

First Ever IUFRO World Congress in Latin America Places Focus on Cooperation for Sustainable Development

XXV IUFRO World Congress, Curitiba, Brazil: <https://www.iufro.org/events/congresses/2019/>

From 29 September to 5 October 2019 more than 2500 researchers and experts representing civil society, women's groups, indigenous peoples, youth, private sector, international organizations, NGOs and governments met in Curitiba, Brazil, to share and discuss latest findings in all fields related to forests and trees. In line with the Congress theme 'Forest Research and Cooperation for Sustainable Development', the event represented a cornerstone in the cooperation of the global IUFRO community with scientists and research institutions in Latin America.

IUFRO is grateful to the Brazilian Forest Service and Embrapa Florestas, both important IUFRO member organizations, for organizing and hosting the Congress. Special thanks go to the wonderful teams of the Congress Organizing Committee, jointly chaired by Joberto Veloso de Freitas of the Brazilian Forest Service and Yeda Maria Malheiros de Oliveira of Embrapa Florestas, and the Congress Scientific Committee under the excellent leadership of Jerry Vanclay, Southern Cross University, Australia.

Program Highlights

Over the course of the five-day high-quality scientific program participants benefited from 350 scientific sessions - including five plenary and 20 sub-plenary sessions - with 1648 oral presentations, and 964 posters addressing a great diversity of forest and tree-related topics within the scope of five main themes - 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 - and one overarching theme related to communication and education.

Scientific sessions: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/events/691/program-app/program>

Congress keynote speakers: <http://iufro2019.com/guest-speakers/>

Among the absolute highlights of the week apart from the scientific sessions were the inspiring tree planting ceremony, the enjoyable social get-togethers such as welcome receptions, the Gala dinner, and the interesting in-Congress tours that offered participants a great experience of the beautiful forests and landscapes and their management in and around Curitiba.

Watch Congress videos here: <https://bit.ly/2Jk1Mti>

Last but certainly not least, the "**Brazilian Square**" exhibition area with its 30 national and international exhibitors showcased a variety of forest-based activities in the country presenting wood artifacts and forest foods from different parts of Brazil, as well as providing insights into



Congress photos courtesy of Congress Organizing Committee



Poster session



"Forests for People" plenary session <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/events/691/program-app/session/6398>

research and development achievements in the forestry sector nationally and internationally.

Extensive media coverage with in-depth interviews, major press releases, vivid social media activity, videos and photos also contributed significantly to communicating about the Congress to wider domestic and global audiences.

Media products and media coverage:

<https://www.iufro.org/events/congresses/2019/>

Photos: <https://iufro.fotop.com.br/fotos/>

Interacting with Stakeholders

The first Congress plenary session differed from the others as it was arranged as a panel bringing together scientists and representatives of key stakeholder groups in order to jointly raise awareness on the potential of forests to mitigate climate change. The panel discussion also stimulated an important debate on what forest scientists can actually do to contribute more effectively to abating the climate crisis and tackling global forest threats.

Against this background, the decision was made to draft a text entitled **"Forest Science for Future"** in English, Portuguese and Spanish and have it printed on a huge canvas. By signing the text on the canvas Congress participants could endorse a pledge as scientists to speed up efforts to counter global forest threats and accelerate efforts to provide knowledge and practical solutions:

- To foster good land management for water and wildlife;
- To prevent deforestation and to repair damaged landscapes;
- To supply wood products that have a lower carbon footprint than alternatives; and
- To enable forests to fulfil the physical and spiritual needs of society.

Find the full text here: <https://www.iufro.org/events/congresses/2019/forest-scientists-pledge/>

Most importantly, scientists need to ensure that findings are being taken up by decision makers and the broader public and that the necessary steps will be taken to reduce global crises such as climate change. In order to be successful it is crucial to present the best possible science in an accessible language and to engage with policy makers and political processes such as the SDGs or the Paris Agreement.

The IUFRO 2019 Congress contributed to this end by offering many program elements to promote interaction between the diverse groups of participants in addition to the technical sessions. These elements included the opening and closing ceremonies with high-level speakers representing local regional and national governments and institutions as well as international organizations, the session on **"Cooperation for Sustainability - Statements by Key Partners of IUFRO"**, numerous side events that facilitated targeted interaction between stakeholder groups, and the IUFRO administrative meetings that discussed strategic issues of the organization.

