



Dear Reader of IUFRO e-NOTES! The IUFRO Secretariat hopes that you have spent a good summer and that you are back to work for IUFRO both full of enthusiasm and energy.

We have had requests from our officeholders to produce an e-NOTES version which is faster to print and to download. Therefore, not wanting to give up the more "fancy" layout you know of the former two

issues, we will attach in the future a "plain" text version in rtf format – after all, we do not wish to impose an excessive burden on your printing and Internet costs!

We hope that this will further increase the number of persons reading - and hopefully enjoying – our e-NOTES!

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Special Programme GFIS (Global Forest Information Service). In forestry and related disciplines, it is widely recognized that rapid, reliable and universal access to high quality information is essential for informed decision-making concerning forests and all their inherent values. IUFRO has led efforts to establish the Global Forest Information Service (GFIS) for enhancing access to and provision of quality forest-related information, especially that available through electronic media.

A IUFRO Task Force (TF) was created in 1998 to guide the initial development and implementation of the GFIS. In March 2001, **IUFRO created a Special Programme** requesting dedicated staff and financial resources to coordinate and guide the continued technical development of GFIS, to secure and manage resources for sustaining and expanding GFIS-related activities, and to encourage global participation in the GFIS.

IUFRO is seeking a qualified person to work full time as Coordinator of this Special Programme. The successful candidate will either be seconded from his current employment with full salary and related costs or be able to identify other sources of the necessary funds; the IUFRO Secretariat will offer help in approaching potential donor agencies or benefactors. Funds permitting the position is for 2-3 years starting in spring/early summer 2002, with possible extension to 2 more years upon approval by the IUFRO Board and availability of funds. The location will be at the IUFRO Secretariat in Vienna, Austria.

Please send your application to the IUFRO Secretariat - deadline for applications: **14 December 2001**. For detailed information see: <http://iufro.boku.ac.at/iufro/secre/nb-gfis-coordinator.rtf>

IUFRO-WFSE IUFRO's Special Project on World Forests, Society and Environment now has its own page under the IUFRO website; please visit <http://iufro.boku.ac.at/iufro/secre/wfse/>.

Please remember that for this Special Project IUFRO is also looking for a Coordinator. You will find the position announcement under <http://iufro.boku.ac.at/iufro/secre/nb-wfse-coordinator.rtf>. Deadline for sending in applications: **31 October 2001**.

To all organizers of IUFRO meetings. Are you organizing a meeting, conference or workshop? Do you want to make this event known? Here are two websites which could be useful.

<http://www.worldcalendar.com/>: World Calendar is a search engine dedicated to business and leisure events world-wide, maintaining over 70,000 events and links to 5,000 other events calendars, with a total of 500,000 events. Events, without limitation of numbers, can be entered for free. When the event is past, World Calendar will remind the organizer to update or replace it. Instructions for data entry are given on the homepage indicated (click "Add an Event").

<http://www.icsu.org/Information/calendar.html>: ICSU also has a Calendar of Meetings, which ICSU plans to update shortly. For submitting your event, contact ICSU at the general email address secretariat@icsu.org and point out that you are organizing a IUFRO event (IUFRO is one of ICSU's International Scientific Associates). We suggest that only large events be submitted.

Attention, Research Group and Working Party Coordinators! You will know that every IUFRO Unit has its own webpages where its activities and events, newsletters, publications, etc. can be publicized. IUFRO wants these pages to be a treasure trove of up-to-date information, both for your own and other Units as well as for non-IUFRO visitors to these pages. Therefore, send any material you want to have on your webpage to your Division WebModerator as listed below:

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IUFRO's homepage has a new design – visit <http://iufro.boku.ac.at/>!

IUFRO Research Series No. 8 - "The Impact of Carbon Dioxide and Other Greenhouse Gases on Forest Ecosystems", D Karnosky et al. (eds.), ISBN: 0851995519, £55.00 (US\$100.00). For details see http://iufro.boku.ac.at/iufro/publications/research_series.htm#Number_8 Please note that IUFRO Member Organizations are entitled to a **25% discount** provided that with their order they point out that they are members of IUFRO.

