The International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) is proud to announce that the 2013 Forests for People Conference will be held in conjunction with the National Outdoor Recreation Conference, an annual event hosted by the Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals. The aim of this conference is to build a systematic body of knowledge about “forests for people” and its various facets, including future trends and challenges. This conference aims to integrate knowledge from various disciplines inside and outside of forestry such as tourism, recreation, education, urban planning and many others.

This joint forum will explore:

- **Livelihoods** — issues of agro-forestry, food security, fuels, poverty alleviation, and human dislocation
- **Health, Recreation and Tourism** — issues of human health, recreation and nature-based tourism
- **Urban and Rural Landscapes** — issues of ecosystem services, economic benefit and development, spaces and places for living, urban forestry
- **Culture and Education** — issues of perceptions of forests, spiritual character, education, historical tradition and practice, communication and governance

The theme of the 2013 National Outdoor Recreation Conference is “A Bridge to Prosperity” and we expect many overlapping themes such as tourism, jobs, health and wellness, personal enjoyment and recreation, education, environmental values, environmental stewardship, rural economic development, and sustainable communities. Shaped by this exciting vision, the conference sessions will highlight and showcase best practices and case examples on how the outdoor recreation profession (planning, management, research and policy) is a bridge, connector and catalyst for prosperity. The conference will also offer several educational field workshops.

The unique character of this conference is a joint forum with the 2013 National Outdoor Recreation Conference. Participants will be able to attend all of the joint conference sessions with one registration fee. These two programs will be seamlessly blended, while still retaining the individual identity of the two host organizations. This new model for professional education and development is tailored for these difficult economic times. Participants will have more opportunities to make a presentation and a wider variety of learning experiences.

Organizational Sponsors:

- International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), Forests for People task force
- Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals (formerly NARRP)

The Call for Presentations is available now at [www.recpro.org](http://www.recpro.org) with a response deadline of November 16, 2012.

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The conference website—[www.RecPro.org](http://www.RecPro.org)—will be updated regularly as the program develops. Check back often!