Also, a **Memorandum of Understanding** was signed between IUFRO and the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) with the aim to cooperate more strongly to the achievement of global sustainability, climate and biodiversity goals.

Read: <https://www.iufro.org/news/article/2019/10/04/iufro-and-wwf-sign-memorandum-of-understanding/>



Congress participants sign the pledge. Photo by COC.



Mayor of Curitiba Rafael Greca visits exhibition. Photo by COC.



Students meet IUFRO Division Coordinators. Photo IUFRO.

Students

The large participation of students was a special feature of this Congress and contributed considerably to its success. The extraordinary student involvement in all parts of the Congress would not have been possible without the strong support of the International Union of Forestry Students' Association (IFSA).

Several scientific sessions addressed education issues, and there were various opportunities for students to participate

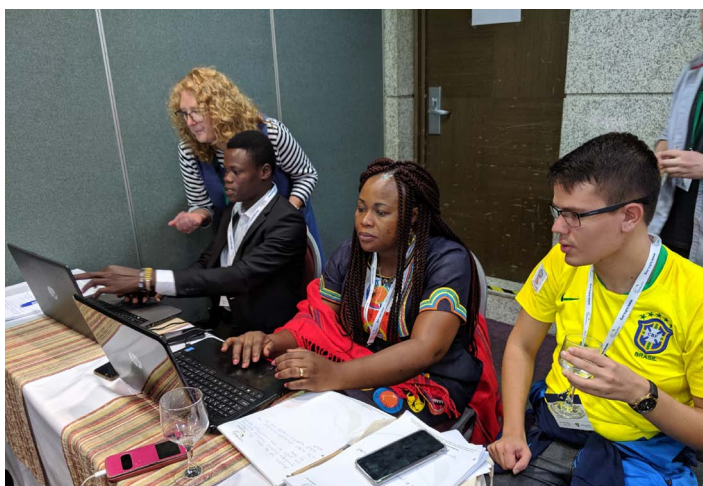
in mentoring activities, one of them being a meet&greet event between Division Coordinators and students with an interest in getting involved in IUFRO.

An outstanding example of the support by IFSA is the work of the enthusiastic video blogging team coordinated by Alex Giurca, University of Freiburg, Germany, and the three video bloggers Manon Davies, Vera Knill, and Seongmin Shin. They deserve special thanks for summing up the Congress in an inspiring way in **five short films**: <https://www.youtube.com/user/IUFRO>

IUFRO-SPDC

Support and Training

IUFRO's Special Programme for Development of Capacities (IUFRO-SPDC) supported the participation of over 100 early and mid-career scientists from economically



Systematic review training workshop. Photo by William Harvey disadvantaged countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Sponsored participants were invited to pre-Congress trainings to enhance their skills in forest landscape restoration, systematic literature reviews, and scientific methods in forest research.

Find reports from the trainings here: <https://www.iufro.org/science/special/spdc/tw/iwc19tws/>



FLR Guide Now Available in Spanish

New Spanish language resources for forest landscape restoration practitioners were launched thanks to generous donor support. The document entitled "Implementing Forest Landscape Restoration - A Practitioner's Guide" was translated into Spanish with the support of the Forests, Biodiversity and Climate Change Program of CATIE (Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center).

English and Spanish versions: <https://www.iufro.org/science/special/spdc/netw/flr/flr/pract-guide/>
Read more here: <https://catie.ac.cr/en/catie-news/4131-foresters-in-the-region-now-have-a-guide-to-forest-landscape-restoration.html>

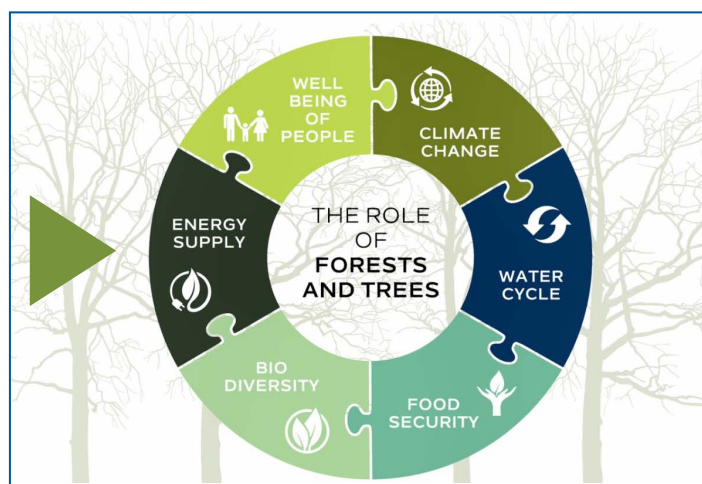
Restoration Snapshot Session

SPDC also hosted an event showcasing the lessons learned from an ongoing scientific analysis of progress in forest landscape restoration implementation. Read about the **landscape restoration session** as part of a bigger scientific snapshot analysis project here:

