

Conference announcement and call for papers:

Forest sector modelling - new approaches and findings for improved resource decisions in a globalized world

In Lillehammer, Norway, October 15-18, 2013



IUFRO Division 9.07.00 Forest sector analysis and the Department of Ecology and Natural Resource Management at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) invite researchers and others interested in Forest Sector Modeling (FSM) to a conference devoted to explore methodological issues and research questions of high current interest at the national, regional and global scale.

Keynote presentations, plenary and concurrent sessions are expected to be filled by developers and users of FSM with emphasis on forestry, forest industry, trade and policy.

Call for papers:

The committee seeks papers on recent methodological developments and applications in the field. We are particularly interested in analyses addressing:

- Coupling or linking of partial equilibrium FSM with other models (energy, climate, land use and general equilibrium models)
- Short-term vs. long-term modeling issues
- Impacts of agent behaviour assumptions
- Climate change mitigation
- Impacts of and adaptation to climate change
- Bioenergy
- International trade of wood fibre
- Competition for wood fibre between traditional and new uses
- Risk and uncertainty
- Technological change
- FSM in future foresight studies
- New econometric results as important input in forest sector modelling

Because of space limitations, priority is given for model analyses which include both forestry and wood-using sectors.

Abstracts not exceeding 200 words should be submitted to fsm2013@umb.no by April 8, 2013.

Depending on the number of contributions, a special issue or a book is planned in collaboration with one or two international refereed journals.

The committee welcomes in particular young researchers in the field and they are especially encouraged to submit abstracts.



Venue:

The conference will be held in the town of Lillehammer in Norway, situated approximately 150 km north of Oslo Airport. The hotel can be easily reached by train and bus from the airport. Lillehammer hosted the Olympic winter games in 1994 and offers good opportunities for outdoor activities and picturesque surroundings (with wooden buildings from A.D. 1150 onwards). Information regarding hotel bookings and registration will be provided later.

Program outline:

October 15 (evening): Reception
October 16-17: Scientific program
October 18: Excursion

Information:

Conference fee: 150 Euro

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