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## Austria Strengthens its Host Country Role as IUFRO Headquarters Move into Ministry's Building



The International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) successfully celebrated the first International Day of Forests on 21 March 2013 with an official opening of its new offices located in the building of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Life in Marxergasse 2, 1030 Vienna.

"Austria has a worldwide reputation for its successful sustainable forest management and it places particular emphasis on international networking. Therefore, Austria has supported the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) for forty years now. Austria has also been the host country for IUFRO Headquarters since 1973", remarked Federal Minister Nikolaus Berlakovich on the occasion of the opening of the new IUFRO Headquarters on the premises of the Ministry of Life.

For the past forty years, IUFRO Headquarters were located at the Austrian Federal Research and Training Centre for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape (BFW) in Vienna. Dr. Markus Neumann, Deputy Director of BFW, illustrated the longstanding cooperation between IUFRO and his organization. After all, it was former BFW scientist Karl Böhmerle who first expressed the idea of establishing an organization such as IUFRO back in 1890. The BFW became the first member of IUFRO and its director Josef Friedrich was the first IUFRO President.

Current IUFRO President Professor Niels Elers Koch thanked Austria for the strong and mutually beneficial support over the years and underlined the important role of Austria's DI Gerhard Mannsberger as the Host Country Representative on the IUFRO Board since 2003. He emphasized that the Austrian support was vital for IUFRO to adequately address the manifold and ever more complex global issues that face forest science. "By disseminating reliable and relevant scientific knowledge from our global network of about 15.000 forest scientists to decision makers, IUFRO contributes to forest policy and management in a significant way. In the future, it will be important to position forest research properly in a larger landscape scenario. IUFRO will definitely play a decisive role here", explained the IUFRO President.

(IUFRO HQ press release of 22 March 2013)



IUFRO President Niels Elers Koch (right) and Head of Forestry Department, Gerhard Mannsberger at the opening reception (Photo BMLFUW/Markus Rief)

## United Nations, Observing First International Day of Forests, Celebrates Their Vital, Life-sustaining Role

For centuries forests have been a source of food, fibre, livelihoods, resources and water. They are also central to combating climate change, but until today, and despite a multitude of special days honouring or commemorating key elements of human life, there has never been a globally recognized day for paying homage to the world's forests.

That has changed now that the United Nations General Assembly has designated 21 March as the International Day of Forests "to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests and of trees outside forests".

In a message for the new International Day, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said: "By proclaiming the International Day of Forests, the United Nations has created a new platform to raise awareness about the importance of all types of forest ecosystems to sustainable development." ...

Read full UN press release including quote by IUFRO President Niels Elers Koch at: <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/envdev1341.doc.htm>

## International Day of Forests and World Wood Day

March 21 has been officially designated and recognized as the International Day of Forests by the United Nations General Assembly and 2013 is the first year of recognition. World Wood Day is celebrated on the same day as the International Day of Forests to raise the awareness on how wood plays a key role for a sustainable future. The idea for world wood day was first advocated in 2009 by the International Wood Culture Society along with partners and friends. The idea behind World Wood Day is a cultural approach to realize the concept of wood is good. To celebrate the initiation, World Wood Day works in concert with the International Day of Forests to bring wood, together with forests, into people's lives.

The 2013 World Wood Day Symposium was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 19-20 March. The symposium aimed to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences concerning the wood research, strategy and practice, in the cultural, historical and social contexts and development.

<http://www.worldwoodday.org/activity/2013/about.cfm>  
<http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-5/50000/51000/51001/activities/>

## Technical Session Proposals for the IUFRO World Congress 2014 will be accepted until 30 April 2013!



Session proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by members of the Congress Scientific Committee with primary consideration given to their scientific quality and relevance to the Congress themes. Other factors that will be considered are: the involvement of two or more IUFRO units (Divisions, Task Forces, Research Groups and Working Parties) and/or non-IUFRO organizations; geographic and gender diversity of proposed session speakers/presenters; and the involvement of students and young scientists. Proposals will be evaluated as they are received, so submissions well in advance of the April 30th deadline are strongly encouraged.

Acceptance decisions will be made no later than June 30th, 2013. An open Call for Abstracts will be issued in July, with online abstract submission until October 15th and acceptance decisions until November 30th (2013).

