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UNFF Welcomes Stronger Role of Science

Report by Peter Mayer, IUFRO Executive Director, and Alexander Buck, IUFRO Deputy Executive Director

The sixth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF-6) was held from 13 to 24 February 2006 in New York. The Forum unanimously adopted a Resolution which contains several references to science and research. In particular, the policy makers welcomed a joint initiative by IUFRO, CIFOR and ICRAF on scientific assessments and reports.

Towards a Strengthened International Arrangement on Forests

After the UNFF had not been able to reach an agreement at its fifth session, the policy and decision makers were given the difficult task to address unfinished business and decide on the future of the international arrangement on forests (consisting of the UNFF and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests - CPF). After two weeks of negotiations, the Forum unanimously agreed on a Resolution which contains several elements that aim to strengthen the international arrangement on forests:

Four Global Objectives on Forests

In the Resolution, the policy makers set four so called "Global Objectives on Forests": reversing the loss of forest cover and increasing efforts to prevent forest degradation; enhancing forest benefits and their contribution to international development goals, increasing the area of protected forests and areas of sustainably managed forests; and reversing the decline in official development assistance for sustainable forest management (SFM). The countries committed themselves to making progress towards the achievement of these shared Global Objectives on Forests by 2015. The four global objectives also constitute an important, universally agreed reference framework for activities in research and development cooperation.

Global Instrument on Forests

The negotiations in New York also revealed that a consensus on a legally-binding instrument on forests was out of reach. Hence, the discussions evolved around the idea of a voluntary instrument on forests. After intense negotiations, the Forum agreed on a process to conclude and adopt a non-legally binding instrument on forests at the seventh UNFF session in the year 2007. Such an instrument would aim to strengthen political commitment and action to implement SFM and to achieve the Global Objectives on Forests. The question of a legally-binding instrument will again be considered in the context of a review of the International Arrangement on Forests 2015.



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Request for Continued CPF Activities and Scientific Assessments

The Forum also recognized the positive role of the CPF in supporting its work. It invited CPF members to continue and further develop the Global Forest Information Service (GFIS), led by IUFRO, and its other existing joint initiatives. Furthermore, the Forum welcomed the establishment of a joint initiative on science and technology that aims to support the UNFF by assessing available scientific information and producing reports on issues of high concern. The Resolution also includes commitments to provide greater support to scientific and technological innovations for SFM, and to strengthen forest education, research and development.

Through its Resolution, the Forum recognized the added value of an increased role of science in supporting decision-making. In the weeks and months to come, it will therefore be important for IUFRO to use this positive momentum and develop the proposed joint initiative on science and technology in more concrete terms together with our partners CIFOR and ICRAF.

The sixth session of UNFF was attended by about 600 participants representing governments, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. IUFRO was represented by the Executive Director. UNFF-7 is scheduled to be held from 16-27 April 2007 at UN Headquarters in New York.

Updated Global Forest Decimal Classification (GFDC)

Collaborators Needed to Translate to French and Spanish

IUFRO announces the publication of an extensively updated bilingual full version of the English/German edition of the **Global Forest Decimal Classification (GFDC)**.

The new edition will be published in the IUFRO World Series this spring. GFDC will be replacing the former Forest Decimal Classification (FDC) and Oxford System for Decimal Classification for Forestry (ODC). The publication is sponsored by the Austrian Federal Research and Training Centre for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape (BFW).

This edition includes about 80 new numbers and 100 extensions (or clarifications) of existing numbers, as well as all amendments 1-9 published between 1954 and 1992. The original concepts have been retained and new concepts added, bringing the classification up-to-date to reflect current issues in forestry and forest products research.

If you currently use the Oxford version Oxford System for Decimal Classification for Forestry (ODC) (published in 1953) or Forstliche Dezimal-Klassifikation - Forest Decimal Classification (FDC) (published in 1992) you may order your updated latest bilingual paper edition in English and German (one volume) from IUFRO Headquarters or BFW (see detailed contact information below).

The price is 35 Euros plus shipping. Users of the Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) should also order a copy because GFDC is the official UDC expansion for UDC forestry numbers.

