

Media Release

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Mount Gambier hosts international forest science network conference

The latest forestry data-integration research and practical developments will be reviewed during a forest science conference in Mount Gambier this week.

ForestrySA, Forest and Wood Products Australia and the City of Mount Gambier are key sponsors of the IUFRO Division 4.01 Conference, which began on Monday, August 17 and will run until Thursday.

The conference comprises six plenary sessions, focussing on forest data collection technology and its applications.

A field trip will be held tomorrow (Wednesday), with sessions to be held within ForestrySA's Mount Burr and Mount Gambier Forest areas, as well as at the Blue Lake.

A host of speakers are scheduled to present information on a range of topics including:

- New sensor technologies for forest data collection
- Remote sensing for forest management
- Precision forestry and value chain optimisation
- Multiple uses of forest data
- Forest carbon assessment and monitoring
- Economics of plantation productivity inputs

IUFRO - the Global Network for Forest Science Cooperation - is a non-profit, non-governmental international network of forest scientists.

It promotes global cooperation in forest-related research, in a bid to enhance the understanding of the ecological, economic and social aspects of forests and trees.

ForestrySA Planning and Development Executive General Manager Dr Jim O'Hehir is chair of the IUFRO Conference Organising / Scientific Committee.

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Media opportunity:

Members of the media are invited to attend the Mount Gambier IUFRO conference - please find program attached to this email or visit www.alloccasionsgroup.com/IUFRO for further information.

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