



International Union of Forest Research Organizations
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IUFRO Honours and Awards

World Congress Host Scientific Award

IUFRO honours deserving individuals and Member Organizations through a number of distinctions and awards. The International Council and the Board of IUFRO are assisted by an Honours and Awards Committee (appointed by the Board) in deciding on recipients of the various Honours and Awards. There are presently four awards that relate to scientific endeavour: the Scientific Achievement Award; the Outstanding Doctoral Research Award; the Best Poster Award, which was first introduced at the 2000 Congress; and the IUFRO Students Award for Excellence in Science, which was approved at the Board Meeting in 2002.

In the course of preparing for the incoming IUFRO World Congress, the Congress Organizing Committee (COC) is invited to recommend the recipient of an award for pre-eminent forest scientists from the country/ies that host the IUFRO World Congress.

Details

Authority

IUFRO Board and IUFRO Congress Organizing Committee (COC); Statutes Article XVI, Paragraph 3, and Internal Regulations Section XII, Paragraph 2.

Purpose

The Congress Host Scientific Award honours a truly outstanding scientist from the Congress host country/countries who has elevated the profile of forest science and research accomplishments.

Award

The award shall consist of a scroll and a cash honorarium, both provided by IUFRO in agreement with the IUFRO World Congress host country/countries.

Criteria

The recipient(s) of this prestigious award would be regarded as the pre-eminent forest scientist of contemporary times in the host country/countries. They would have an unchallengeable international standing in the scientific community, and would be either still professionally active or recently (within 5 years) retired.

The main criteria to qualify for this award are:

- an extensive list of publications in highly reputable scientific journals over a prolonged period of one or more decades;
 - an author or senior author of books/book chapters and/or monographs of an international scientific standard;
 - a focus on research achievement as distinct from research administration, although a combined endeavour in both will be considered;
 - demonstrated impact of scientific achievement on one or more sectors of the forest and forest-based industries from social, environmental, cultural, economic or biological perspectives.
- Evidence of contribution to the advancement of forest science internationally would be favourably considered.

Number of Awards

At least one (1) award may be made at each IUFRO World Congress.

Eligibility

The award is open to any person nominated by the COC and approved by the IUFRO Board and not restricted to IUFRO members only.

Nominations

Under the auspices of IUFRO, the COC will invite nominations from all local/regional institutes involved in forest or forest-related sciences in the country/ countries hosting the IUFRO World Congress. The institute does not need to be a IUFRO member. Nominations can also be made by IUFRO Member Organizations outside the country/countries hosting the IUFRO World Congress. About fifteen (15) months prior to the Congress, the COC will meet to short-list nominations.

Selection

The short list, with a recommendation on the COC's preferred recipient, will be forwarded to the IUFRO Honours and Awards Committee (HAC). The HAC can then make a final recommendation to the IUFRO Board meeting twelve (12) months prior to the Congress. Any host country/countries member of the Enlarged Board of IUFRO should be invited to participate in the COC selection process.

Presentation

The award shall be formally presented by the head/s of state or state representative/s of the host country/ countries at the opening or closing ceremony of the IUFRO World Congress.