

Forests for the Future: Sustaining Society and the Environment A Remarkable and Invigorating Congress

From 23-28 August 2010, the XXIII IUFRO World Congress drew 2675 participants from 92 countries to the COEX convention centre in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The high number of registrants and the excellent preparation and organization of the top-quality program both from the scientific and the social and cultural perspectives, made this six-day event truly remarkable. Tribute must be paid to the outgoing IUFRO President Don Koo Lee, the Congress Organizing Committee headed by Jung-Hwan Park, the Congress Scientific Committee chaired by John Parrotta, and the countless helpful staff members at all levels that contributed to the great success of this Congress.

The opening ceremony was honoured by the presence of Korean President Lee Myung-Bak who addressed the audience and placed the focus of his speech on the national vision of "low-carbon green growth" and his country's successful reforestation efforts.

Daily keynote addresses were delivered by prominent personalities including Ko Un (renowned Korean poet), Frances Seymour (Director General of CIFOR), José Joaquín Campos (Director General CATIE), Elinor Ostrom (Indiana University, Nobel Prize Laureate), and Peter Shaw Ashton (Charles Bullard Professor Emeritus of Forestry at Harvard University).

The Congress program comprised technical and poster sessions, business meetings, in-Congress tours, side-events, a trade exhibition, and much more. The **Congress abstracts** volume is available at: <http://www.iufro.org/events/congresses/world-congress-2010/>

Right before the event, IUFRO's Special Programme for Developing Countries (IUFRO-SPDC) in cooperation with the Korea Forest Research Institute organized four **training workshops** (<http://www.iufro.org/science/special/spdc/actpro/wkspmal07/conws2010/>). After the Congress many participants set out on post-Congress tours to destinations in and around Korea.

For all participants the Congress offered an invigorating experience of networking and scientific exchange on a broad scale and blazed the trail for the future of forest-related science in general and IUFRO in particular.



*Opening ceremony (from left to right):
Eduardo Rojas-Briales (FAO), Jan McAlpine (UNFF),
Lee Myung-bak (President of the Republic of Korea),
Don Koo Lee (IUFRO), Niels Elers Koch (IUFRO)*



Keynote speaker Ko Un, Korean poet (top) and audience



The **Congress Resolution** that was presented during the Closing Ceremony outlines the priorities for IUFRO's future work and institutional commitments. (Translations into French, German and Spanish are available at: <http://www.iufro.org/events/congresses/world-congress-2010/#c922>)

THE SEOUL RESOLUTION

The XXIII IUFRO World Congress "Forests for the Future: Sustaining Society and the Environment" provided a unique forum for presentation and discussion of the results of current global research related to forests and trees. The Congress explored a broad range of current and emerging issues of great importance for the future of forests and their capacity to provide the environmental, economic, social, cultural, and health benefits that sustain rural and urban societies worldwide.

During this historic *International Year of Biodiversity*, in anticipation of the upcoming *International Year of Forests*, and recognizing the vital role that forest science must play in meeting the common challenges we face worldwide, IUFRO commits itself to:

Focusing more on scientific research and international collaboration in six thematic areas: Forests for People; Climate Change and Forestry; Bio-Energy; Forest Biodiversity Conservation; Forests and Water Interactions; and Forest Resources for the Future.

Further, IUFRO commits itself to the following goals:

Improving communication within the IUFRO structure, with other scientists, students, forest professionals, and the public; and increasing visibility and accessibility of research findings;

Expanding and deepening IUFRO's work at the science-policy interface by enhancing scientific contributions to international processes, conventions, and organizations; responding rapidly to new policy issues; expanding partnerships and collaborating with international organizations and processes through the provision of scientific information and policy options;

Urging member institutions and external stakeholders to renew and strengthen forest monitoring activities and support global monitoring efforts;

Improving IUFRO's capacity to expand its membership and funding base to provide support for the full range of IUFRO's activities to benefit the forest researchers belonging to IUFRO's member organizations; and

Promoting high-quality forest-related research and expanding IUFRO's capacity for interdisciplinary cooperation; strengthening scientific capacity; relating the work of all IUFRO units to the six thematic areas; broadening IUFRO's membership base; and identifying emerging issues and changing paradigms.

