Joint IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on Forest Education

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A platform for addressing key emerging topics in forest education by bringing together the perspectives of non-governmental organizations, researchers, and students.

2015-2019 Achievements

Global trainings and events on emerging skills
Some of the key topics focused on include: entrepreneurship, green jobs, forest governance, climate change and sustainable forest management.

Global Outlook on Forest Education (GOFE) Study
A global research project about competencies and gap analysis with active student contribution in data collection and analysis:

https://foresteducation.wordpress.com/

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Global Forest Information Service (GFIS) Educational portal
A convenient and user-friendly accessible online portal showcasing a wide range of forest related information and promotes networking among the forestry community:

https://www.gfis.net/

GFIS Education Portal offering mobility and education opportunities for students

Workshop on green jobs and the future of employment in the forest sector at International Forestry Students’ Symposium (IFSS) in Estonia (2019)

1200 forestry programmes, online learning resources and news

700 students from 40 countries
Participation in International Forestry Students’ Association

Events: Northern African Regional Meeting (NARM), INTERIM, IFSS

IFSA is one of the main IUFRO partners, together we carry out capacity building activities during regional and global IFSA events.

Global Best Practices in Forest Education Competition

The competition’s main goal was to share best practices amongst forest education stakeholders to promote learning and continued collaboration - a central tenet of the IUFRO’s structure.

For the winners of the competition, see the next page.
Winners of the 2019 competition!

Asia Pacific Forest Education Coordination Mechanism (AP-FECM) (Tertiary level), Canada

FOREST 101 programme (Middle School), Republic of Korea

GOALS: 2019-2021

- Promoting and facilitating research and innovation around forest education
- Fostering international networking on forest education especially using modern online communication and social media applications
- Providing capacity building opportunities for students and young scientists in both generic and specific skills, in person and online

The winner among the elementary and secondary education nominees is a program called FOREST 101 from Korea. This programme is planned for teenagers aiming to introduce them to nature and also to improve young students’ self-esteem and welfare.

The winner among the tertiary education nominees is Asia Pacific Forest Education Coordination Mechanism (AP-FECM). The AP-FECM is an innovative networking programme putting together a large amount of higher education institutes in an extensive geographical area. The programme has been leading the online education with MOOC courses and being exceptionally active for developing forest higher education curricula.

Honorable Mentions

Network of forest kindergartens and schools, Slovenia

Bringing the forest to the classroom through virtual tours based on panoramic pictures and virtual walkthrough programs, Spain
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