

2014 IUFRO CONGRESS DAILY NEWS

Tree Planting Ceremony Opens International Forest Research Conference

A tree planting ceremony was held Sunday afternoon to commemorate the 24th IUFRO World Congress. In keeping with IUFRO tradition, four trees were planted as a gift to the host city during the ceremony: Cedar of Lebanon, Pinyon pine, American chestnut, and European beech.

The ceremony was held in the Salt Lake City International Peace Gardens, located at 1000 South 900 West, Salt Lake City, Utah. Developed in 1947 and maintained by the Salt Lake City Parks Department, the Peace Gardens represent 28 countries. The ceremony took place in the Lebanese section of the garden.

Niels Elers Koch, IUFRO President, was on hand to present the trees to Salt Lake City. Robert Bonnie, USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment, and U.S. Forest Service Chief, Thomas Tidwell, also offered remarks on the importance of forest research and the international exchange of knowledge. Brian Cottam, Utah State Forester, and Todd Reese, Salt Lake City Parks and Public Lands Program Director, accepted the trees, welcomed the conference attendees, and invited everyone to enjoy the beauty of Utah this week.



Monday's Events

- 07:00-18:00 Registration
- 08:00-10:30 Opening Ceremony
- 10:30-11:00 Refreshment Break
- 11:00-12:00 Keynote Plenary Session
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch Break (on your own)
- 12:00-13:30 IUFRO Business Sessions
- 13:30-15:00 Concurrent Sub-Plenary Sessions
- 15:00-15:30 Refreshment Break
- 15:30-18:00 Concurrent Technical Sessions
- 18:15-18:45 Wangari Maathai Award Presentation
- 18:30-20:00 IUFRO Welcome Reception

Special Reminders

Wangari Maathai Award 2014

Time: 18:15 –18:45

Location: Ballroom

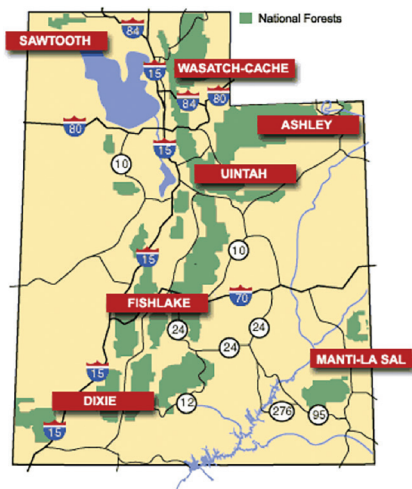
Welcome Reception

Time: 18:30 – 20:00

Location: Hall E

The Welcome Reception will feature the Mark Channing Jazz band and a collage of American cuisine and drinks.

Welcome to the National Forests of Utah



National forest land covers about 15% of the state of Utah for a total of 9 million acres. Most of this area is in the central mountains that stretch from Dixie in the south through Fishlake and Uintah in central Utah, all the way to the northern Wasatch-Cache and Ashley on the northern border; also included are two smaller ranges in the southeast (the Manti-La Sal Mountains), and portions of Idaho's Sawtooth, in the northwest.

Getting around Salt Lake City

TRAX, the urban surface rail system, has a "fare free" zone in the downtown urban area. You can get on and get off the TRAX trolleys without buying a ticket within this zone. Beyond the "fare free" zone, tickets are needed. TRAX serves several downtown-shopping areas.

The TRAX line also runs to and from the Salt Lake City International Airport. Board the Blue Line train. The fare is \$2.50 USD, one way.

KEYNOTE PLENARY

Andy Buchanan: Modern Timber Buildings for Sustainable Forests



Room: Ballroom
Session Chair: Andrew Wong

Dr. Andy Buchanan is Professor of Timber Design at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand. He is a structural engineer with a broad range of interests in timber engineering, sustainability, fire safety, and earthquake engineering. He has led the development of post-tensioned timber for multi-story buildings.

This session covers the huge opportunities for engineered wood to be used for constructing modern timber buildings. This is essential for a greener future on our planet, to reduce world-wide dependence on energy and CO2 intensive materials like concrete and steel by moving to engineered wood to construct homes, factories and offices for growing populations.