International Council Decisions for the New IUFRO Board Period 08/2010 to 09/2014

The Congress is also the time and place where the International Council of IUFRO meets physically to make important decisions. These include the election of the President, two Vice-Presidents, nine Division Coordinators and up to five President's Nominees (PN). According to the latest revision of IUFRO Statutes, President's Nominees are selected to strive for a regional, gender and scientific balance and their tasks will be approved by the Board. In addition, the IC also decided on the place and approximate date of the next Congress:

New President: Niels Elers Koch, Denmark

New Vice President: Mike Wingfield, South Africa

New Vice President: Su See Lee, Malaysia

New Division Coordinators:

Division 1: Björn Hånell, Sweden

Division 2: Yousry El-Kassaby, Canada

Division 3: Hans Heinimann, Switzerland

Division 4: Margarida Tome, Portugal

Division 5: Andrew Wong, Malaysia

Division 6: Tuija Sievänen, Finland

Division 7: Andrew Liebhold, USA

Division 8: Jean-Michel Carnus, France

Division 9: Daniela Kleinschmit, Sweden/Germany*

President's Nominees

José Campos, Costa Rica

Ben Chikamai, Kenya

Elena Kulikova, Russia

Shirong Liu, China

Ulrike Pröbstl, Austria

XXIV IUFRO World Congress:

The next IUFRO World Congress will take place in autumn 2014 in Salt Lake City, USA.

* The International Council decided to split Division 6 into two Divisions. Division 6 will focus on Social Aspects of Forests and Forestry, Division 9 on Forest Policy and Economics.

Honours and Awards at the IUFRO World Congress

The winners of the Scientific Achievement Awards (SAA), Outstanding Doctoral Research Awards (ODRA), IUFRO World Congress Host Country Scientific Award and IUFRO Student Awards for Excellence in Forest Science (ISA) were presented in a special issue of IUFRO News prior to the Congress in early August 2010. (<http://www.iufro.org/publications/news/>)

We now proudly introduce to you the new Honorary Members of IUFRO and the winners of the Best Poster Awards who were selected by Division at the Congress.

Honorary Membership:

Risto Seppälä, Finland,
former President of IUFRO
Eric Teissier du Cros, France,
former Vice-President of IUFRO

Best Poster Awards:

Division 1: Pifeng Lei (University of Freiburg, Germany)
Division 2: Yoshihiro Hosoo (Shinshu University, Japan)
Division 4: Choi Sung-Ho (Korea University, Korea)
Division 5: Lee Su-Yeon (Seoul National University, Korea)
Division 6: Maija Faehnle (Finnish Forest Research Institute, Finland)
Division 7: Takahashi Yukiko (The University of Tokyo, Japan)
Division 8: Ahn Young-Sang (Korea Forest Research Institute, Korea)



Poster award



Honorary members Risto Seppälä (top) and Eric Teissier du Cros (below) with Don Koo Lee



All photos in this section by courtesy of COC Korea (online Congress picture gallery)



A Forest Researcher without Borders

Interview with IUFRO President Niels Elers Koch

At the IUFRO World Congress 2010, Professor Niels Elers Koch, Director General of Forest & Landscape Denmark, a national centre at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, was elected IUFRO President for the period until the next IUFRO World Congress in 2014. He follows Professor Don Koo Lee, Korea, in this position, recognizing his contributions to the development of IUFRO in the past five years.

Q: Professor Koch, at the beginning of your first speech as IUFRO President at the closing of the XXIII IUFRO World Congress in Seoul, you underlined the importance of IUFRO for your personal career as a forest scientist. What can IUFRO do for a forest scientist today?