<http://iufro2014.com/scientific-program/session-proposals/>

## Forest Insects and Diseases

The joint meeting of the IUFRO Working Parties WP 7.03.10 "Methodology of Forest Insect and Disease Survey in Central Europe" and WP 7.03.06 "Integrated Management of Forest Defoliating Insects" was held in Palanga/Lithuania, September 10-14, 2012. This was the tenth meeting of IUFRO WP 7.03.10, which was founded in 1998 and the seventh meeting of IUFRO WP 7.03.06, which was founded in 1992. At the meeting, the 2012 George Varley award was presented to Dr. Alexander Isaev, Russian senior scientist in forest protection honoring his lifetime scientific accomplishments. The participants were invited to publish their presentations as regular scientific papers in the journal *Baltic Forestry*, the *Journal of forest science in Lithuania*, *Latvia and Estonia* (<http://balticforestry.mi.lt>). The next meeting of WP 7.03.10 is being planned tentatively in Italy, during September 2014, in San Michele all'Adige, near Trento (Verona).



Photo provided by WP 7.03.10/7.03.06: Presentation of the George Varley award to Dr. Alexander Isaev

Full report at: <http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-7/70000/70300/70306/activities/>

## Cone and Seed Insects

A joint meeting of IUFRO Working Parties IUFRO 7.03.01 and 7.03.04 took place in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 17-20 September 2012. The dominant message that emerged from this meeting is that there is an increasing appreciation of the diversity of pathogens and pests of seed and seedlings and their capacity to evade common phytosanitary detection. With this comes the realization

that the risk of introduction of invasive pests and pathogens through the increasing worldwide trade of this type of plant material is very likely to be underestimated. In addition, while assisted migration – the intentional movement of organisms outside natural range limits – is often presented as a climate change adaptation approach, it will also increase the risk of introduction of pests and pathogens. In this context, it appears very clearly that the resources devoted to research on pests and pathogens of seeds and seedlings at the

national and inter-national levels are not commensurate to the risk these organisms pose to forestry.

Full report at: <http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-7/70000/70300/70304/activities/>

## Publications

### Forest Landscape Restoration: Integrating Natural and Social Sciences

By John Stanturf, David Lamb and Palle Madsen (editors)  
ISBN 978-94-007-5325-9, Springer

### A Goal-Oriented Approach to Forest Landscape Restoration

By John Stanturf, David Lamb and Palle Madsen (editors)  
ISBN 978-94-007-5337-2, Springer

The books are intended as a valuable reference to graduate students and researchers interested in ecological restoration, forest ecology and management, as well as to professionals in environmental restoration, natural resource management, conservation and environmental policy.

## Putting Production from Peatlands in Perspective

### IUFRO Spotlight #12 on "Peatland Ecology and Forestry – a Sound Approach"

The book by Juhani Päivänen of the University of Helsinki, Department of Forest Sciences, and Björn Hånell of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Forest Ecology and Management, came about in response to requests for a comprehensive source of reading material on the subject from policy makers, students and others interested in managing peatlands and mires.

It takes a broad scope approach – from basic ecological principles to land classification and applied peatland forestry – based on common knowledge and the most recent reported findings from more than 900 references.

#### Read the full Spotlight text at:

<http://www.iufro.org/media/iufro-spotlights/>



*A minerotrophic mire changing towards an ombrotrophic bog, Finland. Photo: J. Päivänen*

## Infosylva

INFOSYLVA is an information service of news clippings provided by the FAO Forestry Information Centre with news on forests and forestry issues in English, French and Spanish. The articles are in their original language and compiled every two weeks.

INFOSYLVA keeps readers informed of the latest news, research articles, publications, upcoming meetings and other events, as well as job postings, on forests and forestry related issues.

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French: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/infosylva/fr/>

Spanish: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/infosylva/es/>

## Call for Review of the IPCC WG II

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is inviting experts to take part in a second round of comments on the Working Group II contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report that started on Thursday, 28 March. For the second round of expert reviews, Working Group II, which covers climate change impacts, adaptation, and vulnerability, is seeking input from volunteer expert reviewers from all relevant fields. The review period runs until 24 May. **Registration for participation in the review is now open.** Experts who have not previously registered may secure access to the reviewing system based on an **email request to: [tsu\(at\)ipcc-wg2.gov](mailto:tsu(at)ipcc-wg2.gov)**

For more information contact: [ipcc-media\(at\)wmo.int](mailto:ipcc-media(at)wmo.int)

## Awards

### European Young Urban Forester of the Year 2013

Applications are now open for the award of European Young Urban Forester of the Year. The award is made annually at the European Forum of Urban Forestry. The award is intended to recognize excellence by a young person in either (i) urban forestry practice and/or (ii) urban forestry research.