<https://www.iufro.org/science/special/spdc/netw/flrcong/>
About the project: <https://www.iufro.org/science/special/spdc/netw/analysis/>

Launch of GFEP Video

The Congress also offered the perfect setting for presenting a video about the work of the Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP), an Initiative of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) led by IUFRO. Watch this short video and get to know an excellent mechanism for interconnecting science and policy: <https://www.iufro.org/science/gfep/>



Global Forest Experts Panel (GFEP) video

New Opportunity for Early-Career Scientists

The IUFRO-EFI Young Scientists Initiative (YSI) will offer mobility grants for short scientific visits in 2020.

During the IUFRO World Congress in Curitiba, Brazil, the YSI 2020 was launched by the Coordinator, Daniel Boehnke of IUFRO Headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

An opportunity for young scientists from Africa, Asia and Latin America to conduct collaborative research in Europe (and vice versa) during 2020 is now available. The YSI



will entail a short scientific visit (SSV) to be hosted by a European forest science organization where the grantee will work on a scientific collaboration with another European scientist.

Daniel Boehnke addressing young scientists in Curitiba, Brazil. Photo by Morné Booij-Liewes, FABI.

Alternatively, European young scientists may embark on an SSV to an institution in Africa, Asia or Latin America.

IUFRO and EFI are offering EUR 5 000 per grantee and the application period will close on the 31st of January 2020. Applications and queries are to be sent to YSI Coordinator Daniel Boehnke (boehnke@iufro.org).

For more information please follow the link to the YSI page <https://www.iufro.org/science/special/spdc/ysi/>

Awards - Congratulations to the Winners!

At the Curitiba Congress, a number of scientists received important IUFRO Awards for outstanding research and valuable services. Many of the winners were presented already in a special issue of IUFRO News (8/2019): <https://www.iufro.org/publications/news/electronic-news/article/2019/09/03/iufro-news-vol-48-issue-8-early-september-2019-iufro-2019-scientific-congress-awards/>

IUFRO World Congress Host Scientific Award Winners

Sebastião do Amaral Machado

Dr. Machado's work is dedicated to the area of forest resources and forest engineering, with an emphasis on forest measurement, inventories, and forest management.

José Natalino Macedo Silva

Dr. Silva devoted his life to study growth and yield of high Amazon forests under sustainable forest management regime.

Celso Edmundo Bochetti Foelkel

Dr. Foelkel's main expertise and experience is in chemical engineering, focusing on chemical technology for pulp and paper production.

Maria José Zakia (Zezé)

"Zezé" works in programs aiming at adopting social and environmental best practices in forest management. She represents women in forestry in an exemplary way.



From left standing: J V de Freitas (COC co-chair), JN M Silva, Zezé, CE B Foelkel, Yeda Oliveira (COC co-chair), S de Amaral Machado, S Barreira (COC). Photo by Morné Booij-Liewes, FABI

IUFRO Scientific Achievement Awards (SAA)

- S. Ellen Macdonald, Canada
- José L. de Moraes Gonçalves, Brazil
- Maria Nijnik, U.K. (not present during award ceremony)



IUFRO Scientific Achievement Award Winners.
Photo by Morné Booij-Liewes, FABI

- David J. Nowak, U.S.A.
- Elena Paoletti, Italy
- Marielos Peña-Claros, Netherlands/Bolivia
- Terence C.H. Sunderland, Canada
- Margarida Tomé, Portugal
- Daowei Zhang, U.S.A./China
- Junyong Zhu, U.S.A./China (not present during award ceremony)

Outstanding Doctoral Research Award (ODRA)

- Angela L. de Avila, Brazil/Germany
- Sarah L. Burns, Argentina
- Andrea Hevia Cabal, Spain
- Verónica F. Loewe Muñoz, Chile
- Lichao Jiao, China
- Rubén Valbuena, United Kingdom
- Ida Wallin, Germany
- Zhen Yu, U.S.A.
- René Zamora-Cristales, U.S.A./Guatemala

