



The 2017 IUFRO Division 5 (Forest Products) Conference will be held in Vancouver, BC from June 12th to 16th at the Pinnacle Hotel (downtown Vancouver). The Conference is jointly organized by IUFRO Division 5 and the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia, FPInnovations, and the Society of Wood Science and Technology. 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 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 plenary topics include:

Forest Sector Innovation

How can innovative forest sector based environmental and social approaches assure a greener future for our global society?

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)?

Innovations in Wood Building and Design

What will the next generation's needs for shelter and buildings be and how will they be met?

Innovations in Forest Management, Policy and Markets

Will there be enough biomass and sustainable products to support the growing global population?

Innovations in Business Models and Management

What will the businesses of forestry look like in the near- and long-term?

Why come to this conference?

The forest sector is emerging globally as a leader in sustainability, diversification, and innovation. The innovation-themed plenary sessions and various networking events will generate discussion, from research and from a business viewpoints, on the future of the forest sector. We expect this conference to engage members of the forest industry and government.

Reasons to attend:

- An opportunity to interact with an anticipated 600 participants from 50+ countries
- A chance to network with fellow researchers and practitioners looking for novel and advanced solutions
- In addition to including leading researchers in the area of Forest Products, we expect to involve leading international industry and government executives as keynote speakers and as participants in networking events.
- Location: Vancouver is situated on the west coast of Canada at the foot of the Coastal Mountains and edge of the Pacific Ocean. It is an easily accessible, multi-cultural city, rich with urban forests and parks, and is the gateway to numerous holiday destinations that feature spectacular natural beauty.
- An excellent chance for inter-unit connection and jointly-run technical sessions

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