#### Closing date for applications 1st May 2013.

Visit: <http://www.iufro.org/discover/noticeboard/#c51>

Contact: Cecil Konijnendijk [cck\(at\)life.ku.dk](mailto:cck(at)life.ku.dk)

### Schweighofer Prize - Ceremony

The European Innovation Award for the Forest-Based Sector

#### 4 June 2013, Vienna, Austria

Contact: Johanna Kairi, [kairi\(a\)schweighofer-prize.org](mailto:kairi(a)schweighofer-prize.org)

<http://www.schweighofer-prize.org>

### 2013 Gregory Award for travel to the annual conference of the Society of American Foresters (SAF):

This award provides economic assistance to outstanding students or professionals from outside of the US and Canada to attend the annual conference of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) **Deadline for application: 23:59 EDT (US) 30 April 2013.** Details to be found at: [http://www.iufro.org/download/file/9439/95/nb-saf-gregory-award\\_pdf/](http://www.iufro.org/download/file/9439/95/nb-saf-gregory-award_pdf/)

## IUFRO Meetings

Search our [online calendar](#) for a full list of meetings!

Find non-IUFRO meetings on the IUFRO [Noticeboard!](#) Also search for forest-related events in GFIS at: <http://www.gfis.net>

7-10 May 2013

### 16th European Forum on Urban Forestry

Milan, Italy

IUFRO [6.07.00](#)

**Contact:** Cecil Konijnendijk, cck(at)life.ku.dk

<http://www.emonfur.eu/pagina.php?sez=91&pag=554&label=EFUF+2013>

14-17 May 2013

### 15th International Symposium on Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development

Tirana, Albania

IUFRO [9.06.00](#)

**Contact:** Peter Herbst, HP(at)net4you.at

<http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-9/90000/90600/activities/>

16-18 May 2013

### Scientific Workshop on Vulnerability and Risk Management in Planted Forests

Bordeaux, France

IUFRO [7.00.00](#), [7.03.00](#), [8.00.00](#)

**Contact:** Jean-Michel Carnus, Jean-Michel.Carnus(at)pierroton.inra.fr

[http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/2013\\_icpf/scientific\\_workshops/bordeaux\\_france/](http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/2013_icpf/scientific_workshops/bordeaux_france/)

16-21 May 2013

### 3rd International Congress on Planted Forests "Planted forests on the globe, renewable resources for the future"

Estoril, Portugal and other locations

IUFRO [8.00.00](#), [4.00.00](#)

**Contact:** Jean-Michel Carnus, Jean-Michel.Carnus(at)pierroton.inra.fr

[http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013\\_icpf](http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013_icpf)

27-30 May 2013

### International Symposium on Tree Breeding and Forest Genetics of Asian Tree Species

Suwon, Kyonggi-Do, Republic of Korea

IUFRO [2.02.23](#)

**Contact:** In-Sik Kim, kimis02(at)forest.go.kr

Meng-Zhu Lu, lumz(at)caf.ac.cn

<http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-2/20000/20200/20223/activities/>

4-7 Jun 2013

### IX Congreso Latinoamericano de Derecho Forestal-Ambiental

Lima, Peru

La Red Latinoamericana de Derecho Forestal Ambiental (RELADEFA)

IUFRO [9.06.01](#)

**Contact:** ixcongresoreladeafa(at)gmail.com

<http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-9/90000/90600/90601/activities/>



12-15 Jun 2013

### IUFROLAT 2013 - Tercer Congreso Latinoamericano de IUFRO/Third IUFRO Latin American Congress

San José, Costa Rica

IUFRO

[http://web.catie.ac.cr/iufrolat/IufroLat\\_ing.htm](http://web.catie.ac.cr/iufrolat/IufroLat_ing.htm)

**Contact:**

iufrolat(at)catie.ac.cr

**Early bird registration starts on 15 April 2013!**

28-29 Aug 2013

### Nordic Workshop: The forest sector in the biobased economy – perspectives from policy and economic sciences

Uppsala/Sweden

Joint IUFRO Division 9 and Division 4 activity

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Daniela Kleinschmit, daniela.kleinschmit(at)slu.se

<http://www.slu.se/sv/fakulteter/s/om-fakulteten/institutioner/institutionen-for-skogens-produkter/nyheter/2012/2/nordic-workshop1/>

17-20 Sep 2013

### International Symposium on Forest Soils

Shenyang, China

IUFRO [8.01.03](#)

**Contact:** Peter Clinton, Peter.Clinton(at)ensisjv.com

Hailong Wang, hailong(at)zafu.edu.cn

<http://casiae2012.csp.escience.cn/dct/page/1>

18-20 Sep 2013

### RegioResources 21-2013: A cross-disciplinary dialogue on future perspectives for a sustainable development of regional resources

Catania, Italy

IUFRO [8.01.02](#)

**Contact:** Christine Fürst, fuerst(at)forst.tu-dresden.de

<http://regioresources21.eli-web.com/>

15-18 Oct 2013

### Pine Wilt Disease Conference 2013

Braunschweig, Germany

IUFRO [7.02.10](#)