Student Award for Excellence in Forest Science (ISA)

- Shankar Adhikari, Nepal
- Katharina Albrich, Austria
- Shourav Dutta, Bangladesh
- Ange A. Raharivololoniaina, Madagascar/Germany
- Andrea M. Vasquez-Fernandez, Canada/Peru
- Khalil Walji, Kenya/Italy



ODRA and ISA winners with Professor John Innes (left), UBC, Chair of IUFRO's Honours and Awards Committee.
Photo by Morné Booij-Liewes, FABI

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Best Poster Award (BPA)

- Elizabeth Neire da Silva, Brazil
- Angeline Martini, Brazil
- Masakazu G. Iwaizumi, Japan
- Wouyo Atakpam, Togo
- Naohiro Imamura, Japan
- Giovanni Mastrolonardo, Italy
- Luiz Felipe de Castro Galizia, Spain
- Tchegoun Blaise Tchétan, Benin

IUFRO Distinguished Service Award (DSA)

- Yeda M. Malheiros de Oliveira, Brazil, Congress Organizing Committee Co-Chair
- Joberto Veloso de Freitas, Brazil, Congress Organizing Committee Co-Chair
- Jerry Vanclay, Australia, Congress Scientific Committee Chair
- Piotr Paschalis Jakubowicz, Poland, promoter of IUFRO activities in forest education
- John Stanturf, U.S.A., engagement in IUFRO SPDC thematic networking and training activities

Honorary Membership

Professor Niels Elers Koch, Denmark, former IUFRO President, received Honorary Membership for his professional experience and expertise, his personal integrity and dedication to the work of IUFRO and his strong support in involving students and young scientists in IUFRO.



President Wingfield (left) with Niels Elers Koch. Photo by COC.

Wangari Maathai 'Forest Champions' Award

"Burundian forestry activist **Leonidas Nzigiyimpa** was awarded the 2019 Wangari Maathai 'Forest Champions' Award in recognition of his passionate commitment and outstanding contribution to improving forests and the lives of indigenous peoples, women and youth in his country. The award ceremony took place on 30 September 2019 on the sidelines of the 25th World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)."



Photo by COC.

Read the full release

<http://www.cpfweb.org/95257/en/>

On the same page you will also find a video of the award ceremony, an interview with Leonidas Nzigiyimpa and information about the award.

New IUFRO President John Parrotta



As of October 6, the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) has a new President. Dr. John Parrotta, National Research Program Leader for International Science Issues with the U.S. Forest Service, has assumed office for the term until the 2024 IUFRO World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden, together with the new Vice-Presidents Prof. Daniela Kleinschmit, Freiburg University, Germany, and

Prof. Shirong Liu, Chinese Academy of Forestry. Dr. Parrotta follows Mike Wingfield, FABI Professor and Advisor to the Executive, University of Pretoria, South Africa, who served IUFRO as President for the past five years.

During the closing ceremony of the 25th IUFRO World Congress in Curitiba, Brazil, the incoming President Dr. Parrotta made an inspiring acceptance speech, in which he particularly stressed the important role that the forest science community has to play in the world.

Find his acceptance speech here:

<https://www.iufro.org/events/congresses/2019/>

Read the interview with John Parrotta published in "Faces of the Forest Service":

<https://www.fs.fed.us/faces-of-the-forest-service/meet-john-parrotta>

Video of Congress closing ceremony:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1R9tI3cfcg>

Contract with IUFRO Executive Director Alexander Buck Renewed

Alexander Buck will continue to serve as IUFRO's Executive Director for another five years. The IUFRO Board unanimously approved an extension of his contract until December 2024. "I am grateful for this clear expression of support by the Board. Together with the excellent team at IUFRO HQ I will continue to dedicate all my energy to further strengthening the IUFRO network and further enhancing IUFRO's impact on policy and practice".



IUFRO Divisions and Task Forces 2019-2024

The Congress marks the start of a new IUFRO Board term. Therefore, new Coordinators of Divisions and Task Forces and other new Board members were presented in Curitiba.

