



International Union of Forest Research Organizations
Union Internationale des Instituts de Recherches Forestières
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Unión Internacional de Institutos de Investigación Forestal

IUFRO Honours and Awards

Outstanding Doctoral Research Awards (ODRA)

At each World Congress, IUFRO recognizes outstanding individual scientific achievements of recent Doctoral research.

Awards will be made for path-breaking doctoral dissertations completed in the period 2018-2023 .

The President invites nominations about two years in advance of the next World Congress. Nominations may be made by a member of the nominee's parent organization, by Coordinators of Divisions, Research Groups, Working Parties, Task Forces and by other officeholders and knowledgeable persons associated with the Union (but no self-nominations). Nominees must either belong to IUFRO Member Organizations or be Individual Members of IUFRO.

Nominations and supporting documents shall be sent to the Executive Director of IUFRO with a copy to the Chair of the IUFRO Honours and Awards Committee within the deadline suggested by the HAC.

Nominations will be evaluated by the Honours and Awards Committee and approved by the Board of IUFRO. The award consists of a medallion, a certificate, the most economical cost of (air) travel/subsidized travel to attend the World Congress, and waiver of the Congress registration fees.

The awards will be presented at a special plenary session where awardees will present highlights of the award-winning work. The recipients will be specially mentioned during the Opening/Closing ceremony of the IUFRO World Congress and their names will be published in IUFRO News.

Details

Authority

IUFRO Board, Statutes Article II, Paragraph 4.7; Statutes Article XIV; Internal Regulations Section XII.

Purpose

To recognize outstanding individual scientific achievements of recent Doctoral research and to encourage further work within the fields of research covered by the Union.

Award

The award shall consist of a medallion, a certificate, the most economical cost of (air) travel/subsidized travel to attend the World Congress, and waiver of Congress registration fees.

Criteria

Awards will be made for path-breaking doctoral dissertations completed *in the period 2018-2023*. The work must be:

- relevant for that field;
- show innovative thinking;
- use appropriate methodology;
- results should already have been presented/ published.

Number of Awards

One award per IUFRO Division may be made at each IUFRO World Congress subject to the availability of candidates of outstanding merit.

Eligibility

The award is open to any person provided that his/her parent organization is a Member Organization of IUFRO or that he/she is an Individual Member of IUFRO. No member of the IUFRO Board, nor of the Honours and Awards Committee, is eligible while holding such office.

Nominations

Nominations will be invited from IUFRO Member Organizations, IUFRO Divisions and Research Groups by the President about two years in advance of the next World Congress. Nominations may be made by a member of the nominee's parent organization, by Coordinators of Divisions, Research Groups, Working Parties, Task Forces and by other officeholders and knowledgeable persons associated with the Union (but no self-nominations).

Nominations must be accompanied by:

- brief write-up about motivation of research
- two letters of support
- detailed CV, listing publications associated with the doctoral research work
- relevant publications, preferably in electronic form.

Nominations should preferably be in English, but French, German or Spanish will also be accepted.

Nominations shall be sent to the Executive Director of IUFRO before the deadline with a copy to the Chair of the IUFRO Honours and Awards Committee.

Selection

The Honours and Awards Committee shall evaluate nominations and present recommendations to the IUFRO Board *within the deadline suggested by the HAC*. The awardees shall be approved by the IUFRO Board, so that both awardees and sponsors can be notified well in advance of the World Congress.

Presentation

The awards shall be formally presented at a special plenary session where awardees will present highlights of the award-winning work.