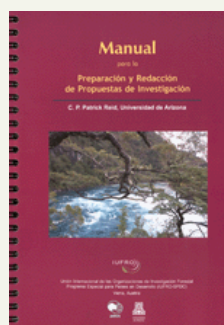
If you are seeking a tool to organize literature (paper copies) or electronic forestry information resources you should consider purchasing a copy of this classification scheme. It will provide convenient, multilingual subject access to your materials.

The next challenge for the GFDC steering group is to publish French and Spanish editions. We are actively seeking collaborators for this endeavor.

For more information visit our web site at:
iufro.andornot.com/gfdceditssearch.aspx
or contact Barbara Holder, Coordinator of IUFRO 6.03.03,
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IUFRO-SPDC Handbook in Spanish



Manual para la Preparación y Redacción de Propuestas de Investigación

Published for the first time in early 2000 the English edition of this IUFRO-SPDC handbook written by Dr. C.P. Patrick Reid has been extensively used in training courses of scientists in Africa and Asia. In 2002 IUFRO-SPDC, in partnership with FORAFRI, a joint project in Africa of the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and Cirad-Forêt, published the French edition. To date, nearly 1000 research scientists and research managers have benefited from proposal writing training using this handbook. The courses were carried out not only by IUFRO-SPDC but also the International Foundation for Science (IFS) and many local research and organisations and universities. This Spanish version enables IUFRO-SPDC to offer this type of training also in Latin American countries.

The Manual is free for scientists from developing and economically disadvantaged countries – we only charge postage costs. For all others the price per copy is Euro 25.- plus postage costs.

For copies, please contact: E-mail <schimpf@iufro.org>. Web site: <http://www.iufro.org/science/special/spdc/>

Publications

A Forest Journey – The Story of Wood and Civilization

By John Perlin

A contemporary view of the effects of wood, as used for building and fuel

September 2005. \$19.95 (Can. \$28.00)

ISBN 0-88150-676-1. 464 pages (est.)

Paperback 50 black & white photos and illustrations

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<http://www.iufro.org/discover/noticeboard/>

Communication Skills and Science Advocacy

Forestry Research Programme (FRP) training course and handbook. A modular training course to help FRP scientists communicate their research findings to stakeholders. Details of the project are available at:

www.frp.uk.com/project_details.cfm/projectID/8121

Free download of the 210-page training workbook:

www.frp.uk.com/dissemination_documents/ZF0147E_-_English_Workbook.pdf

Taxonomy – The Cornerstone of Biodiversity

Proceedings of the Fourth International Flora Malesiana Symposium 1998. (Order Code FM 98)

Edited by L.G. Saw, L.S.L. Chua and K.C. Khoo

USD 45.-. 301 pp. ISBN 983-2181-16-X. 2001

IUFRO Meetings

For a full list of IUFRO events, please visit our [online calendar](#). Find more details on the [homepages](#) of IUFRO Units involved

April 26, 2006

Seminar on Strengthening the Science-Policy Interface

Wroclaw, Poland

Organized by EFI, IUFRO, IIASA, IPGRI, UNU

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<http://www.iufro.org/news/article/60/104/>

April 27-29, 2006

1er Encuentro Nacional de ADEFABO

Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

Organized by the Asociación de Derecho Forestal y Ambiental de Bolivia, co-sponsored by IUFRO 6.13.01

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May 10-14, 2006

8th International Symposium on "Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development"

Istanbul, Turkey

IUFRO Unit 6.13.00 Forest Law and Environmental Legislation

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<http://www.forest-law.com/mainenglish.htm>

June 11-17, 2006

7th International Conference on Dendrochronology

Beijing, China

Co-sponsored by IUFRO Units 5.01.07 and 4.01.04

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August 28-30, 2006

New Challenges in Management of Boreal Forests

Umeå, Sweden

Organized by the International Boreal Forest Research Association (IBFRA); co-sponsored by IUFRO Working Parties 8.01.05 and 1.01.01

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New Web site: http://www.sfak.slu.se/IBFRA_2006

September 11-13, 2006

International Symposium on Breeding and Improvement of Asian Conifers during the 20th Century

Dehradun, India

IUFRO Working Party 2.02.23 Breeding and Genetic Resources of Asian Conifers.

Organized by the Indian Society of Tree Scientists, Nauni, Solan, and the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun.