IUFRO Divisions and their Coordinators

- Division 1 Silviculture: *Jens P. Skovsgaard*
- Division 2 Physiology and Genetics, *Santiago González Martínez*
- Division 3 Forest Operations Engineering and Management: *Woodam Chung*
- Division 4 Forest Assessment, Modelling and Management: *Donald Hodges*
- Division 5 Forest Products: *Pekka Saranpää*
- Division 6 Social Aspects of Forests and Forestry: *Cecil Konijnendijk*
- Division 7 Forest Health: *Eckehard Brockerhoff*
- Division 8 Forest Environment: *Sandra Luque*
- Division 9 Forest Policy and Economics: *Monica Gabay*

IUFRO Task Forces and their Coordinators

- Forest Education: *Sandra Rodríguez-Pineros and Khalil Walji*
- Monitoring Global Tree Mortality Patterns and Trends: *Henrik Hartmann*
- Fires - Economic Drivers of Global Wildland Fire Activity: *François-Nicolas Robinne*
- Forests and Water Interactions in a Changing Environment: *Xiaohua (Adam) Wei*
- Gender Equality in Forestry: *Gun Lidestav*
- Resilient Planted Forests Serving Society & Bioeconomy: *Christophe Orazio*
- Strengthening Mediterranean Nursery Systems for Forest Reproductive Material Procurement to Adapt to the Effects of Climate Change: *Fulvio Ducci*
- Unlocking the Bioeconomy and Non-Timber Forest Products: *James Chamberlain*
- Transforming Forest Landscapes for Futures Climates and Human Well-Being: *Andreas Bolte*

Find a list of all Board members here:

<https://www.iufro.org/who-is-who/board/>



*IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting
2019, Curitiba, Brazil*

Achieving REDD+: From Local Actions to National Commitments



Report from IUFRO2019

Congress Sessions B6a, B6p, and B6q, Curitiba, Brazil, 30 September & 1 October 2019

By Ellyn K. Damayanti, Coordinator, IUFRO Research Group 6.10.00 - Rural development

<https://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-6/60000/61000/>

Considerable efforts have been made by developing countries to elaborate approaches that achieve emission reductions and access results-based finance at local, jurisdictional and national scales. These sessions at the IUFRO2019 Congress showcased pilot studies and research exploring approaches for achieving REDD+, and using results-based finance to incentivize these actions.

Presentations and discussions highlighted the following topics:

- National and subnational REDD+ arrangements, including jurisdictional approach, are still on-going and at different stages of development in Indonesia and Brazil.
- Impact evaluation of 22 REDD+ initiatives in six countries (Indonesia, Brazil, Peru, Tanzania, Cameroon and Vietnam) showed that REDD+ interventions led to reductions in village-level tree cover loss in more than half of the study sites, but with small effect sizes. There were no systematic negative impacts of REDD+ on local well-being at these sites, but also little evidence of significant co-benefits.
- Rigorous impact evaluation of interventions is needed to understand which forest-based actions work best to promote learning and inform future program design and implementation.
- Various researches related with implementation of REDD+ in various countries, including methodology to measure tree growth as well as emission reduced, causes of deforestation and forest degradation, impact of REDD+ to local people and emerging concept of blue carbon.

Following the discussion of the value of different types of evidence at the end the session, researchers from CIFOR, Oxford University, Helsinki University and Stockholm Resilience Center are now planning to write a paper on the strengths and weaknesses of different types of evidence for assessing REDD+ performance.

In the course of expanding the fields of application of REDD+ and developing the policies and actions in the implementation phase, REDD+ apparition for blue carbon ecosystems including mangrove forest is being discussed. Future research to elaborate the methodology of REDD+ for blue carbon ecosystems is needed, because the carbon stock in the ecosystems cannot be ignored and the methodology is still under development.

Find the full report at:

<https://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-6/60000/61000/activities/>

EFIPLANT at the XXV IUFRO World Congress

The EFIPLANT team was very active at the IUFRO World Congress 2019 in October being involved in a number of presentations and in the organization of the C9B session, 'Planted Forests for a Greener Future and achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)'. Chaired by Christophe Orazio (EFI), the C9B session was organized on the behalf of the IUFRO Task Force on Planted Forests and with the support of the Brazilian Tree Industry (Ibá). Continue: <https://bit.ly/32VIiD1>



Session photo: <https://bit.ly/32VIiD1>

First Africa-China International Workshop on Forestland Governance, Investments and Sustainability

Report by Ameni Hasnaoui, Deputy Coordinator of IUFRO Working Party 9.05.09 - African Forest Politics and Governance

The first Africa-China workshop on „Forestland Governance, Investments and Sustainability“ held in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 3 to 5 September 2019 brought together some 120 participants from China and 11 African, North



Scientific study tour. © AFORPOLIS

American and European countries. This workshop represented a great multi-stakeholder exchange setup involving policy makers, researchers and academics, journalists, representatives from civil society organizations, local communities and indigenous peoples, as well as international technical and financial partners. The workshop was fully funded by UKaid/DFID.

