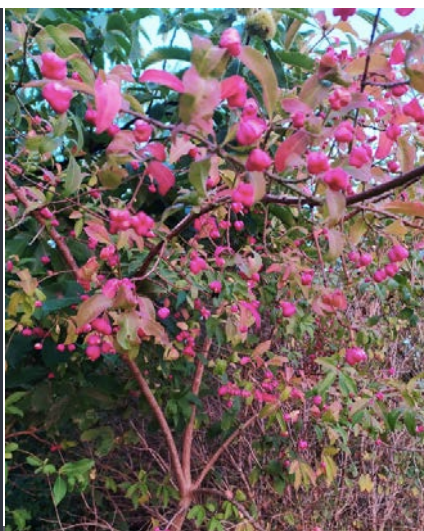




Division 6

Social Aspects of Forests and Forestry



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Welcome from the Division Coordinator's Corner

Cecil Konijnendijk

Dear IUFRO Division 6 colleagues!

Although it is taking its time, the world is slowly starting to open up again. Within IUFRO, the first in-person events and field trips have been held again, which is a sign of hope to all of us. However, I am fully aware that parts of the world are still facing major challenges with the COVID-19 virus.

IUFRO, including our Division, is still focusing a lot of its efforts online, also to ensure that events are inclusive.

An example of this is the IUFRO World Day, a free 24-hour event on 28-29 September 2021. At the time of writing this, this event is just around the corner. I am very grateful to those of you who have arranged sessions for this event, ensuring a strong presence of our Division. IUFRO hopes to create some more interest in the organisation in the event, but also to provide a platform that shows that the organisation is still very much alive, even though the global pandemic has been very challenging.

Deputy Coordinator Purabi Bose hosted two sessions on the link between global forest policy and gender each in Asia and Americas during the IUFRO World Day. These sessions also represent the third installment in our Division 6 Webinar series. We are always looking for ideas for the next webinars, so don't hesitate to reach out.

Recently the 2021 Enlarged Board meeting was held. You'll find a brief report in this newsletter.

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The Board made some exciting and potentially highly impactful decisions, such as the move towards a dual Coordinatorship of all Divisions from 2024 onwards.

This is part of an ongoing effort to make IUFRO leadership more equitable, focusing especially on women and colleagues from less well-represented regions.

Our Division is doing quite well in this respect, and we strongly supported this organizational change.

Excitement is building up for events such as the IUFRO Regional Conference in Moscow (September 2022) and of course the World Congress in Stockholm (June 2024).

I am already looking forward to meeting many of you at these events.

I wish you all the best – and thank you for your active engagement in networking for forest science! Stay safe and healthy.



Report from 60th IUFRO Enlarged Board Meeting

The 2021 IUFRO Enlarged Board meeting was held during 22-24 September.

The meeting was spread out over three 3-hour sessions. Ellyn, Purabi, and Cecil represented our Division.

Prior to the Enlarged Board meeting, a brief meeting of the Division Coordinators was held as well to discuss items on the Board meeting agenda that were of particular relevance to the Divisions.

These included the proposal to change to a dual Coordinatorship for Divisions (see below) as well as a discussion on the new reporting format for Divisions.

A lot of ground has to be covered during Enlarged Board meetings, and time is limited (and people can only do only so much of these Zoom meetings at a time!). But IUFRO President John Parrotta is an excellent and kind chair, and he guided us all through the meeting in a very competent and inclusive manner. A few highlights from the meeting:

- The Enlarged Board accepted the proposal to have two Coordinators per Division as of 2024. This is a really important step for IUFRO, as the primary ambition of this proposal is to enhance gender parity as well as the leadership of less well-represented regions. Daniela Kleinschmit, Vice President for Divisions, made a strong case for the proposal when she presented it. The proposed was fully supported by all Division Coordinators and it was no surprise that the Board accepted the proposal unanimously. This means, in practice, that the upcoming round of nominations and elections of Division Coordinators will look for two Division Coordinators, with the need to ensure that women and less well-represented regions get a seat at the table.
- The new reporting format, which asks Divisions and others to report their progress according to the new IUFRO Strategy and its workplan, was discussed. Many colleagues found the new reporting format quite demanding and sometimes overlapping, so ways were discussed to lighten the burden of reporting.