K: When I was 25 years old, I participated in my first IUFRO World Congress. It was held in Oslo, Norway, in 1976. That changed the rest of my life – to the better. IUFRO provided me with a global network of the best researchers in the area I studied. I also met with colleagues who became some of my best and everlasting friends. And I got a much better understanding and appreciation of other cultures through IUFRO. I am sure

that IUFRO can do the same for forest scientists today. As “the global network for forest-related research” it offers excellent opportunities to exchange knowledge and experience, meet new colleagues and friends from all over the world and, thus, become a true “forest researcher without borders”.

Q: You describe IUFRO as a global network for forest-related research. However, not all scientists all over the world will have equal opportunities to participate.

K: I am aware of the fact that addressing today's forest challenges requires the effective participation of scientists from truly all regions of the world. Yet, we all

know that the scientific capacity of developed and developing countries continues to be disproportionate. As the new IUFRO President, I am committed to strengthening the scientific capacity where it is needed and to serve the needs of all forest researchers.

Q: It is one of IUFRO's goals to strengthen communication among the scientific community. Does that also include scientists from other disciplines?

K: It is evident that today's challenges regarding forests and trees are highly cross-sectoral and require us to think outside the "forest box". There is a need to create links with other sectors and scientific disciplines and to provide effective platforms for the exchange of information, deliberation and mutual learning. The global IUFRO network is uniquely positioned to provide such a platform and I am firmly committed to build on

this strength of our scientific network and to expand it where needed.

Q: Finally, IUFRO has over the past few years positioned itself more closely at the science-policy interface providing scientific information and assessments to international processes. Will it continue to do so in the future?

K: It is part of our new and ambitious vision laid down in the IUFRO Strategy 2010-2014 that IUFRO shall also "serve the needs of decision makers." IUFRO plays an important role as source of high quality scientific information on issues of global concern at the science-policy interface which will, of course, also contribute to increasing the visibility of forest research and science-based research findings.

Peter Mayer Moves on to Manage Austrian Forest Research Centre



After almost seven years as IUFRO Executive Director, Dr. Peter Mayer has now become head of the Federal Research and Training Centre for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape (BFW) in Vienna assuming office on 1 August 2010.

When Peter Mayer, who studied Forestry at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, and Political Science at the Institute for Advanced Studies, both in Vienna, took the lead at IUFRO Headquarters in December 2003, he had a clear vision of the importance of science-based contributions to the international policy discussion on forests. He saw a huge potential for IUFRO to play an important role in the development of scientific forest-related knowledge and its provision to stakeholders and decision-makers.

Over the past seven years, IUFRO has certainly turned into a more active and visible partner in international policy forums and debates on forests and has thus been able to assert itself in a competitive environment. Peter Mayer has a great share in this achievement thanks to his continuous endeavors to position the organization more closely at the science-policy interface and to broaden its scope to address changing research needs. Of course, all these developments would not have been possible without the strong core of IUFRO - the international network of scientists -, nor without the

Picture: Peter Mayer at the IUFRO World Congress, courtesy of COC, Korea (online picture gallery)

Note: The position announcement had been widely circulated and can be found at: <http://www.iufro.org/news/article/2010/09/13/iufro-seeks-new-executive-director/>

commitment of all officeholders and dedicated supporters of IUFRO.

With Peter Mayer, IUFRO Headquarters has further strengthened its role as a service centre for members and officeholders alike and has greatly expanded and constantly updated its channels of communication and information. The IUFRO Headquarters team must part with a highly competent colleague whose modern and cooperative approach to management has been well received by all of us.

Let us wish Peter the best of success in his new position and hope that he will reach the goals that he has set for himself and, of course, stay connected with IUFRO!

Publications

IUFRO World Series 9en
Terminology of Forest Management Planning – in English

2nd revised edition

Equivalent terms in French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish and Japanese. By Maarten Nieuwenhuis



Picture:
 By Judith Stöger-Goiser
 At the IUFRO World Congress, author Maarten Nieuwenhuis, Deputy Coordinator of IUFRO 4.04.03 – *SilvaPlan: Forest management planning terminology*, presents a copy of the 2nd revised edition of WS 9en to Don Koo Lee.