Unanimously, the participants sincerely want this Africa-China dialogue initiative to continue because of its substantial contribution to discussions necessary to improve the governance and sustainability of natural resources in Africa in general and the Congo Basin in particular.

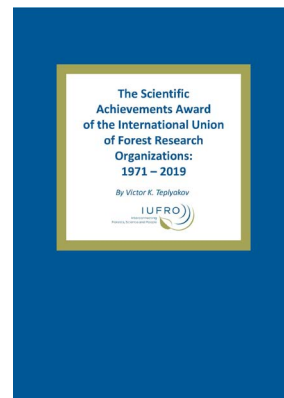
The participants and international partners at the workshop came up with a catalogue of suggestions and actions. Find the full report here: <https://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-9/90000/90500/90509/activities/>

Publications

New: Scientific Achievement Award (SAA)

Tepljakov, Victor K. 2019. The Scientific Achievement Award of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations: 1971–2019. Vienna, IUFRO. 120 p. ISBN: 978-3-903345-02-7

Over the years, the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) has developed an honours and awards system for those who advance forest-related sciences, who promote international cooperation of forest-related research and who have delivered an outstanding long-term service to the Union. At each IUFRO Congress, these awards are presented in a number of categories. One of them is IUFRO's Scientific Achievement Award (SAA) – the second type of award established by IUFRO, and presented for the first time in 1971. <https://www.iufro.org/publications/general-publications/>



Update: Honorary Membership

Tepljakov, Victor K. 2019. Honorary Members of IUFRO: 1953–2019. Vienna, IUFRO. 102 p. ISBN: 978-3-903345-01-0

This publication takes a look at the most distinguished and prominent IUFRO officials and officers since 1953, when the Honorary Membership Award was established at the IUFRO Congress in Rome.

<https://www.iufro.org/publications/general-publications/>

Special thanks go to Victor Tepljakov for preparing these books for IUFRO in a voluntary and honorary capacity!

Remote Sensing of Biodiversity Monitoring

Call for contributions to the special issue on "Remote Sensing of Biodiversity Monitoring" in the journal Remote Sensing (ISSN 2072-4292). If interested, visit the webpage of the special issue at: https://www.mdpi.com/si/remotesensing/rs_biodiversity

Forest Insects and Pathogens in a Changing Environment: Ecology, Monitoring & Genetics

This book by Dimitrios N. Avtzis and Rudolf Wegensteiner (eds.) is a printed edition of the Special Issue Forest Insects and Pathogens in a Changing Environment: Ecology, Monitoring & Genetics (IUFRO Joint Meeting of WP7.03.05 & 7.03.10) that was published in *Forests*. ISBN 978-3-03921-511-9 (Pbk); ISBN 978-3-03921-512-6 (PDF) <https://doi.org/10.3390/books978-3-03921-512-6>

A Quantitative Assessment of Hormetic Responses of Plants to Ozone

Agathokleous, E., Araminiene, V., Belz, R.G., Calatayud, V., De Marco, A., Domingos, M., Feng, Z., Hoshika, Y., Kitao, M., Koike, T., Paoletti, E., Saitanis, C.J., Sicard, P., Calabrese, E.J. 2019 Environmental Research 176: 108527. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envres.2019.108527>

Keywords: Air pollution, Dose-response, Environmental change, Hormesis, Non-linear, Ozone, Stress biology, U-shaped curve

Tough Problems, Science Gaps, and Investment Priorities for Forest-Sector Research: Conversations at Seven Dialogues

By Richard W. Guldin, published in *Journal of Forestry*, Volume 117, Issue 5, September 2019, Pages 462–491

At seven small-group dialogues held across the United States, field natural-resource professionals were asked to describe the toughest problems facing them over the next 10–15 years. Thirty-five problems were identified, spanning all three components of sustainability—ecological, economic, and social. Top priorities from the dialogues suggest that socioeconomic forces driving ecological changes are poorly understood. Potential mitigation measures will depend on broader interdisciplinary research delving into sciences beyond ecology, such as demographics, sociology, political science, governance, and economics. **Read here:** <https://academic.oup.com/jof/article-abstract/117/5/462/5568269>

