KEYNOTE SPEECH
International Union of Forest Research Organizations: The Global Network for Forest Science Cooperation (Michael Kleine)

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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.

IUFRO’s Vision
As the global network for forest-related research to serve the needs of all forest researchers and decision-makers.

MISSION
IUFRO promotes global cooperation in forest-related research and enhances the understanding of the ecological, economic and social aspects of forests and trees, including wood and non-wood products, goods and services.

It disseminates scientific knowledge to stakeholders and decision-makers and contributes to forest policy and on-the-ground forest management.

IUFRO STRATEGY 2010 – 2014
“Reading the pulse of forest science for the benefit of forests and people”
INSTITUTIONAL GOALS

Goal 1
To strengthen research and expand IUFRO’s capacity for interdisciplinary cooperation.

Goal 2
To strengthen coordination within the scientific community and increase visibility of science-based research findings.

Goal 3
To further strengthen IUFRO’s work at the science-policy interface.

INSTITUTIONAL GOALS

The three institutional Goals adapted from the previous Strategy present IUFRO’s commitment to:

• High-quality science and interdisciplinary cooperation.
• Better visibility of science-based research findings, and
• Increased ability of responding to new and unexpected issues.

RESEARCH GOALS

With the Strategy 2010-14, IUFRO addresses Research and Institutional Goals at the same time. The Research Goals strongly focus on the following six evolving thematic areas:

- Forest for People
- Climate Change
- Forest Biodiversity Conservation
- Bio-energy
- Forest and Water Interactions
- Resources for the future

INSTITUTIONAL AND RESEARCH GOALS

Attaining both research and institutional goals should help IUFRO and its members to effectively respond to the changes in paradigm concerning forests and forest science and to position itself as a truly global network for forest science cooperation.

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 - OVERVIEW

- IUFRO International Council
- IUFRO Board
- IUFRO Headquarters
- Divisions
- Task Forces
- Special Projects, Programmes, Initiatives

NETWORKING ACTIVITIES OF IUFRO

- Generation, exchange and dissemination of scientific knowledge
- Provision of access to relevant information for policy-makers, practitioners and stakeholders
- Assistance to scientists and institutions to strengthen their research capacities
- Participation in international science initiatives
- Full member of the International Council for Science (ICSU)

NETWORKING ACTIVITIES OF IUFRO

- IUFRO World Congresses every five years with more than 2000 participants
- About 70 IUFRO conferences and workshops per year; joint publications
- Joint activities and partnership agreements with national governments, as well as regional and global organizations and NGOs
IUFRO STRUCTURE

- Nine permanent Divisions cover key forest research fields.
- Within the Divisions, about 260 Research Groups and Working Parties address specific research topics.

IUFRO DIVISIONS

D1 Silviculture
D2 Physiology and Genetics
D3 Forest Operations Engineering and Management
D4 Forest Assessment, Modelling and Management
D5 Forest Products
D6 Social Aspects of Forests and Forestry
D7 Forest Health
D8 Forest Environment
D9 Forest Policy and Economics

PARTICIPATING in IUFRO

- Major scientific work takes place within Research Group and Working Parties
- Communication (IUFRO website; list servers etc.)
- IUFRO Meetings
- Principle of 'Self-financing'

IUFRO Task Forces

- Task Forces are established on a temporary basis for inter-disciplinary cooperation in inter-divisional forest research fields:
- TF on Forests and Human Health
- TF on Education in Forest Sciences
- TF on International Forest Governance
- TFs established to cover IUFRO's six key Research Goals

IUFRO Strategy 2010-2014

Orientation of IUFRO's work along the following six thematic areas:

- Forests for People,
- Climate Change,
- Forest Bioenergy,
- Forest Biodiversity Conservation,
- Forests and Water Interactions, and
- Resources for the Future Forests.
IUFRO’s Special Programme for Developing Countries

**Mission:**

“To expand research capacity in economically disadvantaged countries so as to strengthen the role of forest science in policy and management practices and thus contribute to rural development and human well-being.”

**Work Programme 2010-2014**

**Priority Areas**

1. Core research qualifications
2. Forest information management and dissemination
3. Science contribution to forest policy
4. Research communication
5. Multi-stakeholder learning and networking

**Science contribution to forest policy**

**Training Workshops:**

“Working effectively at the interface of forest science and forest policy”

“International forest-related initiatives and agreements and their implementation in the context of national forest programmes – Linking science with practice”

**Communicating forest research**

**Training Course:**

“Communicating forest research – Making science work for policy and management”

- Rules for successful communication
- PR instruments
- Inter/intranational communication
- Media and internet communication
- Success stories from around the world

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