



Third IUFRO Latin American Congress

Forests, competitiveness and sustainable landscapes

**San Jose, Costa Rica
June 12th to 15th, 2013**

First call for submission of abstracts

The International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) and the Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) will hold the Third IUFRO Latin American Congress (IUFROLAT) in San José, Costa Rica from 12 to 15 June 2013.

For four days, the Congress will provide a platform for researchers and academics including their colleagues from other parts of the world, the private sector, trade unions, journalists and policy makers to exchange information and experiences on critical issues affecting trees, forest ecosystems and landscapes, and their contribution to development in Latin America.

The overall goal of the Congress is to demonstrate how forest science is impacting on livelihoods, environment and sustainable development in the Latin America and Caribbean region. With the slogan "Forests, Competitiveness and Sustainable Landscapes", the Congress will highlight research that offers information on management and policy relevant to policy makers and practitioners at local, national and regional levels.

The Congress organisers welcome all interested parties to submit papers in order to share and discuss research results, new ideas, approaches to forest and landscape management, experiences, conceptual models and initiatives of interest.

This is the **first call for submission of abstracts**. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is 31 December, 2012.

Types of submissions

Delegates may submit one of the following:

- (a) Session proposal
- (b) Oral presentation or
- (c) Poster

In case of (b) and (c) please indicate in the message accompanying your abstract whether you would prefer either a poster or oral presentation, or no preference.

Abstracts and papers will be published on the Congress website and distributed electronically to all participants at the beginning of the Congress. Furthermore, the Scientific Committee will select a few of the papers of particular interest in each thematic area to be published in a special issue of the journal Environment & Natural Resources ([Recursos Naturales y Ambiente](#)).

Papers should address innovative proposals, current and relevant research, field experiences, educational programs, development projects or case studies.

Themes, sub-themes and topics

The three central themes of IUFROLAT are I) Forests and Ecosystem Services, II) Competitiveness of the Forestry Sector and III) Landscape Management and Governance. Each one of these themes has been further specified indicating sub-themes and potential topics providing the range of preferred issues to be addressed in the Congress. The full list is presented in Annex 1.

SESSION PROPOSALS

We also invite submission of proposals for specific technical sessions relevant to the themes of the Congress. Such proposals should include:

- a session title
- a brief (2-3 sentence) description of the objectives of the session
- the full name(s), address (es), and email address of the session organizer.

Organizers will be responsible for ensuring that proposed speakers submit their abstracts to the Chair of the CSC before the December 31, 2012 deadline and will be expected to chair their sessions during the Congress.

Deadlines

A tentative list of proposed speakers may be included. Proposals should be submitted by end of November 2012 to the Chair of the Congress Scientific Committee (CSC).

Session proposals will be reviewed by the Congress Scientific Committee and decisions made regarding their acceptance by December 31, 2012. Additional presentations may be added to the program by the CSC based on the open call for abstracts.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Selection criteria

All submissions will be peer-reviewed and sorted according to the following criteria:

- **Relevance:** Is the contribution relevant to the overall focus of the congress and thematic sessions? Is it addressing current and emerging issues and thus attractive to a large number of participants?
- **Scope:** Content of the paper is applicable to a significant number of countries or at least one eco-region in LAC
- **Quality:** Is the study coherent, well-structured, readable, and understandable?
- **Originality:** Does the paper or poster present an innovative or original handling of the subject? (All work must be original and must not have been previously published).

Comment by Michael: Originality could spark misunderstanding that we do not accept papers that provide literature studies or scientific synthesis. Do we really want that??

Deadlines

- Submission of abstracts: December 31st, 2012
- Notification of acceptance of abstract for oral presentation/poster: February 28th, 2013
- Delivery of full-text documents (for oral presentations only): May 15th, 2013

Agreement with the speakers

All persons whose papers are accepted and who plan to attend the conference must register and pay the registration fee, latest by May 15th, 2013. Some selected and registered participants will be requested to coordinate (moderate) sessions or roundtable discussions.

Guidelines for abstract submission (oral presentation or poster)

Maximum of 400 words in Arial 11, indicating the objective, the state of the findings and the most important conclusions. Please do not include tables, figures and references. Please indicate, in your submission, if your work will be presented in an oral presentation or as a poster, and within which theme and sub-theme you are applying to. In any case, during the evaluation by the Scientific Committee, there may be a reorganization of the studies in order to determine which ones are most suitable for oral presentations or as posters, based on the focus of the paper.