Most California Fires Occur in Area of Wildland-urban Interface with Less Fuel and More People

The study by H. Anu Kramer with Forest Service scientist Miranda Mockrin and colleagues, "High wildfire damage in interface communities in California," notes that a portion of the WUI defined as "interface" and characterized by having more homes but relatively little wildland vegetation experienced half of the building losses due to wildfire but composed only 2 percent of the total area burned by the wildfires assessed in the study. The study was recently published in the *International Journal of Wildland Fire* and is **available at:** <https://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/pubs/58348>

Extent, Distribution and Origin of Non-native Forest Tree Species in Europe

Study by Robert Brus, Elisabeth Pötzelsberger, Katharina Lapin, Giuseppe Brundu, Christophe Orazio, Lina Straigyte and Hubert Hasenauer

The management of non-native tree species in European forests has a long history, but the information on the current number and geographic distribution of these species in European forests is incomplete and scattered across various datasets. This study aims to perform an inventory of the most frequent non-native tree species growing in European forests and analyze their current extent, geographic distribution and geographic origin.

Continue: <https://bit.ly/2qRkUZf>

Community Forest Rights – Thematic Webpage

Formalizing community forest rights has the potential to contribute to sustainable development and conservation, but many questions remain. To document experiences with forest tenure reforms, *Tropenbos International* collected stories of communities, and brought together the perspectives of various experts:

<https://communityrights.tropenbos.org>

Positions

<https://www.iufro.org/discover/noticeboard/position-announcements/>

Professor or Assistant / Associate Professor, Forest Operations and Logistics

Closing date 11 November 2019, 23:59 EET

The Department of Forest Sciences at the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Helsinki, Finland,

invites applications for Professor or Assistant/Associate Professor in Forest operations and logistics. The tenure track assistant / associate professorship or full professorship covers central research and teaching fields in forest operations and logistics including digitalization, new technologies and innovations.

Details: <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/open-positions/professor-or-assistant-associate-professor-forest-operations-and-logistics>

Assistant Research Professor / Carbon-based Nanomaterials from Biomass

Closing date: 15 November 2019

This is a full time, 12-month, non-tenure track position with a 100% research appointment by Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, USA. This position focuses on the development of value-added carbon nanomaterials from forest and agricultural residues for environmental remediation and high-performance composites. **Details:** <https://explore.msujobs.msstate.edu/cw/en-us/listing/>

Assistant/Associate Professor in Restoration Genetics/Director of the Louis W. Schatz Center for Tree Molecular Genetics

Open until filled

The Department of Ecosystem Science and Management at The Pennsylvania State University invites applications for a faculty position in Restoration Genetics. Candidates should have a demonstrated interest and accomplishments in the genetics of species conservation and restoration, especially with forest trees and other plants.

Details: <https://psu.jobs/job/91024>

Grants

Reforestation Grant Opportunity

Submit application by 25 November 2019

WWF's Education for Nature Program is offering Reforestation Grants to organizations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. This grant focuses on supporting communities in regaining ecological integrity and enhancing human wellbeing in deforested and degraded landscapes through forest restoration.

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/projects/reforestation-grants>

IUFRO Meetings

Search our online calendar for a full list of meetings:

<https://www.iufro.org/events/calendar/current/>

Find non-IUFRO meetings on the IUFRO Noticeboard:

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

Also search for forest-related events in GFIS at:

<https://www.gfis.net>

3-4 Dec 2019

Climate Change and New Challenges in the Production of High-Quality and Well Adapted Forest Reproductive Material. 60th Anniversary of Forest Seed Science and Technology in Croatia

Jastrebarsko, Croatia

IUFRO 2.00.00

Contact: Santiago C. González-Martínez, [santiago.c.gonzalez.martinez\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:santiago.c.gonzalez.martinez(at)gmail.com)

<http://www.sumins.hr/sjemenarstvo60/?lang=en>

5-7 Dec 2019

Green Technology for Pulp, Paper and Allied Industry

Dhaka, Bangladesh

IUFRO [5.07.03](#)

Contact: Md Sarwar Jahan, sarwar2065(at)hotmail.com

<http://iufro-wp50307.com/>

27-31 Jan 2020

GenTree Final Conference: Genetic data to the rescue - Managing forests sustainably in a changing world

