



IUFRO Conference

Division 8 – RG 8.02 – Forest biodiversity
and WP 1.01.05 – Mountain forest management

Biodiversity in forest ecosystems and landscapes

5-8th August 2008, Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada

First announcement and call for abstracts

Scope and objectives

The conference will provide a unique opportunity to gather all the working parties of the IUFRO Division 8 research group on Forest Biodiversity. The purpose of the conference is to enable participants to share knowledge, to discuss new trends and reflect on future directions in biodiversity management for sustainable forestry, and to provide a stronger scientific basis for biodiversity management in forest landscapes. Specific aspects of biodiversity management in mountain forests will also be discussed with participants from Division 1. (Please note that the conference is open to all, and IUFRO membership is not required for attendance of the conference.)

Tentative Programme

The conference will be organized in 5 main sessions covering the following broad topics:

1. Monitoring of forest biodiversity at different spatial scales
2. Biodiversity and forest ecosystem functioning
3. Biodiversity conservation in forested landscapes
4. Biodiversity and ecosystem goods and services
5. Mountain forests and biodiversity management

Papers dealing with forest biodiversity and climate change are welcome in all sessions of the conference.

Conference format:

Concurrent sessions will not be held at the conference. This will allow participants to attend all the presentations and participate in multi-disciplinary discussions. A poster session is also proposed. The programme will include a one-day field trip and an optional post-conference tour.

The conference is hosted by the Thompson River University (TRU) in Kamloops and by IUFRO Division 8. The conference venue is located at TRU in Kamloops, British Columbia.

Updated information concerning the Conference, including a preliminary program, registration, hotel information, key dates and deadlines, etc., will be available soon at www.tru.ca/on_campus/conferences.html

About Kamloops:

Kamloops is a small city of 90,000 people in the dry Interior of British Columbia. It is situated in a broad valley at the meeting point of two major rivers and is surrounded by mountains. IUFRO visitors can experience the many types of grasslands and forests found in the Region by visiting City Parks and neighbouring Provincial Parks. More information can be found at <http://www.tourismkamloops.com> and <http://www.kamloops.ca>

Local forest and grassland ecology studies will be featured in the in-conference field tour. Some of these studies are examining the impact of the vast mountain pine beetle epidemic (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*) on lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta* var. *latifolia*) and ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) forests.

Kamloops is easily accessible by road (4 hours) and air (1 hour) from Vancouver B.C.

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Supporting IUFRO groups

8.02.00 – Forest biodiversity

- 8.02.01 – Key factors and ecological functions for forest biodiversity
- 8.02.02 – Forest biodiversity and resilience
- 8.02.03 – Humus and soil biodiversity
- 8.02.04 – Ecology of alien invasives
- 8.02.05 – Wildlife conservation and management
- new Working Party on aquatic biodiversity in forested landscapes

1.01.05 – Mountain forest management

Information on the Conference

For further information visit the conference web site at:

www.tru.ca/on_campus/conferences.html

Call for papers

This Call for papers invites prospective participants to submit of abstracts for contributed papers and posters addressing the purposes and topics of the Conference as described above. Abstracts of 300 words or less are due by March 31st, 2008 and should be submitted electronically, providing Title, Conference Topic, Author(s) name(s), affiliation, address, e-mail, phone, and an indication of preference for an Oral paper or a Poster, at: www.tru.ca/on_campus/conferences.html

The Conference Scientific Committee will review submitted abstracts to determine acceptance and appropriate session assignment. Abstract submitters will be notified of acceptance by 30 April 2008. Plenary, special topic, and poster sessions are being planned. Space will be available for poster display throughout the Conference and will be highlighted during the conference. The Scientific Committee is open to proposals for special workshops and complementary side meetings.

Extended abstracts (short papers) of all accepted presentations (oral and poster) will be published online and distributed at the Conference. Arrangements may be developed for special refereed journal issues, that will offer selected presenters the opportunity for expedited article submissions.

The Conference does not reimburse authors for expenses incurred, either in the preparation of abstracts or final papers, or for travelling to the conference. *Authors who are travelling to the Conference from outside of Canada are responsible for obtaining all of the necessary travel documents.*