



**16th International Boreal Forest Research
Association (IBFRA) Conference
October 7 to 10, 2013
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada**

Call for Papers and Posters - Abstract submission deadline: Friday, March 29, 2013

Boreal Forests at Risk: From Boreal Science to Public Policy

The boreal forest is the world's largest terrestrial biome, covering 8% of the world's land surface and comprising 29% of the world's forest cover. The boreal forest serves an important role in the global carbon cycle, provides significant economic and social benefits to many nations, provides important habitat for plant and animal species, and still contains large areas that remain free of direct human disturbance. Climate and other environmental changes in combination with increasing resource development pose serious risks to the future integrity of this great northern forest.

The 16th international conference of the International Boreal Forest Research Association ([IBFRA](#)) is being hosted by Natural Resources Canada and the University of Alberta from October 7 – 10, 2013 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Invited keynote speakers, scientific sessions (oral and poster) and panel discussions will explore new scientific findings and their linkages with policy relating to the circumpolar boreal forests. Designed to inform scientists, resource managers and policy makers, the conference themes will address the risks to the circumpolar boreal forests and ways in which these risks might be mitigated. Topics will include advances in research and policy relating to important regional and global issues around balancing resource use in the boreal with habitat and biodiversity objectives, strategies for mitigation of and adaptation to risks relating to a changing climate and changes in disturbance regimes, and socio-economic changes and impacts. Emphasis will be placed on the use of science to inform management practices and public policy in the boreal.

We invite submissions for papers and posters on the following major themes:

- Climate change – potential impacts, mitigation and adaptation strategies in the boreal forest
- Natural and anthropogenic forest disturbances
- Carbon, water, nutrient and energy cycles
- Habitat and biodiversity conservation
- Management practices, their impacts and outcomes
- Monitoring, forecasting and modeling tools
- Boreal Management, socio-economic impacts, and communities
- Linking Policy and Science

Accepted formats:

- Poster presentations (poster boards are 4'high x 8'wide OR 1.2m high x 2.4m wide)
- Oral presentations (15 minute presentation + 5 minute question/discussion time; time allotment for presentations will be confirmed once the number of presentations have been finalized).

We will accept papers and posters of high quality and interest relating to any topic that relates to the boreal forest. However, papers that relate directly to the conference themes and that are directly relevant to the identification and management of risk and that link science to policy are encouraged and will be given priority for oral presentation.

Deadline for submission of papers and posters is March 29, 2013.

[Click here to submit your abstracts](#)