



IUFRO Student Award for Excellence in Forest Sciences (ISA)

Authority

IUFRO Board. Statutes Article XVI and Internal Regulations Section XIV.

Purpose

To recognise outstanding individual achievements in forest science made by **Masters degree students (or equivalent)**, and to encourage their further work within the fields of research covered by the Union.

Award

A certificate, the most economical cost of (air) travel/subsidized travel to attend the World Congress, waiver of World Congress registration fees.

Number of Awards

One award per IUFRO Division may be made at each IUFRO World Congress subject to the availability of candidates of outstanding merit.

Eligibility

The award is open to IUFRO members and IFSA students (via IFSA Secretariat/Liaison Officer).

Criteria

Awards shall be made for outstanding individual scientific achievements during the university studies or within 3 years after graduation within the 5-year IUFRO Congress period. In order to be judged as outstanding the work should meet the following requirements:

- relevant
- show innovative thinking
- use appropriate methodology
- results already presented/published

In addition, highlights of the award winning work should be presented during the World Congress.

Nominations

The IUFRO President shall invite nominations from IUFRO Member Organizations, officeholders of IUFRO, or by IFSA members about two years in advance of the next World Congress. The President will announce the themes for which the awards shall be presented. The themes should be related to the IUFRO Structure (Divisions, Task Forces, Programmes and Projects) and should not be repeated within an inter-Congress period. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

The following documentation must be submitted together with the nomination to the IUFRO Secretariat before the deadline:

- the title of the thesis (there is no need to submit the thesis)
- two letters of support
- detailed CV listing publications especially those associated with the Masters/ Diploma thesis
- the relevant publications, preferably in electronic form.

Language

All relevant documents must be submitted in one of the four IUFRO languages (English, French, German and Spanish). Publications in other languages have to be translated into any one of the four IUFRO languages.

Selection

The Honours and Awards Committee shall evaluate nominations and present recommendations to the IUFRO Board 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 a special plenary session where award winners are expected to present highlights of their award winning work. IUFRO shall find sponsors to cover the costs of the awards. The names of awardees and sponsors shall be published in IUFRO News and the Annual Report.