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Forests for People –

International experiences and the vital role for the future

A contribution to the United Nations Strategy on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)

The 1st Conference “Forest for People” will take place in Alpbach, Tyrol/Austria, May 22-24, 2012

The aim of this conference is to build a systematic **body of knowledge** about “forest for people” and its various facets, including possible future trends and challenges.

This conference and the follow-up process aim to integrate knowledge **from various disciplines**.

The main themes of the conference are:

- **Livelihoods** — issues of agro-forestry, food security, fuels, poverty alleviation, and human dislocation;
- **Health, Recreation and Tourism** — issues of human health, recreation and nature-based tourism;
- **Urban and Rural Landscapes** — issues of ecosystem services, economic benefit and development, spaces and places for living, urban forestry
- **Culture and Education** — issues of perceptions of forests, spiritual character, education, historical tradition and practice, communication and governance

The conference will also offer **several field trips**, guided by the Austrian Forest service, and an unforgettable **conference dinner in a mountain hut**.

The IUFRO conference is organized by the **University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU)** Vienna ,
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Find more information about the Conference here:

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Deadline for Abstracts:
January 22, 2012



Keynote: Janaki Alavalapati is Professor and head of the department at Virginia Tech, USA. He will talk about new trends in the forests-people interface, and compare management and governance of developed and developing regions focusing on intensive forestry, agro-forestry, bio-energy, and environmental services.

Keynote: Liisa Tyrväinen is Professor for nature based tourism at the Finnish Forest Research Institute and the University of Lapland. She will present and discuss new developments in the field of human health, recreation and nature based tourism in developed countries.

Keynote: Georg Erlacher is President of EUSTAFOR, the European State Forest Association in Brussels, and member of the executive board of the Austrian Federal Forest Service. His keynote will focus on the multifaceted demands faced by Europe in light of international challenges.

