

2014 IUFRO CONGRESS DAILY NEWS

IUFRO Appoints Mike Wingfield as New President



After summarizing some of IUFRO's major achievements during his 4 years as president, Niels Elers Koch handed over the IUFRO Presidency to Prof. Mike Wingfield today at the 24th IUFRO World Congress in Salt Lake City. "We successfully strengthened global networking in forest science served by a well-functioning IUFRO Headquarters, Board, and Management Committee. Furthermore we held the first-ever IUFRO Regional Congress for Africa in 2012 in Kenya and another IUFRO Regional Congress in Latin America in 2013 in Costa Rica."

Koch also noted with pleasure a strengthened collaboration with the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA) and other global alliances.

Michael (Mike) Wingfield, Professor and Founding Director of the Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute (FABI) of the University of Pretoria (South Africa) has been involved in IUFRO activities for more than 30 years. He has served as IUFRO Vice President in the 2010-2014 Board Term. As a researcher, he is broadly interested in the health of trees and has conducted research on tree pests and pathogens. He is a fellow of various scientific societies including the Royal Society of South Africa and the American Phytopathological Society. He has received honorary doctorates from the University of British Columbia, Canada, and North Carolina State University and received the highest scientific award (Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Award) from the African Union in 2013.

As IUFRO's incoming President, he said "Much as IUFRO has enriched my life so deeply, it is my wish that the same will be true, particularly for the many young forest scientists in the world". He particularly highlighted IUFRO's special relationship with IFSA and his commitment to build this bond as actively as possible in the future. Furthermore, he referred to IUFRO's great responsibility as the global network for forest research "to provide solid and reliable data that will underpin some of the most important decisions relating to our fragile and highly threatened world." He also underlined the essential role of forests for a sustainable future of our planet.

Saturday's Events

- 08:00-10:30 Technical Sessions
- 10:30-11:00 Refreshment Break
- 11:00-12:00 Keynote Plenary
- 10:30-13:30 Trade Exposition & Posters
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch Break (on your own)
- 13:30-15:00 Sub-Plenary Sessions
- 15:00-15:30 Refreshment Break
- 15:30-18:00 Closing Ceremony
- 18:30-21:30 Farewell Gala and Dinner

Special Reminders

Closing Ceremony

All delegates are invited to attend this official closing ceremony where participants will welcome the new IUFRO Board members.

Location: Ballroom

Time: 15:30-17:30

Farewell Gala and Dinner-

Delegates from the IUFRO World Congress and the Society of American Foresters/ Canadian Institute of Forestry Convention will gather to experience the music, food, and traditions of the American west.

Location: Hall E

Time: 18:00-20:30

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Triumphs, Tribulations And Transitions – The Graduate Research Experience From the Student IUFRO Award Winners

In this Sub-Plenary Session, the IUFRO Awards for Graduate and PhD students were presented. Shirong Liu, the Chair of the IUFRO Honours and Awards Committee, explained that the IUFRO Student Award for Excellence in Forest Sciences (ISA) and the Outstanding Doctoral Research Award (ODRA) recognize outstanding individual scientific achievements during the university studies or within 3 years after graduation or recognize outstanding individual scientific achievements of recent Doctoral research.

The awardees are a mixed group of young forest scientists, most of who moved to a foreign country to pursue their studies. In their studies, the awardees saw themselves faced with the fact that in many cases they needed to stick to their own resources: devise their own scientific methods for a certain problem, set up their own experiments, plan their own field work, gather their data, do some structured thinking and arrive at a conclusion.

IUFRO applauds the ISA and ODRA awardees for their persistence, and achievements, and wishes them all the best for their future careers!

KEYNOTE PLENARY

Cecil Konijnendijk: City Forests, Forest Cities – Exploring the Complex Liaison Between the Sylvan and the Urban



Room: Ballroom
Session Chair: Tuija Sievanen

Dr. Konijnendijk, a Dutch national based in Sweden, holds the post of Head of the Department of Landscape Architecture, Planning and Management at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. His over 250 scientific and professional publications have included the co-edited textbook *Urban Forests and Trees* and the book *The Forest and the City: The cultural landscape of urban woodland*.

This presentation analyzes the current relationship between forest and city, based on historical insights and present policies, initiatives, and projects from across the globe. It emphasizes the role of research in strengthening ties between urban and sylvan. Developments such as the rise of green infrastructure thinking and the provision of a range of ecosystem services are critically analyzed.

Student Award for Excellence in Forest Science Winners 2014

Recognizes outstanding individual achievements in forest science made by Master's degree students (or equivalent).



