistic coverage of the 25th IUFRO World Congress (**IUFRO2019**), which will be held from September 29 to October 5 in Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil. Find out more about the international host organization IUFRO, the International Union of Forests Research Organizations at: <http://iufro2019.com/about-iufro/>

This is the world's largest forest research congress, and for the first time in IUFRO's 127-year history the event is being held in Latin America. The theme this year is "Forest Research and Cooperation for Sustainable Development."

The event will have a press room to provide support for those covering the event.

**For more information on the accreditation process, please visit:**

<http://iufro2019.com/press-registration/>

### **Some information about IUFRO2019:**

- approximately 2,200 participants, 70% from abroad
- 10 keynote speakers (topics can be found at <http://iufro2019.com/news/>)
- 20 subplenary sessions
- 190 technical sessions, with presentations of approximately 1,700 scientific papers
- a poster session featuring roughly 1,000 scientific projects
- 17 technical excursions (on Thursday, October 3)
- 2,000 m<sup>2</sup> of exhibition space featuring Brazilian and international exhibitors
- 82 events including IUFRO administrative meetings and side events

### **The congress will address various topics within the area of forest research:**

- Forests for People
- Forests and Climate Change
- Forests and Forest Products for a Greener Future
- Biodiversity, Environmental Services, and Biological Invasions
- Forests and Interactions with Soil and Water

### **Pay attention:**

- There will be no live streaming/web casting
- The official language of the event is English. The plenary sessions will have simultaneous translation. The subplenary sessions and technical sessions will have presentations in Portuguese, English and Spanish, depending on the speaker.

### **On October 3 (Thursday), technical visits/tours will be held.**

All of the other days will feature:

- Keynote lectures by international authorities (<http://iufro2019.com/news/>)
- Subplenary thematic sessions (4 per day)
- Approximately 50 technical sessions with presentations of scientific papers from around the world, during morning and afternoon sessions
- Side events organized by institutions which are well-known in the global forest arena and meetings of IUFRO research groups during lunch or at the end of the day
- Exhibitions

**Additional activities of interest:**

- *Sunday, September 29:*
  - Morning: tree planting ceremony at the Curitiba Botanical Garden, with the participation of local authorities
  - Afternoon: opening of the Exhibition
  
- *Monday, September 30:*
  - Morning: opening ceremony, featuring the presence of Brazilian government ministers and international authorities. This ceremony will also involve awards granted to Brazilian and international researchers
  - Afternoon: awarding of the Wangari Maathai Award for outstanding contributions to improving our forests and lives of people who depend on them
  
- *Thursday, October 3:*
  - entire day: 17 technical excursions addressing different forest topics
  - entire day: the exhibition hall will be open to schools and the local community
  
- *Saturday, October 5:*
  - 3:30 p.m.: Closing ceremony

**The event also provides a space for discussions on Communication:**

For everyone who wants to know about international discussions on communication and forests, these events will be of interest:

- October 1, 2:00 p.m.: Subplenary session: "Forest Communicator's Forum: The Big Bang in Forest Communication"
- October 1, 3:30 p.m.: Technical Session "Delivering and communicating forest science for people and a greener future"
- October 2 - 11:00 a.m.: Keynote lecture by Purabi Rose - "Communicating with 'People' in Scientific Forestry Discourse"
- October, 2 – 12:00 a.m.: Side event on forest communicators networks (to be confirmed)

**The final deadline for online press accreditation is 9/26.**

After this date, registration will only be possible in the Press Room at the event, starting on Monday, 9/30.

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