



International Union of Forest Research Organizations
Union Internationale des Instituts de Recherches Forestières
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Unión Internacional de Institutos de Investigación Forestal

IUFRO Honours and Awards

Distinguished Service Award (DSA)

Recognizes those whose work has substantially contributed to furthering the scientific, technical, and organizational aims of IUFRO, such as accomplishing a special task in improving IUFRO's organization, outstanding work as an officeholder, strengthening IUFRO's activities in a geographic region, fostering IUFRO's international position, or outstanding research accomplishments not otherwise recognized by other awards. The DSA can only be given to the individual once in his/her lifetime. Normally two to three Distinguished Service Awards are made each year.

Nominations can be made by IUFRO officeholders and members any time, but at least two months prior to the next Board meeting. Nominations and supporting material should be sent to the Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee with a copy to the Executive Director. Nominations are approved by the Board.

The awards are presented either by the President or by a high-ranking officeholder acting on the President's behalf. The time and place for presenting each award is coordinated by the IUFRO Secretariat, in conjunction with the appropriate IUFRO officeholders. The names of the recipients are published in IUFRO News, the Annual Report and the Congress Report.

Details

Authority

IUFRO Board, Statutes Article II, Paragraph 4.7; Statutes Article XIV; Internal Regulations Section XII

Purpose

To recognize those whose work has substantially furthered the aims of IUFRO.

Award

The award shall consist of a brief citation on a representative token.

Criteria

1. The candidate must have been officially associated with IUFRO (e.g. officeholder, staff member).
2. The candidate must have displayed distinguished service to IUFRO including exemplary actions in at least two of the following:
 - organized one or more IUFRO training courses, seminars or conferences
 - organized one or more conferences or sessions at a IUFRO Congress

- increased/encouraged IUFRO membership enrolment
- raised funds or encouraged sponsorship for IUFRO activities
- developed new IUFRO initiatives, e.g. Working Parties, programmes, Task Forces, etc.
- produced publications for IUFRO, e.g. proceedings, policy briefs, other IUFRO publications
- chaired IUFRO committee(s)
- represented/promoted IUFRO at international meetings.

Number or Frequency

On average two to three awards can be made annually, depending on the quality of nominations.

Eligibility

The award is open to any individual or group of officeholders (other than current Board members), or organizational members of IUFRO and can only be given once in the person(s) lifetime.

Nominations

Candidates shall be nominated by at least two IUFRO officeholders or members, one of whom is not from the same country as the nominee. Each nominator must produce a letter of nomination highlighting the candidate's contributions to IUFRO, stating also the candidate's length of active service to IUFRO. A CV of the candidate's IUFRO related activities and publications (where relevant) should also be included in the nomination package.

No self-nominations are permitted.

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Selection

The Honours and Awards Committee appointed by the President of IUFRO shall evaluate nominations and present recommendations to the Board for approval.

Presentation

Presentations shall be made at the time of a significant event organized by IUFRO or a Member Organization as determined by the President of IUFRO. Awards shall be presented by the President or his/ her designee at a suitable occasion to reflect high credit and visibility to the awardee.