Avignon, France

IUFRO [2.00.00](#), [2.02.13](#), [2.04.11](#)

Contact: Santiago C. González-Martínez, santiago.c.gonzalez.martinez(at)gmail.com

<http://www.gentree-h2020.eu/events/event/gentree-final-conference>

23-27 Feb 2020

9th IUFRO International Wind and Trees Conference

Rotorua, New Zealand

IUFRO [8.03.06](#)

Contact: Barry Gardiner, barry.gardiner(at)efi.int

<https://windandtrees2020.com/>

26-28 Feb 2020

Governing and Managing Forests for Multiple Ecosystem Services across the Globe

Bonn, Germany

IUFRO [9.00.00](#), [9.05.07](#)

Contact: Silvia Abruscato, silvia.abruscato(at)efi.int

<https://www.slu.se/fes.governance-2020/>

9-13 Mar 2020

International IUFRO Symposium on Pine Wilt Disease

Orléans, France

IUFRO [7.02.10](#)

Contact: Christelle Robinet, christelle.robinet(at)inra.fr

<https://symposium.inra.fr/pwd2020/>

25-27 Mar 2019

Mixed Species Forests: Risks, Resilience and Management

Lund, Sweden

IUFRO [1.01.06](#), [1.01.10](#), [1.09.00](#), [7.03.00](#)

Contact: Magnus Löf, Magnus.Lof(at)slu.se

<https://www.mixedforest2020.se/>

15-17 Apr 2020

3rd International Forest Policy Meeting

Copenhagen, Denmark

IUFRO [9.05.00](#), [9.05.04](#)

Contact: Jens Friis Lund, jens(at)ifro.ku.dk

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25-27 May 2020

Forests in Women's Hands - International Conference on Women in Forestry 2020

Traunkirchen, Austria

[IUFRO Task Force Gender Equality in Forestry](#)

Contact: Barbara Oellerer, barbara.oellerer(at)bfw.gv.at
Janice Burns, burns(at)iufro.org

<https://www.forstfrauen.at/en/conference-2020>

14-18 Sep 2020

Biological Invasions in Forests: Trade, Ecology and Management

Prague, Czech Republic

IUFRO [7.03.07](#), [7.03.12](#), [8.02.04](#)

Contact: Andrew Liebhold, aliebhold(at)fs.fed.us

Rene Eschen, R.Eschen(at)cabi.org

<https://iufro.v2.czu.cz/en/>

Other Meetings

18-19 Nov 2019

Innovation in Forestry for Biodiversity and Biosecurity

Brno, Czech Republic

Mendel University, Foundation Prince Liechtenstein

Contact: Libor Jankovsky, libor.jankovsky(at)mendelu.cz;

Pavlna Pancová Šimková, pavlina.simkova(at)mendelu.cz

<https://forum2019.ldf.mendelu.cz/en/>

27-28 Nov 2019

Evergreen Innovation Camp 48 h Hackathon

Vienna, Austria

For students and young professionals:

<https://www.evergreen-innovationcamp.io/>

10-12 Mar 2020

Global Symposium on Soil Biodiversity: Keep soil alive, protect soil biodiversity

FAO HQ, Rome, Italy

This science-policy meeting is co-organized by the Global Soil Partnership (GSP), the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS) and the Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative (GSBI).

Contact: GSOBI20(at)fao.org

<http://newsletters.fao.org/q/1m6d7QeVGDuWJuCbPI4/wv>

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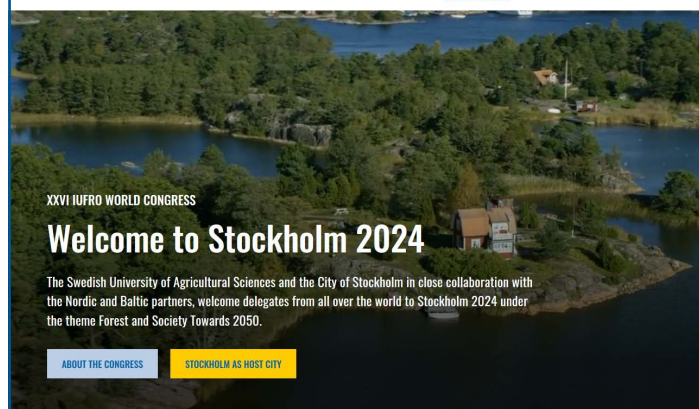
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<https://iufro2024.com/>

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