

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### 2019 Joint Meeting IUFRO working parties: Genetics and Breeding of 5-needle pines (2.02.15) Rusts of Forest Trees (7.02.05)

**Mark your calendars!** The dates and venue for this meeting have been chosen: **July 22-26, 2019**  
Extended Field Trip: **July 26-30, 2019**.

**Purpose:** This international meeting will address

- Breeding and genetic conservation of 5-needle pines, with special reference to screening and genetics programs for resistance to White Pine Blister rust (*Cronartium ribicola*). (2.02.15 IUFRO, <https://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-2/20000/20200/20215/>).
- Update the current state of knowledge of research in rusts (including blister rust) of forest trees (7.02.05 IUFRO, <https://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-7/70000/70200/70205/>).

The conference will be held in conjunction with interested local attendees from other groups, including the Governments of BC, Alberta, and Canada, the USDA Forest Service, local universities, the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation, and industry partners. It follows up on previous successful meetings, including the last one in 2014 (see proceedings at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/treearch/pubs/56054>).

There will be 2 days of indoor presentations, a poster session, and 1 day of field trips, perhaps split into two, ½-day sessions. If there is sufficient interest, an extended field trip (3 days plus 1/2 day return travel) after the main meeting will travel to Banff, Alberta; up Highway 93 in the Canadian Rocky Mountains to Jasper, Alberta, then west on Highway 16 to Valemount, BC, visiting sites along the way.

**Participation:** The number of participants will be limited. To help our planning, please fill the survey below (if you have not already) and respond to Dr. Ward Strong ([ward.strong@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ward.strong@gov.bc.ca)) if you are interested in this meeting. Please pass on this announcement to any other colleagues as well.

**Location:** Invermere, British Columbia, Canada (see map on next page). This beautiful site is in the heart of the Columbia Basin, flanked to the west by the Purcell Mountains and to the East by the Canadian Rocky Mountains. There are many opportunities to tour high-elevation 5-needle pines in various states of (un)health, as well as plantations and progeny trials of other commercially important conifers.

**Venue:** Copper Point Resort. This is a luxurious resort, conference center, and golf course, with stunning views and excellent facilities. A block of rooms is being held for the Conference until May 22, 2019. Rooms include regular hotel rooms (CDN \$165 + tax), one-bedroom suites (\$265+tax), and two-bedroom suites (\$335+tax). Book early to ensure you secure a room. You can cancel within 2 days of the event with no penalty; If you cancel within 2 days you will be charged one night's stay plus tax. Booking methods are below:

- Phone: call the central reservations line at: 1.855.926.7737. Request the group rate for this meeting.
- Email: [reservations@copperpointresort.com](mailto:reservations@copperpointresort.com). Request the group rate for this meeting.
- Online: In order to make online reservations, please follow these steps:
  - Go to Copper Point Resort website: [www.copperpointresort.com](http://www.copperpointresort.com)
  - Click "Check Availability" on home page
  - Click "Add Code"
  - Select "Group Attendee" from the drop-down list
  - Type in your group code: FLNRO5N2019
  - Select your stay dates, room type and then click to confirm your reservation

Other room options include the Best Western Hotel, Invermere (4 km), the Gateway hotel, Radium (14 km), the Cedar Motel, Radium (14 km), and Panorama Mountain Resort (23 km). Because these rooms are a considerable distance from the meeting venue, we encourage participants to stay at the Copper Point Resort.

**Transportation:** The closest domestic airport (Cranbrook) has frequent air service from both Calgary and Vancouver, but is 140 km away from Invermere, so a car rental will be necessary. The closest international airport is Calgary (291 km, a

beautiful 3-hour drive through the Canadian Rockies). From there a car can be rented to travel to Invermere, or we might be able to organize a shuttle if enough people arrive at a similar time. Let us know travel plans as you make them, and we will try to arrange shuttle busses, and carpools for rental cars to reduce your expenses.

**Preliminary Agenda:**

- Monday July 22: Arrive, Registration (evening)
- Tues July 23: Presentations, poster session, Reception (19:00 – 21:00)
- Wed July 24: All day field trips \*OR\* ½ day presentations, ½ day field trips, poster session, banquet
- Thurs July 25: All day presentations \*OR\* ½ day presentations, ½ day field trips, poster session
- Friday July 26: travel home, OR
- Fri 26-Monday 29: Extended field trip to Banff, Jasper, Valemount.

Agenda Topics: To help us build the agenda, please send ideas to the IUFRO working party coordinators, Pascal Frey (Rust of Forest Trees, pascal.frey(at)inra.fr) and Richard Sniezko (Genetics/Breeding of 5-needle pines, rsniezko@fs.fed.us) and local organizer Ward Strong (Ward.Strong@gov.bc.ca). We are particularly interested in potential discussion session topics (that format worked exceptionally well at the recent international resistance workshop <https://treeresistance2018.ca.uky.edu/> ). Pascal and Richard would also like to update the mailing lists for their respective groups.

**PARTICIPANT SURVEY:** Please respond to Dr. Ward Strong (ward.strong@gov.bc.ca)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ I am interested in this subject area and would like to attend.
  - \_\_\_ I would like to submit an abstract for an oral presentation
  - \_\_\_ I would like to submit an abstract for a poster presentation
  - \_\_\_ I would like to submit an abstract for either an oral or poster presentation (no strong preference)
  - \_\_\_ I will not be submitting an abstract

\_\_\_ I am interested in this subject area and may attend, please keep me posted.

\_\_\_ I am interested in this subject area, but cannot attend (but would like to remain on an email list for future activities).

\_\_\_ I am interested in attending the extended field trip following the main meeting.

Please list your areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation:**

- Please put me on a list to facilitate carpools with rental cars
- Please put me on a list for possible shuttle transportation