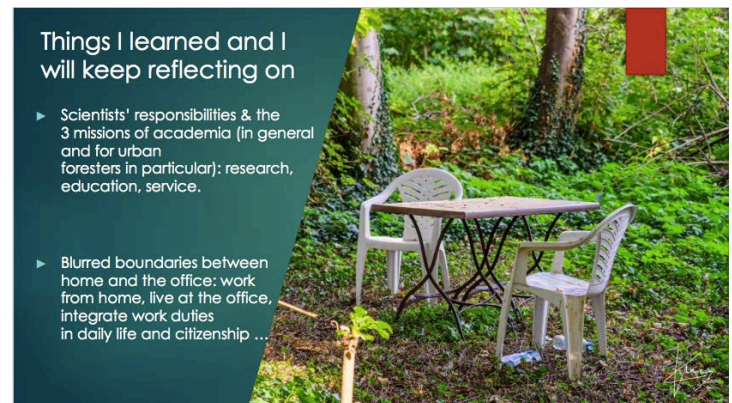
- The upcoming IUFRO Regional Congress in Moscow, Russia (23-25 September 2022) was discussed as well. Liisa is representing our Division in the conference scientific committee. The focus of the conference is less on topics related to our Division, but we will have a presence in Moscow. At the time we are not planning for a specific Division 6 event in Moscow in association with the Regional Congress.
- Planning for the 2024 IUFRO World Congress in Stockholm (June 23-29, <https://iufro2024.com/>) is well underway, under the topic of Forests and Society Towards 2050. The event will be organised as a hybrid event, with full on-site activities as well as possibilities for online participation in parts of the congress.
- It was good to see the increasing level of conference and seminar/webinar activities during the past year, after a quiet period at the start of the global pandemic. The first in-person events and field trips had been held again, which was a really hopeful sign.
- A new Global Forest Expert Panel had been set up on the topic of Forests and Human Health. Cecil had agreed to chair this new panel and Liisa is one of the panel members. The panel will take a broad view of the interactions between forests and human health, including e.g., aspects of nutrition and the spread of zoonotic diseases.
- The upcoming IUFRO World Day, to be held during 28-29 September, was discussed at length as well. Our Division had a strong presence in the event, with sessions on a range of topics (including the links between global forest policy and gender aspects).

A full report from the meeting will be made available in the near future.

Webinars of IUFRO Division 6

Being a Forest Scientist during a Global Pandemic

This 2nd Division 6 webinar takes the format of a panel debate on the work and life of forest scientists during a global pandemic.



The presentation session was by panelists from diverse geographical areas and disciplines: Dr Jerylee Wilkes-Allemand, Sophie Nitoslawski, Dr Nic da Schio, and Dr. Purabi Bose.

A recording of this webinar is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gn1YA3xORMs&t=30s>.



IUFRO World Day coinciding with our Webinar # 3

Covid-19: Why women's representation matters in global forest policy

The 3rd Divisional Webinar nicely coincided with the IUFRO World Day. Purabi Bose organized two sessions – each for Asia and Americas – exploring what women academicians, artists and activists have experienced, and how they coped with ensuring women matters in forest policy, particularly during Covid-19 pandemic. Both the webinars had good audience participation and dialogue.



For Americas session, **Priya Parrotta** was the panelist. Priya Parrotta is a writer, musician and activist dedicated to promoting

environmental consciousness across borders. She is the Creative Director of Music & the Earth International (musicandtheearth.org), an initiative which produces resources for environmental awareness and healing. She played some of her songs along with conversation of how arts plays a critical role in bridging all aspects of nature.

For Asia (India) session, Purabi facilitated a discussion with two panelists – a young academician, **Anuja Date** from ATREE, and an activist and gender forestry expert, **Dr. Soma KP** works with MAKAAAM. The discussion reflected on how India's preparedness (or not) affected women in tribal and indigenous territories, particularly for forest-based bioeconomy.

The video recording will be available shortly and shared via email.

Reports from RGs & WP

Have you done research on the use of forests and nature during the current pandemic?

The Journal of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism is currently compiling a special issue on this topic. Contact the journal Editor, Prof. Ulrike Proebstl (ulrike.proebstl@boku.ac.at) if you would like to contribute. The call for papers is closing on October 15th.