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September 10-16, 2006

22th International Meeting for Specialists in Air Pollution Effects on Forest Ecosystems

Forests under Anthropogenic Pressure – Effects of Air Pollution, Climate Change and Urban Development

Riverside, California, USA

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New web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/iufro/>

September 17-22, 2006

IUFRO Symposia at European Congress of Entomology Izmir, Turkey

Symposium on Cone and Seed Insects

Working Party 7.03.01

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Symposium on Tree Resistance to Insects and Related Pathogens

Working Party 7.03.11

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Congress Web site: www.ece2006.org

September 25-28, 2006

Seventh Biennial Meeting of the Short Rotation Woody Crops Operations Working Group: Short Rotation Woody Crop Production Systems for Wood Products, Bioenergy, and Environmental Services

Pasco, Washington, USA

Co-sponsored, among others, by IUFRO Working Party 1.03.02 Applied Temperate Short-Rotation Forestry Group

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October 6-13, 2006

Traveling Workshop: "Regional Forest Responses to Environmental Change"

Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, United States

IUFRO Working Party 2.01.12

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October 16-21, 2006

2nd International Symposium on Eucalyptus globulus Vigo, Spain

IUFRO Working Party: 2.08.03

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October 23-27, 2006

II Latin American IUFRO Congress
La Serena, Chile

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<http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-6/60000/60300/60304/activities/>

May 21-27, 2007

Meeting of IUFRO Working Party 7.02.02 Foliage, Shoot and Stem Diseases

Sopron, Hungary

Hosted by the Institute of Forest and Wood Protection, University of West Hungary

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<http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-7/70000/70200/70202/activities/>

Mid-June 2007

9th International Symposium on "Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development"

Zikatar, Armenia

IUFRO Unit 6.13.00 Forest Law and Environmental Legislation

Contact: Peter Herbst, E-mail: hp@net4you.at

August 26 - 31, 2007

IUFRO Phytophthoras in Forest and Wildland Ecosystems

Asilomar Conference Center, near Monterey, CA, USA

IUFRO Working Party 7.02.09

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<http://nature.berkeley.edu/IUFRO2007/>

September 9-14, 2007

Forest Insects, Bark Beetles and their Natural Enemies: From Individual to Populations

BOKU, Vienna, Austria

IUFRO Working Parties WP 7.03.05 - Integrated control of scolytid bark beetles; WP 7.03.07 - Population dynamics of forest insects

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<http://www.ulb.ac.be/sciences/lubies/vienna.html>

September 19 - 24, 2007

Workshop on Complex Diseases

Brasov, Romania

Organized by IUFRO 7.02.06 – Disease / Environment Interactions in Forest Decline, and the Forest Research and Management Institute, Brasov, Romania

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October 22 – 26, 2007

Improvement and Culture of Eucalypts - 'Eucalypts and diversity: balancing productivity and sustainability'

Durban, South Africa, International Convention Centre IUFRO WP 2.08.03

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Non-IUFRO Meetings

April 24-25, 2006

MCPFE Round Table Meeting

Wroclaw, Poland

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May 8-11, 2006

Scandinavian Society of Forest Economics (SSFE) Seminar
Uppsala, Sweden

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http://www2.spm.slu.se/utbildn/SSFEseminar_06

May 23-25

Small and Medium Forest Enterprise Development for Poverty Reduction: Opportunities and Challenges in Globalizing Markets

Turrialba, Costa Rica. Organized by CATIE, FAO and SNV

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www.catie.ac.cr/econegociosforestales/conference

May 23-26, 2006

FAO Regional Meeting on Forestry for Europe
33rd Session of the European Forestry Commission (EFC)

Zvolen, Slovakia

Contact: Christopher Prins, christopher.prins@unece.org
<http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/31096/en>

June 19-21, 2006

The Future of Drylands: International Scientific Conference on Desertification and Drylands Research Commemorating 50 Years of Drylands Research

Tunis, Tunisia

Contact: ssc.drylands@unesco.org
<http://www.unesco.org/mab/ecosyst/futureDrylands.htm>

July 19-21, 2006

Biodiversity in Inhabited Areas of Eastern Africa
Makerere University, Uganda

MUIENR, DANIDA-ENRECA, Dar-es-Salaam University.

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September 13-17, 2006

Exploring the Nature of Management: MMV3

Rapperswil, Switzerland

<http://www.wsl.ch/mmv-3/>