

Final Announcement: Bio-economy Symposium

Sowing Innovation – Reaping Sustainability Forests' Crucial Role in a Green Economy Vienna, Austria, 13 – 14 April 2015



The International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) is pleased to announce that the Symposium "Sowing Innovation - Reaping Sustainability: Forests' Crucial Role in a Green Economy" will be held in collaboration with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (BMLFUW) prior to the IUFRO Enlarged Board meeting. The symposium will be part of the Austrian Forest Dialogue (*Walddialog*).

The Symposium will be held in English. Participation is free of charge. Please note that the number of places is limited. **Please register by 31 March** by writing to Ms. Astrid Toppel (toppel@iufro.org).

Please make sure to bring a *valid photo ID* for entry into the Ministry buildings!

Detailed Programme:

Monday, 13 April: (BMLFUW, Stubenring 1, Marmorsaal)

16:00-17:30

- *Welcome address* by Prof. Mike WINGFIELD, IUFRO President
- *Presentation* by Dr. Xaver EDELMANN, Founder and President of the World Resources Forum
- *Presentation* by Dr. Christian HELMENSTEIN, Chief Economist, Federation of Austrian Industries
- *Official Opening* by Mr. Andrä RUPPRECHTER, Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

Moderator: Mr. Gerhard MANNSBERGER, Director General of the Forestry Department, BMLFUW

Following the speeches: Reception hosted by the Austrian Minister responsible for forests

Tuesday, 14 April: (Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Favoritenstraße 15a, Festsaal)

09:00-10:45

- *Welcome and introduction* by the moderator Prof. Björn HÅNELL (IUFRO Vice-President Divisions)
- *Presentations by:*
Prof. Lauri HETEMÄKI (European Forest Institute) "*The Future of European Forest-Based Sector*"
Prof. John INNES (University of British Columbia) and Don ROBERTS (Nawitka Capital Advisors Ltd.) "*Investment Opportunities in the Forest-Based Bio-economy*"
Prof. Daniela KLEINSCHMIT (Freiburg University) "*Governance Perspectives about the Forest Sector in a Bio-economy*"

10:45-11:15 *Coffee and tea break*

11:15-13:15 *Panel discussion including following panellists:*

- Prof. Lauri HETEMÄKI (European Forest Institute)
- Prof. John INNES (University of British Columbia)
- Prof. Daniela KLEINSCHMIT (Freiburg University)
- Mr. Johan ELVNERT (Forest-based Sector Technology Platform – FTP)
- Prof. Hubert DÜRRSTEIN (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences - BOKU, Vienna)
- Mr. Gerhard MANNSBERGER (BMLFUW)

Moderator: Dr. Peter MAYER (Director of the Austrian Research Centre for Forests)

13:15-13:30 *Wrap-up by moderator and closing remarks* by Prof. Mike WINGFIELD, IUFRO President

13:30-15:00 *Lunch*