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IUFRO

International Union of Forest Research Organizations

The Global Network for Forest Science Cooperation



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WHAT IS IUFRO ?

- IUFRO is the **global network** for forest science cooperation;
- IUFRO is the **only world-wide** international organization devoted to forest research;
- IUFRO unites more than **15,000 scientists** in almost **700 member organizations** in more than **110 countries**;
- Founded in **1892**, IUFRO has a long history of international forest science cooperation.



VISION

IUFRO's Vision is the ...

science-based management,
conservation and sustainable
development of the world's forest
resources for the benefit of present
and future generations.



MISSION

- IUFRO **promotes global cooperation** in forest-related research and **enhances the understanding** of the ecological, economic and social aspects of forests and trees.
- It **disseminates scientific knowledge** to stakeholders and decision-makers and **contributes** to forest policy and on-the-ground forest management.



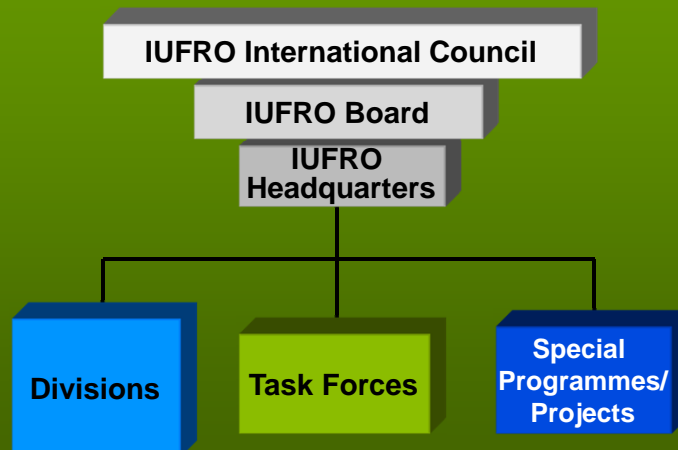
HOW DOES IUFRO WORK?

- IUFRO **provides a global structure** for science cooperation related to forests and trees;
- Within this structure, member scientists from all around the world **collaborate on a voluntary basis**;
- The structure allows IUFRO to **address research needs and priorities** of its members, policy makers, practitioners and stakeholders.

IUFRO STRUCTURE (1)

- **Eight** permanent **Divisions** covering key forest research fields;
- Within the Divisions, about **280 Research Groups and Working Parties** address specific research topics.

IUFRO STRUCTURE - OVERVIEW



IUFRO DIVISIONS

1. Silviculture
2. Physiology and Genetics
3. Forest Operations Engineering and Management
4. Forest Assessment, Modelling and Management
- 5. Forest Products**
6. Social, Economic, Information and Policy Sciences
7. Forest Health
8. Forest Environment

IUFRO DIVISIONS 5: “Forest Products”

- 5.01. Wood quality
- 5.02. Physical-mechanical properties
- 5.03. Wood protection
- 5.04. Wood processing
- 5.05. Wood composites and reconstitutes
- 5.06. Properties and utilization of plantation
- 5.07. Energy and chemicals from biomass
- 5.10. Forest products marketing and business
- 5.11. Non-wood forest products
- 5.12. Sustainable utilization of forest products
- 5.14. Forest products educations

IUFRO STRUCTURE (2)

- **Task Forces** are established on a temporary basis for inter-disciplinary cooperation in inter-divisional forest research fields.

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IUFRO'S PRESENT TASK FORCES

- Communicating Forest Science
- Endangered Species and Nature Conservation
- Forests and Carbon Sequestration
- Forests and Genetically Modified Trees
- Forests and Human Well-Being
- Forests and Water Interactions
- Forest Science-Policy Interface
- Illegal Logging and FLEGT
- Traditional Forest Knowledge

IUFRO STRUCTURE (3)

- **Special Programmes and Projects** provide services that support the science collaboration in IUFRO:
 - *IUFRO Special Programme for Developing Countries*
 - *SilvaVoc Terminology Project*
 - *IUFRO Special Project “World Forests, Society and Environment”*
 - *Global Forest Information Service (GFIS) –Joint Initiative of the CPF*

KEY ACTIVITIES OF IUFRO

- **generating knowledge** on research needs and priorities of scientists, policy-makers, practitioners and stakeholders;
- **providing access** to and disseminating scientific knowledge to policy-makers, practitioners and stakeholders;
- **assisting scientists and institutions** to strengthen their research capacity.



KNOWLEDGE GENERATION

- **IUFRO World Congresses** every five years with more than 2.000 participants
- **about 70 IUFRO conferences and workshops** per year;
- **joint activities and partnership agreements** with national governments, as well as regional and global organizations and NGOs



KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION

IUFRO Website www.iufro.org

- IUFRO Units and their activities
- IUFRO Officeholders and their fields of expertise
- scientific summaries, proceedings and other publications
- IUFRO newsletter and latest news
- calendar of meetings
- and much more...



IUFRO UNTIL 2010

IUFRO STRATEGY 2006 – 2010

Global Science Cooperation for the Benefit of Forests and People:

- Goal 1: Strengthen Research
- Goal 2: Expand partnership
- Goal 3: Strengthen Communication



MAIN EVENTS

- **Division 5 World Conferences:**

- *2012 will be in Lisbon*
- *2007 was in Taipei*
- *2003 was in Rotorua*

- **IUFRO World Congresses:**

- *2014 will be in Salt Lake City*
- *2010 was in Seoul*
- *2005 was in Brisbane*
- *2000 was in Kuala Lumpur*
- *1995 was in Tampere*



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