Statutes and Internal Regulations. One copy of IUFRO's new (2000) Statutes and Internal Regulations has recently been mailed to each Member Organization and to each IUFRO officeholder. Use them as a valuable reference in your every-day work for IUFRO!

Congress Report. The Report of the XXI World

Silva Balcanica – Scientific Series published by the Scientific Council of the Forest Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (FRI-BAS). ISSN 1311-8706.

The Silva Balcanica Series has started in 2001 and will publish articles of high academic standing on all aspects of forestry science. The geographic area covered is the Balkan Peninsula as a whole as well as Central and Eastern Europe.

For more information contact: Dr. Ivan Raev, Director of the FRI-Sofia, Bulgaria, email: forestin@bulnet.bg or visit FRI's website at <http://www.bulnet.com/forestin>.

Carbon Cycling Terminology in International Processes. Contribution of Terminology Science for a Better Understanding on International Level - IUFRO's terminology project SilvaVoc calls for co-operation in a forest terminology project on carbon cycling. The aim is to prepare a multilingual glossary on carbon cycling of approximately 300-400 terms in the official IUFRO languages: English, French, Spanish and German. Special emphasis is placed on terms and definitions which may cause confusion because of diverging national interpretation. An invitation letter calling for co-operation and input is presently circulated to International Organizations and Processes and forestry institutes. In order to assess the regional differences in definitions and meaning it is most important to identify partners and colleagues with different linguistic environments and mother tongues. **Please inform the SilvaVoc Coordinator Renate Prüller at prueller@forvie.ac.at about your expertise and interest to contribute in this initiative.**

FAO Pilot Project: Database on sources of finance for sustainable forest management. As part of the international dialogue on forestry, countries have concluded that international organizations could play an important role by disseminating information about sources of funding for sustainable forest management. Therefore, FAO has started a small pilot project to improve public access to information about sources of funding for activities in the forestry sector. As a first step, a small database had been produced, describing some of the types of funding that are available. The database has been loaded onto the FAO website for demonstration purposes, testing and evaluation and can be accessed at:

http://www.fao.org/forestry/foris/index.jsp?lang_id=1&geo_id=42&start_id=2711&page_id=4268

Congress, 7-13 August 2000, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, has just been published; IUFRO Member Organizations will receive a hard copies, Congress participants will receive a CD-ROMs.

IUFRO News 3/2001. IUFRO News 3/2001 will be mailed to you soon. If you are of the curious kind, check out <http://iufro.boku.ac.at/iufro/news/news3-2001.pdf>.

IUFRO World Series: Special Offer. Are you interested in buying copies of the IUFRO World Series at a special rate? Then please visit <http://iufro.boku.ac.at/iufro/publications/sp-offer.htm> and download your order form from <http://iufro.boku.ac.at/iufro/publications/order-form.rtf> and send it to sylvia@forvie.ac.at or fax number +43-1-877 9355.

A reason to celebrate. Professor Dr. Howard Kriebel, former Division 2 Coordinator, now Deputy Coordinator of 2.02.15 and above all Honorary Member of IUFRO, celebrated his 80th birthday on 31 July 2001. Howard has been active in IUFRO for many years and in many positions, now as Division 2 WebModerator. We wish to thank him for his dedicated work and enthusiasm and we send our sincere and heart-felt congratulations on this very special occasion.

Best wishes ,Howard!

Comments should be sent to Catarina Moore at catarina.moore@fao.org.

ICSU Grants Programme 2003. The ICSU Grants Programme is a highly competitive programme to support selected proposals from ICSU members that promote new scientific initiatives that are of an interdisciplinary/international nature. Priority will be given to proposals that target ICSU priority themes and joint proposals that involve active participation of several ICSU members. The programme is strictly limited to ICSU members. Applications for the 2003 Programme must be received at the ICSU Secretariat by 1 March 2002. More detailed information and application forms will be posted at <http://www.icsu.org>; the ICSU Secretariat can be contacted for further assistance.

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