

International Union of Forest Research Organizations

IUFRO Meeting Report Form

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1) IUFRO focal person/meeting organizer:

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2) Meeting data:

Full title of the meeting: *First Scientific Conference for young scientists of Southeast Europe "Forestry Science: Development and Progress Based on the Past"*
Date and venue: *February 10, 2023*
Meeting website: <https://www.sumins.hr/prva-medunarodna-znanstvena-konferencija-za-mlade-istrzivace-jugoistocne-europe/>
Number of participants: *222*
Countries represented: *Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Macedonia*

3) Organization of the meeting:

All IUFRO Units involved:
(1) FORESTS FOR PEOPLE; (2) FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE; (3) FORESTS AND FOREST-BASED PRODUCTS FOR A GREENER FUTURE; (4) BIODIVERSITY, ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND BIOLOGICAL INVASIONS; (5) FORESTS, SOIL AND WATER INTERACTIONS
Host organization(s):
*Croatian Forest Research Institute
Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology University of Zagreb*
Supporting organization(s):
*Academy of Forestry Sciences
Croatian Chamber of Forest and Wood Technology Engineers
Croatian Forestry Society
Croatian forests Ltd.
International Union of Forest Research Organizations
European Forest Institute
Ministry of Science and Education
Ministry of Agriculture
Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
Zagreb County
City of Jastrebarsko*

4) Meeting report

a) *Background information*

The 1st scientific conference for young scientists of Southeast Europe "Forestry Science: Development and Progress Based on the Past" was held on February 10th, 2023 in the city of Jastrebarsko, Croatia. The conference was organized on the occasion of the 25th death anniversary of the tragically deceased scientists, who left an indelible mark on the forestry scientific community: PhD Nikola Komlenović; PhD Branimir Mayer; PhD Petar Rastovski; prof Ante Krstinić, PhD; Goran Bušić, MSc; Zlatko Perić, MSc. This conference was a great opportunity for young scientists to present their research, as well as for promotion of forestry and strengthening awareness of the role and importance of forests.

b) Key issues discussed/latest findings in the field

The first ceremonial part of the conference was dedicated to the commemoration of the tragically deceased scientists. In addition, dr Robert Mavsar, EFI Deputy Director, held an invited lecture "Forests in the center of attention: the role of research" and Sanja Perić, CFRI Director, held a lecture about IUFRO organization.

The second scientific part of the conference was dedicated to scientific presentations by young researchers from Southeastern Europe covering of the following topics: climate changes, forest genetics, forest vegetation, seedlings growth and development, seed quality, forest pests, forest management, etc.

c) Conclusions

This conference brought together researchers from Southeast Europe to present and discuss new scientific findings from the wider area of forestry – including ecology, genetics, silviculture, forest protection, forest management, etc. The special focus was placed on the role of young scientists in the development and progress of forestry science. Also, the goal of the conference was to strengthen the connection with the scientific community of Southeast Europe. The program included 30 oral presentations, 4 poster presentations and 18 posters about current projects of the Croatian Forest Research Institute.

d) Outlook to future activities

Two scientific journals invited authors to submit their papers for publication: SEEFOR and Radovi.

e) Link to proceedings

https://www.sumins.hr/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Sumarska_znanost_2023_onLine.pdf

4) Photos



Thank you very much for your kind cooperation!

*Sanja Perić, PhD
Director of the Croatian Forest Research Institute - IUFRO presentation*



High government officials



Oral presentation

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5) Other information:

Video about conference at: <https://youtu.be/dcF0Hiz3jw0>

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation!