



International Union of Forest Research Organizations
Union Internationale des Instituts de Recherches Forestières
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IUFRO Honours and Awards

Student Awards for Excellence in Forest Science (ISA)

This award aims at Master degree students (or equivalent) of forest-related sciences and recognizes outstanding individual scientific achievements made for degrees (or equivalent) completed in the period 2018-2023, to encourage further work within the fields of research covered by IUFRO. One award per IUFRO Division may be presented at each IUFRO World Congress for work in defined fields, which could be identical with the IUFRO Divisions. The President of IUFRO announces the themes approximately two years in advance of the Congress.

The submission of such a Master's/ diploma thesis should only be through IUFRO members and through the International Forest Students' Association (IFSA, via IFSA Secretariat/Liaison officer), self-nominations are not permitted.

Nominations shall be evaluated by the Honours and Awards Committee and the awardees will be approved by the Board of IUFRO. The Award shall consist of a certificate, the most economical cost of (air) travel/subsidized travel to attend the IUFRO World Congress, and waiver of the Congress registration fees. The awards shall be formally presented at a special plenary session where award winners are expected to present highlights of their award winning work. Their names will be published in IUFRO News and the Annual Report.

Details

Authority

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

Purpose

To recognize outstanding individual achievements in forest science made by Masters degree students (or equivalent), and to encourage their further work within the fields of research covered by the Union.

Award

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

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 IUFRO members and IFSA students (via IFSA Secretariat/Liaison Officer).

Criteria

Awards shall be made for outstanding individual scientific achievements during the university studies or within three years after graduation within the 5-year IUFRO Congress period. In order to be judged as outstanding the work should meet the following requirements:

- relevance to the Congress themes
- likely impact
- innovative thinking
- appropriate methodology
- results already presented/published

In addition, highlights of the award-winning work should be presented during the World Congress.

Nominations

The IUFRO President shall invite nominations from IUFRO Member Organizations, officeholders of IUFRO, or IFSA members about two years in advance of the next World Congress. The themes should be related to the IUFRO Structure (Divisions, Task Forces, Programmes and Projects). Self-nominations will not be accepted.

The following documentation must be submitted together with the nomination to the IUFRO Secretariat before the deadline:

- the title of the thesis (there is no need to submit the thesis)
- brief write-up about motivation of the thesis
- two letters of support
- detailed CV listing publications especially those associated with the Masters/Diploma thesis
- the relevant publications, preferably in electronic format

Language

All relevant documents must be submitted in one of the four IUFRO languages (English, French, German and Spanish). Publications in other languages have to be translated into any of the four IUFRO languages.

Selection

The Honours and Awards Committee shall evaluate the 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 they can be notified well in advance of the World Congress.

Presentation

The awards shall be formally presented at a special plenary session where award winners are expected to present highlights of their award-winning work. IUFRO may find sponsors to cover the costs of the awards. The names of the awardees and sponsors shall be published in IUFRO News and the Annual Report.