Welcome to the 2014 IUFR0 World Congress

On behalf of the Congress Scientific Committee (CSC), it is my pleasure to welcome you to the XXIV World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations: Sustaining Forests, Sustaining People: The Role of Research.

Regardless of your particular areas of interest and scientific expertise, we hope that our Congress will encourage you to explore and expand your interests in a broad array of contemporary topics in forest science, strengthen ties with colleagues and friends, and develop new relationships and collaborative research endeavors.

Sincerely,

John A. Parrotta Chair, Congress Scientific Committee



Research and Communication Skills Honed at Pre-Congress Training

Clouds, snow, and finally sun greeted 69 participants of the Pre-Congress Training Session as they practiced their skills in research methods and communicating forest science at the Snowbird Resort in Utah on September 29 to October 2. Participants traveled from 30 countries to attend the five-day session sponsored by IUFRO Special Program for Developing Capacities (SPDC).

“In a friendly and positive atmosphere, this training enhanced the competence of participants in research methods and communications – where science interacts with society at large,” said Michael Kleine, Director of IUFRO-SPDC.

The research methods session provided a framework for preparing a research study plan. Rolfe Leary, retired U.S. Forest Service, USA, and John Kershaw, University of New Brunswick, served as trainers in helping participants ask scientific questions, develop hypotheses, and design research approaches.

In the communications session, Cindy Miner, U.S. Forest Service, USA, provided communication theory and concepts and coached participants in writing communication strategies, press releases, and blogs, and also interviewing with the media. Michael Kleine and Bastiaan Louman, CATIE, Costa Rica, focused this session on making science relevant to policy makers and resource managers.

The last day, participants learned about the Global Forest information System (GFIS) and its application in their work. Eero Mikkola and Juha Hautagangas, Finland described the capabilities of this system.

Social Media Training

The #IUFRO2014 Social Media Workshop took place yesterday bringing together delegates interested in learning how to promote forest science online. The training introduced those in attendance to the cornerstones of building a social media strategy, the tools and best practices used in modern day communications, as well as how to interview a scientist and the art of blog writing.

Throughout the coming week delegates of the Congress (That means you!) are encouraged to submit blogs introducing their research, or covering a session or side event to blog@iufro.org and it will be published on the Congress Blog. Take advantage of this opportunity to promote your research to your fellow IUFRO colleagues and a global audience.



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Pre-Congress Tours

Three Pre-Congress Tours were offered to conference attendees. Participants had the opportunity to take a three-day trip through Northern California or Utah. The group below enjoyed a six-day tour that began in Las Vegas, Nevada, and crossed northern Arizona and Utah to end in Salt Lake City.



Important Attendee Information

- Attendees must wear their badge to enter the Convention Center.
- Attendees must present their badge to attend In-Congress tours.
- There is a limit of one (1) bag and one (1) abstract volume per fully paid delegate.
- Delegates may be photographed by the Congress for archival and marketing purposes. Delegates are not permitted to record information during scientific sessions.



Tomorrow's Weather

Sunny 77° / 52°
Chance of Rain 0%

Tomorrow's Events

07:00 – 19:00 Registration
08:00 – 10:30 Technical Sessions
10:30 – 11:00 Refreshment Break
11:00 – 12:00 Keynote Plenary
12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break
12:00 – 13:30 Poster Viewing
12:00 – 13:30 Business Sessions
13:30 – 15:00 Sub-Plenary Sessions
15:00 – 15:30 Refreshment Break
15:30 – 18:00 Technical Sessions
19:00 – 20:00 Business Sessions

Special Reminders

In-congress Tours can be switched up until 6pm today at the tour desk.

Poster Viewing and Business Sessions will begin at lunch tomorrow.

Community Events

There is a Forest Poetry Slam: Spoken word poetry on the theme of forests and trees, featuring Wasatch Wordsmiths and the Westminster Slam

Time: 19:00
Location: Mestizo's coffeehouse
641 W North Temple #700
Salt Lake City, UT

