In June 2017, Vancouver, BC, Canada will be hosting the 2017 IUFRO All-Division 5 Conference. The International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) is a non-profit international research network representing 110 countries worldwide and comprising 15,000 forest scientists and 700 member organizations. Division 5 is dedicated to all aspects of the multitude of products that can be derived from wood and forests, from traditional products such as lumber and pulp and paper, to novel biorefinery products such as pharmaceuticals and biofuels. In recognition of the pressing global need for the forest sector to be a leader in sustainability, diversification, and innovation, the theme of the 2017 IUFRO All-Division 5 Conference is:

Forest Sector Innovations for a Greener Future

This Innovation/Sustainability theme will form a unifying basis for the week-long conference and will guide the agenda through a series of plenary sessions that will catalyze discussion on what the future forest products sector might look like. Each morning will feature two keynote presentations; one a research-based talk featuring a prominent academic, the other a more pragmatic, real-world talk featuring a prominent practitioner from industry, government, civil society, or an indigenous community. The proposed plenary sessions are presented below:

Day 1: Forest Sector Innovation
How can innovative environmental and social approaches assure a greener future for our forests?

Day 2: Innovations in Forest Products and Services
How will fibre and forests be used in the near- and long-term (focus on bioenergy, biomaterials, biofuels, biochemicals, carbon, and non-timber forest products)?

Day 3: Innovations in Wood Building and Design
What will the next generation’s needs for shelter and buildings be and how will they be met?

Day 4: Innovations in Forest Management and Forest Policy
Will there be enough biomass to support the growing global population?

Day 5: Innovations in Business Models and Management
What will the business of forestry look like in the near- and long-term?

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WHY IUFRO?

• Largest non-profit international forestry research network with long history (founded 1892).
• Today represents 110 countries, more than 15,000 forest scientists and 700 member organizations.
• IUFRO’s Division 5 is dedicated to all aspects of the multitude of products that can be derived from wood and forests, from traditional products such as lumber and pulp and paper, to novel biorefinery products such as pharmaceuticals and biofuels.

WHY THIS CONFERENCE?

• 2017 will be the first time that the conference will take place in Canada.
• We are expecting to draw more than 600 scientists from around the world. At the last conference in Portugal, 51 countries were represented. We anticipate very good participation from China, Japan and EU countries.
• The forest sector is emerging globally as a leader in sustainability, diversification, and innovation. For example, we can sequester carbon for many generations in forest products while also displacing fossil fuels via bioenergy/biofuels. The conference theme “Forest Sector Innovations for a Greener Future” reflects this visionary approach.
• The innovation-themed plenary sessions and various networking events, will initiate discussion, from a research and from a business point-of-view, on what the future forest sector might look like. We expect this to engage members of the forest industry and government.

WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION?

• Multiple opportunities for networking with leading scientists, industry, civil society, and government representatives from around the world.
• Presentations by leading international industry and government executives.
• Possibilities for brand development and exposure to corporate citizenship through onsite and website options: exclusive speaking opportunities, VIP reception, onsite presence, website prominence, and post-event acknowledgement.
• Potential for establishing connections with cutting-edge researchers of the global forest sector.

The IUFRO 2017 All-Division 5 Conference is where a meeting of minds will take place and new ideas will be generated!

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