**Contact:** Thomas Schroeder,

thomas.schroeder(at)jki.bund.de

<http://dpg.phytomedizin.org/de/pwdc2013/>

7-10 Oct 2013

### 16th International Boreal Forest Research Association (IBFRA) Conference

Edmonton, Canada

IUFRO [1.01.01](#), [8.01.06](#)

**Contact:** Susan Conard, sgconard(at)aol.com

<https://events.gobigevent.com/events-web-public/event/start/171;jsessionid=z1f-1P7mrMkNRSQMwVssnQRA?0>

15-18 Oct 2013

### Forest sector modelling - new approaches and findings for improved resource decisions in a globalized world

Lillehammer, Norway

IUFRO [9.07.00](#)

**Contact:** Birger Solberg, birger.solberg(at)umb.no  
<http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-9/90000/90700/activities/>

23 Oct – 1 Nov 2013

**Alien invasive species and international trade  
 4th meeting of IUFRO Unit 7.03.12**

Qingdao, China

IUFRO [7.03.12](#)

**Contact:** Kerry Britton, kbritton01(at)fs.fed.us  
<http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-7/70000/70300/70312/activities/>



5-11 October 2014  
**XXIV IUFRO World  
 Congress 2014**  
 Salt Lake City, UT,  
 United States  
[http://  
 www.iufro2014.com/](http://www.iufro2014.com/)

**Call for session proposals open until end of April!**

<http://iufro2014.com/scientific-program/session-proposals/>

## Other meetings

8-19 Apr 2013

**United Nations Forum on Forests, 10th Session**  
 Lutfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Center (LKCC),  
 Istanbul, Turkey

IUFRO & Yale University side event: 11 April

IUFRO & Major Groups side event: 11 April

IUFRO GFEP side event: 12 April

<http://www.un.org/esa/forests/>

11 Apr 2013

**Opportunities and challenges in meeting renewable  
 energy targets from forest biomass - an EU  
 perspective**

European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

ThinkForest Seminar

**Contact:** Marc Palahí, ThinkForest Coordinator,

marc.palahi(at)efi.int

<http://www.thinkforest.efi.int/portal/events/?bid=972>

18-20 Apr 2013

**Urban Forests & Political Ecologies – Celebrating  
 Transdisciplinarity**

Toronto, Canada

<http://www.ufpe.ca>

22 Apr 2013

**UNECE/FAO/InnovaWood Seminar on Innovation in  
 the Forest-Based Sector**

Room V, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

<http://www.unece.org/forests/wood-innovation2013.html>

1-2 May 2013

**2013 International Conference on Agricultural and  
 Natural Resources Engineering**

Singapore

**Contact:** icanre2013(at)126.com

<http://www.icanre-conf.org/>

8 May 2013

**ENO Tree Planting Day**

The Environment Online (ENO) Tree Planting Day is an open event for schools and groups interested in environment. Visit: <http://www.enotreeday.net/>  
<http://www.enoprogramme.org/>

8-11 May 2013

**TRACE 2013 - Tree Rings in Archeology,  
 Climatology and Ecology 2013**

Università degli Studi della Tuscia, Viterbo (Italy)

**Contact:** difilippo(at)unitus.it

<http://www.trace2013.unitus.it>

13-15 May 2013

**Forests for Food Security and Nutrition**

Rome, Italy

FAO

<http://www.fao.org/forestry/food-security/en/>

29 May – 2 Jun 2013

**66th Annual Conference of the German Forest  
 Society**

Wernigerode (Harz Mountains), Germany

German Forest Society

**Contact:** info(at)forstverein.de

<http://www.wernigerode2013.de>

<http://www.forstverein.de>

23-27 Sep 2013

**IV Congreso Forestal Argentino y Latinoamericano**

Iguazú, Misiones, Argentina

**Contact:** Romina Tomeo,

rtomeo(at)congresoforestal.org.ar

9-11 Oct 2013

**Urban Forestry in Transition – Addressing the needs  
 of changing societies**

CARe-For-Us II Conference

Tartu, Estonia

Hosted by the Estonian University of Life Sciences,

Department of Landscape Architecture and in

association with the GreenMan Project

*Abstracts should be sent to:*

urbanforestryconference(at)gmail.com

<http://www.nordicforestresearch.org/care-for-us2/>



9-13 Dec 2013

**2nd European Forest Week**

Rovaniemi, Finland

<http://www.unece.org/forests/efw2013.html>

UNECE and FAO; in parallel to  
 Metsä2013 – the joint session of  
 the ECE Timber Committee and the  
 FAO European Forestry Commission

10-14 Feb 2014

**World Congress on Agroforestry**

Delhi, India

ICAR, World Agroforestry Centre, Indian Society of  
 Agroforestry

<http://www.wca2014.org/index.html>