



ForestSAT 2014

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Steering Committee for ForestSAT, an international conference promoting science-based applications of remote sensing and other spatial data in forested ecosystems, solicits proposals for hosting and organizing the 6th ForestSAT conference in 2014.

ForestSAT brings together delegates from research organizations, universities, government agencies, and the private sector to foster a science-based understanding of how spatial analysis technologies can describe and monitor forested ecosystems. Recognized is an inherent need to integrate data from multiple remote sensing systems, and other spatial information, using a variety of approaches. Numerous uses of spatial data are relevant, from addressing the needs of local forest managers, to informing forest ecosystem models, to establishing monitoring systems in support of international agreements.

ForestSAT has been held every 2-3 years since 2002. ForestSAT 2012 (www.2012forestsat.com), the 5th in this series, was the first ForestSAT to be held outside of Europe with 275 participants from 30 countries in attendance. Previous dates, venues, and approximate attendance (in parentheses) include:

- 2010 in Lugo, Spain (200)
- 2007 in Montpellier, France (120)
- 2005 in Borås, Sweden (100)
- 2002 in Edinburgh, Scotland (200)

Programmes have included a combination of keynote speakers, invited paper sessions, contributed paper sessions, posters, and field tours. The programme for ForestSAT 2012 can be viewed [here](#): ([ForestSAT 2012 Programme](#)) Topics and themes covered in the most recent conference included:

- Approaches for characterizing forest cover, structure, processes, and change
- Uncertainty assessment
- Climate change
- Ecological & physical modeling applications
- Monitoring of Forest Inventory, Health, and Fire
- Data Processing Techniques
- Science and Decision support (applications in management and policy)

Traditionally, one or more special journal issues have been published from papers presented at ForestSAT conferences.

If you are interested in organizing and hosting the next ForestSAT conference, the Steering Committee invites you to submit a proposal (up to 4 pages) that addresses the items below. The proposals are to be submitted by **3 May 2013** to Maureen Duane (contact information provided below). If you would like to submit a proposal but cannot satisfy this date, please contact Maureen.

Please include in your proposal:

- a brief statement regarding why you want to host the next ForestSAT in 2014
- approximate date of the conference (in the past, ForestSAT has been held in late summer to early autumn)
- Potential venue, including city, conference site and lodging accommodations
- description of local culture and tourist attractions in the vicinity of the conference site
- distance and transportation to the nearest commercial airport
- Suggestions for possible field trips of interest to natural resource professionals

Once a potential host is identified, the ForestSAT steering committee may be able to assist with the next steps in conference planning such as

- Suggesting mechanisms for developing local support including members of organizing committee, administrative support, and local participation in the symposium
- Establishing a budget
- Creating time lines, including deadlines for abstract submission, registration, accommodation, and manuscript submission
- Identifying potential financial contributors and/or underwriters
- Developing programme structure, including types of presentations and conference length
- Advertising the symposium internationally (supplying mailing and distribution lists)

Inquiries and proposals should be directed to:

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Best regards,

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