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# Addressing students' challenges faced in the course of learning

Joint IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on Forest Education

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## *ABSTRACT*

The event will be an interface between teachers and learners of forestry around the world to discuss how to address the challenges that students face in the course of learning with an emphasis on soft competencies and teaching methods.

## *KEYWORDS*

- Sustainable Forest Management
  - Forest Resources
  - Forest Policy

## SPEAKERS



Prof. Dr. Sergio de Miguel

is PhD (Agriculture & Forestry) by the University of Eastern Finland (Finland). He is Associate Professor at the Department of Crop and Forest Sciences at the University of Lleida (UdL, Spain), and the Coordinator at UdL of the international Erasmus Mundus Master of Science Programme on Mediterranean Forestry and Natural Resources Management (MEDfOR), supported by the European Commission since 2012, contributing to the education of the next generation of foresters and forest scientists from all over the world.

He is also Associate Researcher at the Joint Research Unit AGROTECNIO-CTFC, as well as member of the Steering Committee and Governing Board of the Global Forest Biodiversity Initiative (GFBI, <https://gfbinitiative.net/>), a broad global network of international research collaborators



Dr. Sharik

has contributed significantly to the furtherance of research, teaching, and outreach in the natural resources profession through his leadership at the national and international levels. He is co-founder of the Biennial Conferences on University Education in Natural Resources. He served as the Education Chair for the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs (NAUFRP) from 2012-2018, where he co-authored a strategic plan for enhancement in undergraduate education in forestry and related areas of natural resources and continues to analyze enrollment trends in these fields dating back to 1980.

He has been active at the international level through the International Symposia on Forestry Education, the International Partnership in Forestry, the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO), the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the UN.



Sandra Rodriguez

Professor at Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua, Mexico, she is also the coordinator of the Joint IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on Forest Education. She obtained her Ph.D. in 2009 in Environmental Science - Forest Management from Oklahoma State University (OSU). Dr.

Rodriguez Dissertation "The role of analysis and deliberation in changing community preferences for strategies and indicators of sustainable forest management" was awarded with the IUFRO Outstanding Doctoral Research Award in 2014.

In 2001 she obtained the ITTO Freezailah fellowship to pursue a MSc. in Forest Economics in OSU. She holds a B.S. in Forest Engineer from Universidad Distrital Francisco José De Caldas, Colombia. Dr. Rodriguez has over 15 years of international experience in forest management and social aspects of forestry, she has worked for government, non-government organization and the academia.



Cecil Konijnendijk

is Coordinator of IUFRO's Division 6 'Social aspects of forests and forestry'. He was president of IFSA from 1993 and 1995. Cecil has been passionate about forestry education throughout his career and is currently program director for the Master of Urban Forestry Leadership at the University of British Columbia. His own research and teaching focus on the field of urban forestry and the connections between urban people and urban nature.



Annie Biju

is a Master student at the Forest Research Institute Deemed University, India with major in Forest Genetics and Biotechnology. She holds a Bachelor degree in Botany from Sacred Heart College, Thevara. She has been an active office holder of IFSA acting as delegated for the United Nations Environmental Assembly-5 and as speaker in different IFSA events.

She is the income IFSA Coordinator for the Joint IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on Forest Education 2022-2024.

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