Tolulope Daramola, Nigeria, D1
Mika Yoshida, Japan, D3
Sharif Ahmed Mukul, Bangladesh, D6
Julius B. Adewopo, Nigeria/ USA, D5
Md. Mohitul Hossain, Bangladesh, D8
Ivana Gudric Zivojinovic, Serbia, D9

Outstanding Doctoral Research Award Winners 2014

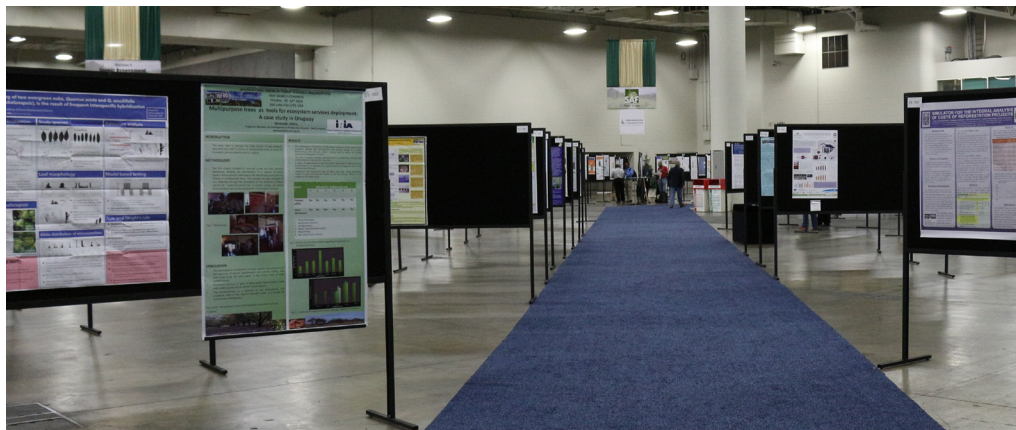
Awarded for path-breaking doctoral dissertations that show innovative thinking, use appropriate methodology, and have published results.



Jan R. Bannister Hepp, Germany/Chile, D1
César Pérez Cruzado, Spain, D2
Puneet Dwivedi, USA/ India, D3
Susana Barreiro, Portugal, D4
Huei-Shing Sik, Malaysia, D5
Sandra Rodríguez Piñeros, D6
ShuaiFei Chen, China, D7
Zhun Mao, China, D8
Eli Sagor, USA, D9

Best Poster Award Winners

Awards were made for outstanding poster presentations at the IUFRO World Congress, for quality of research design, presentation of data, organization and neatness of the poster. Research suitable for the Best Poster Award may be self-contained, or part of a larger project or a preliminary communication from a study yet to be completed or published.



Emma Soraya, Australia, D1

D4-151 "Improving the productivity of native eucalypt forests"

Chai Ting Lee, Malaysia D2

D2-008 "Discovery of genic microsatellite markers from transcriptome sequences of *Eurycoma longifolia* root"

Lilli Kaarakka, Finland, D3

D1-089 "Effects of repeated whole-tree harvesting on soil properties and tree growth in a Norway spruce stand"

Nyein Chan, Japan, D4

D4-141 "Assessment of aboveground biomass and soil carbon storage of the fallow forests after swidden cultivation in the Bago Mountains, Myanmar"

Min-Jay Chung, China/Taipei, D5

D5-071 "Profiling of aroma compounds released from four major bamboo shoots of high economic value in Taiwan"

Emmanuel Danquah, Ghana, D6

D6-045 "Exploring opportunities for participatory management at Bia Biosphere Reserve in western Ghana"

Tsutomu Kanasashi, Japan, D7

D8-055 "2458 - Seasonal change of cesium in different age needles and male flowers of Japanese cedar (*Cryptomeria japonica*) in Fukushima"

Althea A. ArchMiller, USA, D8

D2-022 "Temporal and spatial variability of soil carbon flux in longleaf pine forests in the southeastern United States"

Olivia Sanchez, Canada, D9

D6-042 "Small and medium forest enterprises in a REDD+ context: an analysis of enabling environments in developing countries"

On the Calendar

Important dates beyond the 2014 Congress

7-11 Sept 2015, Durbin, South Africa
XIV World Forestry Congress Durban, South Africa

4-15 May 2015, New York, USA
United Nations Forum on Forests

21 March 2015
International Day of Forests

October 2019, Curitiba, Brazil
25th World Congress

To see a full list of upcoming IUFRO meetings visit: <http://www.iufro.org/events/calendar/current/>

See all the Highlights

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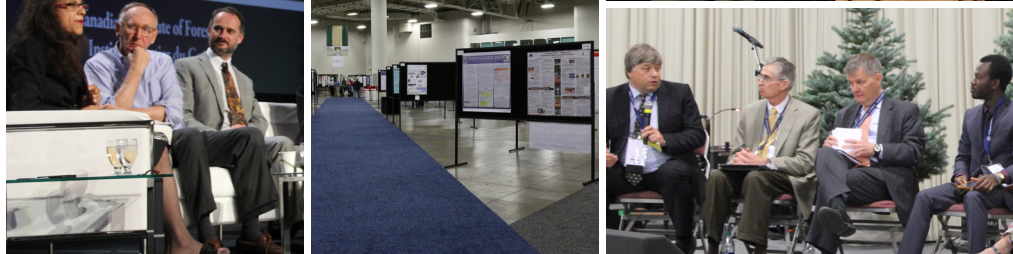


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Remembering the Week



Tomorrow's Weather

Mostly Sunny 59°/40°
Chance of Rain 0%

Host Country Pavilion Events

Saturday, October 11

10:30AM

No Snow and Low Flow: Impacts of a Climatic Snow-to-Rain Transition on Forest Ecosystems

Zion Klos, University of Idaho PhD Candidate, Interdisciplinary Water Sciences, College of Natural Resources

12:30PM

Agroforestry Adoption across the United States – Past Trends and Future Opportunities

Susan Stein, USDA Forest Service Director, National Agroforestry Center

Shibu Jose, University of Missouri Professor and Director, The Center for Agroforestry and Editor-In-Chief, Agroforestry Systems

