



International Union of Forest Research Organizations  
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## *IUFRO Honours and Awards*

### **World Congress Host Scientific Award**

IUFRO honours deserving individuals and Member Organizations through a number of distinctions and awards. The International Council and the Board of IUFRO are assisted by an Honours and Awards Committee (appointed by the Board) in deciding on recipients of the various Honours and Awards. There are presently four awards that relate to scientific endeavour: the Scientific Achievement Award; the Outstanding Doctoral Research Award; the Best Poster Award, and the IUFRO Students Award for Excellence in Science, which was approved at the Board Meeting in 2002.

In the course of preparing for the incoming IUFRO World Congress, the Congress Organizing Committee {COC} is deciding on recipients of awards for pre-eminent forest scientists from the countries that host the IUFRO World Congress 2024. The host scientific awards are expected to cover the theme of the congress – Forest and society towards 2050, see

<https://iufro2024.com/iufro-world-congress-2024/themes/>

#### ***Purpose***

The Congress Host Scientific Award honours truly outstanding scientists from the Congress host countries who has elevated the profile of forest science and research accomplishments.

#### ***Award***

The award shall consist of a scroll and a cash honorarium, both provided by IUFRO in agreement with the IUFRO World Congress host country/countries.

#### ***Criteria***

The recipient(s) of this prestigious award would be regarded as the pre-eminent forest scientist of contemporary times in the host country/countries. They would have an unchallengeable international standing in the scientific community, and would be either still professionally active or recently (within 5 years) retired.

The main criteria to qualify for this award are:

- an extensive list of publications in highly reputable scientific journals over a prolonged period of one or more decades;
- an author or senior author of books/book chapters and/or monographs of an international scientific standard;
- a focus on research achievement as distinct from research administration, although a combined endeavour in both will be considered;
- demonstrated impact of scientific achievement on one or more sectors of the forest and forest-based industries from social, environmental, cultural, economic or biological perspectives.

Evidence of contribution to the advancement of forest science regionally and internationally, as well as to foresight, system- and cross-sectoral analyses in line with the theme of the congress, would be favourably considered.

### ***Number of Awards***

Three (3) World Congress Host Scientific Awards will be presented: One to a scientist from a Baltic country, one to a scientist from a Nordic country except Sweden, and one to a Swedish scientist.

### ***Eligibility***

The award is open to any person nominated by the COC and not restricted to IUFRO members only.

### ***Nominations***

Under the auspices of IUFRO, the COC will invite nominations from all local/regional institutes involved in forest or forest-related sciences in the countries hosting the IUFRO World Congress. The institute does not need to be an IUFRO member. Nominations can also be made by IUFRO Member Organizations outside the countries hosting the IUFRO World Congress 2024. About fifteen (14) months prior to the Congress, the COC will meet to short-list nominations.

### **Deadline for nominations is May 15th**

### ***Selection***

The 2024 secretariat will compile a short list with recommendations for the COC to take the final decision by the end of 2023 on preferred recipients.

### ***Presentation***

The host award shall be formally presented by the head/s of state or state representative/s of the host country/ countries at the opening or closing ceremony of the IUFRO World Congress 2024.

The COC delegates are asked to suggest nominations for *World Congress Scientific Awards* (one Nordic, one Baltic and one Swedish) via this link: [AWARDS \(office.com\)](https://www.iufro.org/office/awards). **Deadline May 15<sup>th</sup>**