



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

IUFRO Honours and Awards

Scientific Achievement Awards (SAA)

At each World Congress, IUFRO recognizes outstanding achievements of up to ten scientists. Awards will be made for research results published in scientific journals, proceedings of scientific meetings or books, or appropriate patents or other relevant evidence that clearly demonstrates the importance of the scientific or technical achievement to the advancement of regional or world forestry or forest research.

Other criteria of judgement are dissemination of results, implementation of knowledge, methods or techniques in practical forestry and skilled research management.

The President invites nominations about two years in advance of the next World Congress. Nominations may be made by a member of the nominee's parent organization, by Coordinators of Divisions, Research Groups, Working Parties and Task Forces, and by other officeholders and knowledgeable persons associated with the Union (but no self-nominations). Nominees must either belong to IUFRO Member Organizations or be Individual Members of IUFRO.

Nominations and supporting documents should be sent to the Executive Director of IUFRO with a copy to the Chair of the IUFRO Honours and Awards Committee.

Nominations are evaluated by the Honours and Awards Committee and approved by the Board of IUFRO.

The award consists of a medallion, a certificate, the most economical cost of (air) travel/subsidized travel to attend the World Congress, and waiver of World Congress registration fees.

The awards will be presented at the opening or closing ceremony of the ensuing World Congress. Attendance at the ceremony is requested. The names of the recipients will be published in IUFRO News, the Annual Report and the World Congress Report.

Details

Authority

IUFRO Board, Statutes Article XIV; Statutes Section V art 7.2; Section XII art 1; Internal Regulations Section XII, Paragraph 1.

Purpose

To recognize distinguished individual scientific achievements within the fields of research covered by the Union.

Award

The award shall consist of a medallion, a certificate, the most economical cost of (air) travel/subsidized travel to attend the World Congress, and waiver of the World Congress registration fees.

Criteria

Awards will be made for outstanding research published in:

- scientific journals
- proceedings of scientific meetings or books, or
- appropriate patents, or
- other relevant evidence that clearly demonstrates the importance of the nominee's achievements to the advancement of regional or world forestry or forest research.

The results may be from significant research of a highly original nature or from an extended period of major accomplishment in a particular field.

Other criteria of judgement are dissemination of results, implementation of knowledge, methods or techniques in practical forestry and skilled research management (success in publications, meetings, funding etc. in a larger group than the individual) and involvement in IUFRO activities.

Number of Awards

Up to 10 awards may be made at each IUFRO World Congress subject to the availability of candidates of outstanding merit.

Eligibility

The award is open to any person provided that his/ her parent organization is a Member Organization of IUFRO or that he/she is an Individual Member of IUFRO. No member of the IUFRO voting Board or of the Honours and Awards Committee is eligible while holding such office.

Nominations

Nominations will be invited from IUFRO Member Organizations, IUFRO Divisions and Research Groups by the President about two years in advance of the next World Congress. Nominations may be made by a member of the nominee's parent organization, by Coordinators of Divisions, Research Groups, Working Parties and Task Forces, and by other officeholders and knowledgeable persons associated with the Union. No self-nominations are permitted.

Nominations shall be accompanied in addition by:

- two letters of support
- a publications list
- abstracts of 5 of the most important publications,
- and a paragraph explaining the relevance of these contributions to regional or world forestry.

Nominations shall be sent to the Executive Director of IUFRO with a copy to the Chair of the IUFRO Honours and Awards Committee.

Selection

The Honours and Awards Committee shall evaluate nominations and present recommendations to the IUFRO Board approximately 12 months in advance of the next World Congress. The awardees shall be approved by the IUFRO Board, so that both awardees and sponsors can be notified well in advance of the World Congress.

Presentation

The awards shall be formally presented at the opening or closing ceremony of the ensuing World Congress.