Mika Rikola, RG Coordinator Forest Education (6:09) reports about

The **International Conference on Forest Education (ICFE)**, was held in June by FAO, IUFRO, ITTO, CIFOR/ICRAF and the Secretariats of UNFF and UNFCCC. This online event was instrumental in helping to chart a path forward for forest education globally. The conference celebrated the culmination of over a year-long effort involving global and regional partners to collect and synthesise information on the status and needs of forest education and training globally. Findings of a global assessment and six regional assessments were presented at the ICFE and reports are forthcoming. Some exciting new initiatives, including by members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), were also presented. Several IUFRO researchers were active in this project, thanks especially to Sandra Rodríguez, Michelle Zeng, Terry Sharik, and many others. Please, visit website and see presentations: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/forest-education/conference/en/>

My summary of global study is in the Opening plenary video starting at 56 minutes. We are looking forward on further actions now.

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests' Joint Initiative on Forest Education was launched at the ICFE. This initiative will run at least through 2024. It is led by FAO, ITTO, IUFRO and CIFOR-ICRAF and is supported by the Secretariats of UNFF and UNFCCC.



Handbook of social value for environmental stewardship

IUFRO Working Party 6.10.01, Social return on investment: insights and lessons for forest governance, led by William Nikolakis (University of British Columbia, Canada) and Renata Veiga (National Institute for Space Research, Brazil), is now developing a book entitled *Handbook of social value for environmental stewardship*. Springer approved the book in August 2021.

The book explores the development of new perspective on social value measures, known as Social Return on Investment (SROI) and social value, and applies these to environmental stewardship and forest governance activities. The final draft of the book should be presented to the publisher my March 2022.

Other publications

Arora-Jonsson S, Colfer CP and Gonzalez-Hidalgo M (2021) Seeing the Quiet Politics in Unquiet Woods: A different vantage point for a future forest agenda *Human Ecology*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10745-021-00233-0>.

Blog: 'Meet the Coordinator'

What's your name and affiliation, and what's your role in Division 6?

My name is Ellyn Damayanti.

I am a certified professional engineer, currently working day to day as an independent consultant and researcher, and also a research and academic fellow at the Faculty of Forestry and Environment, IPB University Indonesia.



I am coordinator of Research Group 6.10.00 Rural Development and also one of the deputy coordinators of Division 6.

How and when did you get involved in IUFRO?

My professor introduced me to IUFRO in 2005, when I was a Ph.D. student at the University of Tsukuba, Japan, by participating the IUFRO World Congress XXII held in Brisbane, Australia. I graduated in 2008 and return to my country, Indonesia, and was honored to receive the Scientists Assistance Program (SAP) for participating the IUFRO World Congress XXIII, held in Seoul, South Korea in 2010. During the pre-Congress Tour, I met Ms. Tuija Sievanen who was the Coordinator of Division 6, and I was appointed as Deputy Coordinator of Research Group 6.10.00. I was appointed as Coordinator of Research Group 6.10.00 in 2014. So, this is my second term as a coordinator for this unit. In the IUFRO World Congress 2019 Curitiba I was appointed as deputy coordinator to the Division 6. Now, I'm also a member of the IUFRO Enlarged Board and a member of Congress Scientific Committee for the IUFRO World Congress Stockholm, 2024.

What is the focus of your research and/or teaching?

My research background is forest resource conservation with specific interest in ethnobotany. Through education and needs to develop myself and broaden my knowledge, and in order to be able to cope with challenges and new tasks in my work as well as adapt to new emerging knowledge and situation, I grew and diversified my interest, ability and capability, but keep my focus in policy and social aspects of forestry. So currently, the keywords that can explain my areas of work are forestry, land use, REDD+, safeguards, rural development, biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services, ethnobotany, project design, monitoring, reporting, review, assessment, evaluation, capacity building, action learning, and mentoring.

What are you passionate about?

I always want to see everything in order (but don't look on my table, it's messy! Haha...), following the rules, discipline with time, be a good citizen. It'll make life easier for us and for the sake of others and environment too, when we can do those in our life.

How have you dealt with pandemic? Do you have some 'wellbeing tips & tricks' for your colleagues?

I have been enjoying working from home for about 5 years when the COVID-19 pandemic started. I was happy that I could work from home, safe, and healthy, and I didn't have to travel and wasted 6 hours of my time only for a meeting! I have starting learning French and reading e-book novels (*Je n'arrivais pas à croire que je n'avais jamais lu de romans!*).

Our next newsletter will be in June 2022

Starting from the fifth issue, our Division's newsletter will be biannual rather than quarterly. This way we are hoping that you would generate valuable knowledge for your IUFRO Research Group and/or Working Party to share it via our next newsletter. Till then, we will continue disseminating information via email.



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