



First announcement: International IUFRO Conference of Units 5.01.04 and 3.04.02
WOOD QC: A Wood Quality and Supply Chain Modelling Conference
 Quebec, Canada, 13-17 June 2016

The 8th international conference of IUFRO Working Parties 5.01.04 and 3.02.04: 'Modelling Wood Quality, Supply and Value Chain Networks' will take place from 13-17 June 2016 in Quebec City, Canada.

Laval University will host this 8th meeting of Working Party 5.01.04 – Wood Quality Modelling, which is being held for the first time in Eastern Canada. Past meetings have taken place in Sweden (1994), South Africa (1996), France (1999), Canada (2002), New Zealand (2005), Finland (2008) and France (2013). In an effort to stimulate collaboration and knowledge transfer across IUFRO divisions, the 2016 edition will be held in conjunction with Working Party 3.04.02 – Supply Chain Management. The conference brings together scientists from around the world to share ideas and innovations in the fields of forest growth and wood quality modelling, and wood supply and value chain network optimisation. A key objective of the conference is to foster international partnerships aimed at improving data acquisition and sharing, modelling methods, model integration and the development of tools for end-users that can ultimately increase the value of the forest resource.

The organizing committee would like invite you to this upcoming event, which will take place in charming Quebec City and in the beautiful landscape of Charlevoix (details in future announcements). We invite you to think about presenting a talk or poster related to:
 Conference themes:

- Building integrated model chains for predicting forest growth, wood quality and value in a changing environment
- Multi-scale modelling of wood properties: from the cell wall to end-products
- Wood supply and value chain modelling and optimisation
- Enhanced inventory methods for mapping wood quality
- Integration of genetic selection and genomics with tree and wood quality models
- Development and application of simulation tools for the forest sector

Please save the dates and distribute this announcement in your scientific network. Another announcement will follow soon to provide a link to our upcoming web site and more detailed information about the programme, including the first call for abstract submissions. Apologies for multiple postings.

We hope to see you in Quebec City - Baie-St-Paul in June 2016!

Best regards,
 Alexis Achim, head of the Organizing Committee

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