

AGENDA

Forest Research for the 21st Century: Defining Strategic Directions and Rebuilding Capacity A National Summit to Define the Future of Forest Research

January 4-6, 2006

National Conservation Training Center Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Purpose: To convene representatives of the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs and natural resource-related agencies, industries, and non-profit partners to help:

- Define the forest-based knowledge, science, and tools needed to advance the understanding of, and practices in, forests in the 21st Century;
- Define how the next generation of scientists will need to be educated and equipped to address the needs of the future; and
- Suggest an effective and progressive funding model to ensure support for high priority research and the development of the needed intellectual capacity and infrastructure in the future

Wednesday, January 4

3:00 pm	Welcome and Overview <i>Don DeHayes, President, National Association of University Forest Resources Programs</i>	Auditorium
	Agenda and Process Review <i>Nancy Walters, U.S. Forest Service, Southern Research Station</i>	
4:00 pm	Mid-Course Correction Keynote Speaker: <i>Ray Anderson, Founder and Chairman, Interface Inc.</i>	
5:00 pm	Hospitality Hour	Lounge
6:00 pm	Dinner	Cafeteria
7:00 pm	Envisioning the Future of Forests and Forestry <i>“What does the future of forests and forestry look like to you, based on current trends?”</i>	
	Summary of the Forest Service Outlook Conference Results <i>Ann Bartuska, Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service Research and Development</i>	
8:00 pm	Adjourn	

Thursday, January 5

- 8:00 am** **The Future: Implications for Forestry Research and Education** **Auditorium**
Ross S. Whaley, Chairman, Adirondack Park Agency
- To present a vision for the future of America's forests that will challenge the group to rethink the direction the Nation's science programs should take.
- 9:00 am** **Refreshment Break**
- 9:30 am** **Defining the Science Focus for the Future** **Classrooms**
Small group discussion
- "What knowledge, science, and tools will be needed to advance our understanding of, and practices in, North American and the world's forests in the 21st Century?"*
- 11:00 am** **Lunch**
Time for lunch in the cafeteria and a walk around the campus
- 1:00 pm** **Coming Together on the Science Focus for the Future** **Auditorium**
Summary of small group discussions for the whole community
- 2:30 pm** **Ph.D. Education for the 21st Century: Thoughts from the Responsive Ph.D. Initiative**
Dan McIntyre, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
- To provide a platform for creative thinking on how natural resource scientists will need to be educated in the future
- 3:00 pm** **Refreshment Break**
- 3:30 pm** **Equipping Future Natural Resource Scientists** **Classrooms**
Small group discussion
- "What knowledge, skills and qualities will the next generation of scientists need to further the science focus articulated this morning? What changes does that suggest for University programs?"*
- 4:30 pm** **Rest and Relax**
- 6:00 pm** **Dinner in the Cafeteria**
- 7:00 pm** **Coming Together on Equipping the Next Generation**
Summary of small group discussions for the whole community

8:00 pm Meeting Adjourns

Friday, January 6

Cafeteria

8:00 am **New Approaches to Forestry Research Funding:
Rethinking Who Benefits and Who Pays**
John Gordon, Chairman, Interforest, LLC

To provoke new thinking about ways we might work together to insure the support of research, and the development of intellectual capacity and infrastructure in the future.

8:30 am **Table Group Dialogue**

“What are some elements of an effective and progressive funding model that will insure support for research, and development of intellectual capacity and infrastructure?” “What specific approaches are worth considering?”

9:30 am **Whole Group Dialogue on Funding Models**

10:10 am **Refreshment Break**

10:40 am **Moving Forward:
Observations and Recommendations** Auditorium

To tie together what has been covered at the conference and suggest ideas for how best to move forward.

Panel Members:

Greg Johnson, USDA Forestry Research Advisory Council

George Hopper, NAUFRP President Elect

Bill Imbergamo, U.S. House Agriculture Committee

John Wiens, The Nature Conservancy

Don DeHayes, Moderator

11:40 am **Wrap-up**

12:00 pm **Adjourn**