IUFRO World Series 25

Forests and Society – Responding to Global Drivers of Change

Gerardo Mery, Pia Katila, Glenn Galloway, Rene I. Alfaro, Markku Kanninen, Maxim Lobovikov and Jari Varjo (Editors). Helsinki. IUFRO-WFSE. 2010–509 p. ISSN 1016-3263 ; ISBN 978-3-901347-84-9 Available for free also as CD. Handling and mailing costs: EUR 20 for the book and EUR 10 for the CD. <http://www.iufro.org/publications/series/world-series/worldseries-25/>

IUFRO World Series 27

Asia and the Pacific Forest Products Workshop

Green Technology for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Editor: Sim Heok-Choh

Extended Abstracts from the workshop held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 14-16 December 2009 ISBN 978-3-901347-96-2

IUFRO, Kuala Lumpur, 2010

<http://www.iufro.org/publications/series/world-series/worldseries-27/>

IUFRO Occasional Paper 24

Climate Change Impacts on African Forests and People

Lead Author: Chris EASTAUGH

Supported by: IUFRO HQ

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<http://www.iufro.org/publications/series/occasional-papers/>

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International Forestry Review

Special Issue: "Forest taxation and tropical forest management"

Available for download at:

http://www.cfa-international.org/IFR%20June%202010%20final_web.pdf

Special Issue of Forest Pathology on White Pines, Ribes, and Blister Rust

August 2010

Available at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/efp.2010.40.issue-3-4/issuetoc>

Special Edition of ProLigno:

11th International IUFRO Wood Drying Conference Skelleftea, Sweden, January 18-22, 2010

ISSN 1841-4737, Vol 6, No 2, June 2010

Sampling Methods for Forest and Shade Tree Insects of North America

Volume 2 (FHTET-2010-03); updated website:

<http://www.sampforestpest.ento.vt.edu/> Contact: Dick Reardon, rreardon(at)fs.fed.us, for free copies.

Critique of Silviculture: Managing for Complexity

By Puettmann, K. J., K. D. Coates, and C. Messier. 2009. Island Press. 206 pages, paperback.

ISBN-10: 1597261467; ISBN-13: 978-1597261463

Announcements & News

The International Year of Forests, 2011



The IYF in 2011 will offer a unique opportunity to raise public awareness of the challenges facing many of the world's forests and the people who depend on them.

Visit: <http://www.un.org/esa/forests/> to download the logo and keep informed about plans and activities related to the International Year of Forests, 2011.

Sharing Information on Forests in Africa

Information exchange and dissemination is one of the most important components of networking among scientific institutions. One step towards such networking is the establishment of an online Forestry Research Network for Sub-Saharan Africa (FORNESSA) Information Service (FORNIS) which has been launched at <http://www.fornis.net>.

The FORNESSA network is a non-profit, non-governmental, scientific organization open to forestry and forest-related organizations and individuals. It represents three sub-regional networks: the Association of the Forestry Research Institutions of Eastern Africa (AFREA), the Forest Research Network of the Conférence de responsables de Recherche Agronomique Africains (CORAF), and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Post-doctoral recruitment - Welcome II Programme

The Welcome II Programme targets the recruitment of European researchers to join Portuguese research institutions after work in Third Countries. It is administered by FCT, being cofunded under the Marie Curie Action COFUND, a part of the 7th European Union Research Framework Programme. The call is expected to open on October 1st 2010, closing on December 12th 2010, at 5pm Lisbon time.

<http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/contratacaodoutorados/welcome2/index.phtml.en>

REDD+ online database

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) has launched a REDD+ online database:

<http://redd-database.iges.or.jp/redd/>

The database mainly provides profiles of REDD-plus projects using a common template, but the intention is to also provide country summaries of REDD-plus policies and frameworks. The database is at an early stage of development. Further project profiles and country summaries will be added.

