

Benefits from Attending the IUFRO All-Division 5 (Forest Products) Meetings

The IUFRO All-Division 5 (Forest Products) Meeting is an excellent venue for developing a network of international technical contacts. It helps young (and veteran) scientists build a network of technical colleagues and broadened interests. Development of these technical collaborations often benefits both scientists and their native countries. However, face to face meetings are precursors to the initiation of scientific collaboration. Becoming acquainted with the scientific work of others, their professional organizations and their national culture, opens opportunities to develop collaborative work. The value of collaborations can be huge, but they require investment in their development and nurture. The All-Division 5 Meeting is an excellent example where an internationally recognized body of people from many technical areas in the field of forest products utilization and marketing congregate and network, so that any participant is likely to be able to plug into the right group.

Specific Advantages to Scientists

- Learn and help define the state-of-art in international research on the utilization, engineering, and marketing of wood- and bio-based products
- Network with and share ideas on forest products-related science and research with other international leaders in the field
- Broaden each participant's individual interests related to the culturing, utilization and valuation of wood- and bio-based products
- Help define the International movement toward sustainable use of natural resources
- Enhance and advance national programs related to the sustainable and efficient culturing, utilization and valuation of wood- and bio-based products
- Enhance and develop advanced oral and written presentation skills (especially valuable for scientists for whom English is not their native language).
- Develop international recognition as each presentation requires a technical presentation (oral or poster) and a published abstract with a good chance that some of these papers will be published later in technical venues
- Facilitate and promote aspects of commercialization of scientific and research activities with the forest products industry participants
- Assist the IUFRO Forest Products Division in maintaining strong links with recognized international research groups, such as IAWA, IAWS or IRG, that would also be very meaningful to the delegates