Languages: English, Spanish or Portuguese.

<p style="text-align: center;">Title centered bold (Arial, 12) Name of Author / s (Arial 11, right) Main author's institution, if applicable. (Arial 10, centered) Mailing address, e-mail * (Arial 10, centered) Keywords: maximum five in italics (Arial font 10, centered)</p>
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Abstracts should be sent in Word files to iufrolat@catie.ac.cr

Organizers :



ANNEX 1: List of Priority Themes, Sub-Themes and Topics

I Forests and Ecosystem Services

- a) Ecology and silviculture of forest ecosystems
 - Forest plantation silviculture
 - Silviculture of natural forests
 - Genetic (breeding) improvement
 - Genetic erosion from deforestation, degradation and other
 - Forest Restoration
 - Health in the forest ecosystem
- b) Use of forest products
 - Models for planning and management
 - Adaptive Management
 - Forest operations
 - Timber and non-timber forest products
- c) Agroforestry systems
 - Trees outside forests
 - Management of agroforestry systems (AFS)
 - AFS and food security
 - AFS and climate change
- d) Forests and water resources
 - Hydrological services of forest ecosystems
 - Relationship water resources and management practices
 - Forests, water resources and climate change
- e) Forests and other ecosystem services
 - Roles and services of forest ecosystems
 - Payment for ecosystem services
 - Management for the provision of services

II Competitiveness of the Forestry Sector

- a) Human capital for development
 - Education and training
 - Academic and research institutions
 - Leadership for forestry development
 - Preservation of local knowledge
 - Forests and equity

- b) Production chains and value chains in the forestry sector
 - Industrial forestry development
 - Technological innovation in the sector
 - Forests and energy
 - Markets and investments for the diversity of forest goods and services
 - Development of small and medium forest enterprises
 - Profitability of forestry activities

- c) The contribution of forests to local and national economies
 - Comprehensive analysis of the contribution of the forest sector, including analysis of livelihoods
 - Forests, rural poverty and development
 - Contribution of various resources, ecosystems and production systems to the provision of forest products
 - Flows and assets of forestry in national economies
 - Payment for ecosystem services and incentives

- d) Policy and legislation in favor of the promotion of forest economies
 - Interface between science and policy
 - Forest Policy and Legislation
 - Interaction between forest and non-forest policies
 - Continuity and discontinuity of policies
 - Forestry Institutions (formal, informal)
 - New paradigms of forestry institutions, roles and relation between public sector and others

- e) International regulations, agreements, policies and incentives
 - Barriers and opportunities around FLEGT, CITES, other
 - Timber certification
 - Trade agreements

- f) Community Forestry
 - Management of community enterprises and their challenges
 - Economic viability and distribution of costs and benefits
 - Incentives for community forestry

- g) Strategic communication for forest development
 - Communication for advocacy
 - Social awareness about the forestry sector
 - Marketing of the forestry sector
 - Institutional capacities for communication

III Landscape Management and Governance

a) Forests and food security

- Forests and food security
- Forests and Human Health
- Food security in the context of integrated land management
- Options: "Land sparing" versus "land sharing"

b) Implementation of international conventions

- Management for mitigation and adaptation to climate change
- Proposals for mitigation and benefit distributions
- Progress and limitations of REED +initiatives
- Desertification and biodiversity
- Implementation of an ecosystem based approach
- Restoration at a territorial scale

c) Governance of forest lands

- Land governance approaches: model forests, biological corridors, biosphere reserves, etc.
- Management of forest territories: concessions, extractive reserves, indigenous lands, etc
- Challenges and governance scenarios for forest management
- Relations between national governments and local counterparts
- Public/private initiatives for territorial management
- Multiple levels of governance and climate change

d) Political and market pressures on territories

- The expansion of agribusiness (biofuels and others)
- Processes of large-scale appropriation of land
- Urban expansion and demand for food
- Impacts of infrastructure investments
- Deforestation

e) Ecosystem management of forest territories

- Ecosystem interactions biodiversity-people
- Adaptive approach at territorial scale
- Ecosystem management of protected areas and forest landscapes
- Inclusion of forests and other landscape in the provision of ecosystem services
- Restoration of forest landscapes