

EARLY ALERT – Request for expression of interest
Reply requested by May 30, 2018

Joint Meeting IUFRO working parties:
5-Needle Pine Genetics/Breeding (2.02.15)
Rusts of Forest Trees (7.02.05)

Proposed dates (*subject to change*):

Monday July 22: Registration (evening)
Tues 23-Thurs 25: Meetings / field trips
Friday July 26: travel home, OR
Fri 26-Sun 28: Extended field trip (tentative)

Location: Invermere, British Columbia, Canada (see map on next page)

Venue: Copper Point Resort (tentative)

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, for example, the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation, Hi-Five, and Strobosphere. It follows up on previous successful meetings, including the last one in 2014 (see proceedings at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/treesearch/pubs/56054>).

There will be 1.5 – 2 days of indoor presentations, a poster session, and 1 - 1.5 days of field trips. If there is sufficient interest, an extended field trip (about 3 days) after the main meeting will head up Highway 93 in the Rocky Mountains, then west on Highway 16 to Valemount, visiting sites along the way.

Participation: The number of participants is limited. To help our planning, please fill the following survey and respond to Dr. Ward Strong (ward.strong@gov.bc.ca) if you are interested in this meeting. Please pass on this early alert to any other colleagues as well.

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 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: _____

