

**IUFRO – ALL-DIVISION 9 CONFERENCE  
Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina; May 9 - 11, 2012**

**Dear Coordinators of Research Groups and Working Parties within Division 9,**

Division 9 Forest Policy and Economics is the newest research network in IUFRO!! We are grateful for all the activities that you have started and for the enthusiasm of the officeholders within Division 9.

We are pleased to announce an **All-Division 9 conference in Sarajevo (Bosnia Herzegovina) in Hotel Hollywood from May 9-11, 2012**, in order for all of the Research Groups to get in contact with each other as well as to offer the opportunity for meetings within the groups and across the groups. This is a first announcement of the conference allowing you to schedule your time and to begin working with your group to plan for sessions, papers, posters, and a business meeting. Further details will follow during the next months.

**The All-Division 9 meeting will open officially on Wednesday, May 9 at 9:00am with a Plenary Session.** Dr. Niels Elers Koch, President of IUFRO, will give the opening keynote in which he will address the future in IUFRO, especially the cross-Division Task Forces, and how D-9 can contribute to building the IUFRO research network.

**As this is our first All-Division meeting, we request that each Research Group prepare a short 15-minute presentation on its research focus and its plans for the future.** This is an opportunity for all of us to develop a sense of identity as an IUFRO Division. **On Tuesday afternoon, May 8<sup>th</sup>, time is available for Research Group business meetings for members to discuss in person their presentation and future plans in preparation for the Opening Plenary on Wednesday.**

**Each Research Group and Working Party is invited to develop sessions of interest to their members as well as others in Division 9.** There are 3 half days available for Concurrent Sessions. We would encourage Research Groups to coordinate the sessions of special interest to particular Working Parties so as to appeal to a critical mass of participants.

As part of this week, a special conference sponsored by Research Group 9.05 ‘*Assessing Governance in a Context of Change*’ will draw participants from beyond the Division network who have focused on this topic over the past several years, thus allowing for increased attendance and interest in our first All-Division meeting.

Hotel Hollywood <http://www.hotel-hollywood.com.ba/> provides an excellent conference venue with high quality conference rooms and facilities, excellent accommodation, and all meals during the week. Cost per participant is 62 Euros per day for a single room and 47 Euros per day for a double room. This includes: accommodation, all meals, one drink per meal, and all coffee breaks. The Sarajevo Airport is only 10 minutes away and so transportation is easily arranged. The central city of Sarajevo is easily accessible by tram or taxi for those wanting to explore its historic old city one evening.

As you can see from the time schedule below, there is opportunity to propose ideas to develop morning and evening sessions for specific research teams to meet together. Meals will always be in a large room served buffet style so you will find plenty of time to catch up with your colleagues. There is plenty of space for informal gatherings throughout the week.

**On Thursday afternoon, May 10, we will have a field trip to Mount Igman, which lies very near Sarajevo and the Faculty of Forestry Sarajevo has generously allowed us to use their excellent facility there.** There we will have a variety of speakers on topics of interest to our Division. In the evening, we will have a Traditional Bosnian Barbeque served on the mountain.

**Time plan for officeholders of Research Groups and Working Parties – we expect you to do the organizing for your sessions, including soliciting and accepting papers and posters.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011: officeholders should finalize the topic of their planned meetings
- 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011: Coordinators of Research Groups are asked to send the title and speaker for their speech for the plenary session
- 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011: registration for the conference – information will come soon.
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012: sending the full program for the planned session – with full Abstracts and Participant information

We look forward to seeing you soon and learning of your plans for the future.

Daniela, Konstantin, and Margaret

**GENERAL TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE IUFRO DIRECTORS' FORUM AND ALL-DIVISION 9 MEETINGS**

Time Day	Monday May 7	Tuesday May 8	Wednesday May 9	Thursday May 10	Friday May 11	Saturday May 12
<b>Morning</b>	DF	DF	D-9 Plenary	D-9 sessions and Conference	D-9 sessions and Conference	?
<b>Afternoon</b>	DF	DF D-9 Business Meetings	D-9 sessions and Conference	Field Trip for all participants	D-9 Plenary Session and Conclusions	?
<b>Evening</b>	DF	DF dinner	D-9	Traditional Barbeque at Mount Igman	Dinner	?

Gala dinner for Directors' Forum is on Tuesday evening  
Field trip and Barbeque dinner for D-9 and Conference is on Thursday

DF – Directors Forum – IUFRO 9.2

D-9 – Division 9 meetings – concurrent sessions organized by Research Groups and Working Parties

Conference – *Assessing Governance in a Context of Change* – Conference Sessions

FT – Field trip