



**New challenges in
Management of Boreal Forests
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**How do we achieve a sustainable boreal forest management?
This is the central question to be addressed during the [13th IBFRA conference](#).**

This international forum provides an update on forestry related sciences and current forest management issues in the boreal zone.

Who should attend?

- Researchers and students
- Forest managers and Industry leaders
- Non governmental organisations
- Government and policy advisors

Covering 1.4 billion ha the boreal forest is the second largest terrestrial biome on our planet. One third of this worlds remaining forests are found in the boreal zone.

Historically the wood resources of boreal forests have played a fundamental role for the prosperity of the region and even today many boreal countries have economies that depend heavily on their forest sectors.

The future utilization of boreal forests is a high-profile topic on the international political agenda. A substantial portion of these forests are perceived as pristine and contain high preservation values. Their ecological significance is undisputed but sustainable management presents many challenges.

The nine conference topics and the conference tours deal with fundamental aspects of boreal forest management strategies.

Topics

1. Boreal forest history
2. Peatlands and permafrost
3. Boreal forest management
4. Management for biodiversity
5. Climate change
6. Carbon accounting/ balance
7. Fire management
8. Insects and diseases
9. Boreal model forest network

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