New Woodland Carbon Assurance Scheme

The UK Forestry Commission is about to test a new quality assurance scheme for tree planting projects designed to sequester carbon.

Visit <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/carboncode> for details.

WSL Anniversary Celebrations

In 2010 and in 2011 the Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL and the WSL Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research SLF are celebrating their 125th and 75th birthdays, respectively. At an official celebration in Birmensdorf on 2 September, IUFRO seized the opportunity to congratulate its longstanding member and hand over an anniversary certificate.

http://www.wsl.ch/medien/presse/pm_100902_DE

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 at: <http://www.gfis.net>

5-7 November 2010

Innovations in Forest Industry and Engineering Design

Sofia, Bulgaria

IUFRO [5.00.00](#)

Contact the organizers: [inno_conference\(at\)abv.bg](mailto:inno_conference(at)abv.bg)

11-13 November 2010

First Serbian Forestry Congress: Future with Forests

Belgrade, Serbia

IUFRO [5.05.00](#)

Contact: Marius Barbu, [marcat\(at\)gmx.at](mailto:marcat(at)gmx.at)

[Conference website](#)

5-8 December 2010

2do Congreso Iberoamericano de Protección de la Madera

Ciudad De Mar Del Plata, Argentina

IUFRO [5.00.00](#)

Contact: Osvaldo Encinas, [osenbla\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:osenbla(at)gmail.com)

<http://www.ripma.org/>

8-10 December 2010

Fourth International Conference on Plant and Environmental Pollution

Lucknow, India

IUFRO [7.01.00](#)

Contact: Conference Secretariat, [isebnbrilko\(at\)sify.com](mailto:isebnbrilko(at)sify.com); [isebmail\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:isebmail(at)gmail.com)

<http://isebindia.com/icpep-4/icpep-4.html>

18-20 May 2011

13th International Symposium on Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development

Kaunas, Lithuania

IUFRO [9.06.00](#) (former Unit 6.13.00)

Contact: R. Deltuvas, [Romualdas.Deltuvas\(at\)lzuu.lt](mailto:Romualdas.Deltuvas(at)lzuu.lt)

30 August – 2 September 2011

Frontiers in Historical Ecology

Birmensdorf, Switzerland

IUFRO [9.03.03](#) (former Unit 6.07.04)

Contact: Matthias Bürgi, [matthias.buergi\(at\)wsl.ch](mailto:matthias.buergi(at)wsl.ch)
http://www.wsl.ch/frontiers_historical_ecology

19-21 October 2010

Managing the Urban Rural Interface: Strategies and Tools for Urban Development and Sustainable Peri-urban Land Use Relationships

Copenhagen, Denmark

IUFRO [6.14.00](#)

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

<http://www.plurel.net/Default.aspx?id=87>

14-18 November 2011

Joining Silvicultural and Genetic Strategies to Minimize Eucalyptus Environmental Stress: from Research to Practice

Porto Seguro, Bahia State, Brazil

IUFRO [2.08.03](#)

Contact: José Leonardo de Moraes Gonçalves, [euciufro\(at\)esalq.usp.br](mailto:euciufro(at)esalq.usp.br)

Other Meetings

4-8 October 2010

COFO 2010/World Forest Week 2

FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

<http://www.fao.org/forestry/cofo/en/>

6-8 October 2010

International Workshop on „Adaptation of perennial plants to episodic drought: impact on ecosystems“

Göttingen, Germany

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/13127.html>

11-14 October 2010

UNECE Timber Committee meeting

Geneva, Switzerland

<http://timber.unece.org/index.php?id=302>

21-22 October 2010

5th European Forest Pedagogy Congress

Lahti, Finland

<http://www.forestpedagogics.eu>

26-27 November 2010

15th International Forestry and Environment Symposium: “Developments in Forestry and Environment in 2010”

University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka

<http://www.environmentlanka.com/sympo/>

5 December 2010

Forest Day 4

Cancún, México

<http://www.forestsclimatechange.org/ForestDay-4.html>