The 2013 National Outdoor Recreation Conference
“A Bridge to Prosperity”
May 19-23, 2013   Traverse City, Michigan USA

The Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals is proud to be sponsoring the 2013 National Outdoor Recreation Conference with the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO). The theme of the conference is “A Bridge to Prosperity” that will highlight and showcase best practices and case studies on how the outdoor recreation profession (planning, management, research and policy) is a bridge, connector and catalyst for prosperity through:

- Tourism, jobs, health and wellness, personal enjoyment and recreation
- Education, environmental values, environmental stewardship
- Rural economic development and sustainable communities

The conference is targeted to:

SCORP and other Planners      City, County, State, Federal, and International Professionals
Managers                        Senior Executives
Policy Makers                   Academia
Scientists                      Outdoor Industry

The 2013 conference will be a joint forum in conjunction with the second annual Forests for People Conference. This conference will explore Health, Recreation and Tourism - issues of human health, outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism, Urban and Rural Landscapes - issues of ecosystem services, economic benefit and development, spaces and places for living, Culture and Education - issues of perceptions of forests and protected areas, spiritual character, education, historical tradition and practice, communication and governance, Livelihoods - issues of agro-forestry, food security, fuels, poverty alleviation, and human dislocation.

These two exciting programs will be seamlessly blended, while still retaining the individual identity of the two host organizations. One registration and one fee will cover both sessions. 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:

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

The Call for Presentations is available now at www.recpro.org with a response deadline of November 16, 2012.

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The conference website—www.RecPro.org—will be updated regularly as the program develops.