

Minutes of the Forestry SIG Annual Meeting

Toronto, ON, Canada

Jun 6, 2021

1) Welcome and Meeting Objectives

Maha Ben Ali, president of the Forestry Special Interest Group (FSIG), opens the meeting by welcoming the attendants. Maha thanks David Martell for co-chairing with her the OR in forestry Cluster. Maha provides an overview of the meeting agenda and asks if there are any additions. Acceptance of the agenda is moved by David Martell and seconded by Taraneh Sowlati.

2) Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Maha opens the floor for comments or questions related to the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting that were posted on the FSIG website and sent to all active members by email prior to the meeting. There are no comments or questions. Approval of the minutes is moved by Tassed Boukherroub and seconded by Gregory Paradis.

3) Review of FSIG Activities and Initiatives

Maha reviews the FSIG activities during 2020-2021.

OR in Forestry Cluster at CORS 2019

Two FSIG members chaired the OR in Forestry Cluster: David Martell and Maha Ben Ali. In total, the program included 15 presentations, five regular sessions and one special sessions. The special session was the David Martel Student Paper Prize in Forestry (DMSPPF). The three finalists of the 2019 DMSPPF were Marzieh Ghiyasinab, Siamak Mushakhian, and Ali Rahimi.

2) FSIG president election for the period 2021-2022

Maha reviews the steps followed for electing a new FSIG president. Maha invites the participants to nominate candidates for the FSIG president position (or to nominate themselves).

4) FSIG communications

Maha mentioned that 2010/2021 Communications included the publication of the Minutes of 2019 FSIG annual meeting, announcements related to DMSPPF (call for papers), announcements related to OR Forestry Cluster (call for abstracts), information distributed via e-mails, CORS Bulletin, CORS FSIG Website, FSIG LinkedIn and Basecamp.

Maha presents the list of current FSIG members (69) and reminds the attendants about the procedures for renewing FSIG membership: (1) renewing CORS membership and checking the FSIG checkbox in the membership renewal form, or (2) contacting the FSIG president and requesting membership.

Maha presents the result of survey and invites the participants to fill the survey if not done yet.

7) Micro-Conference

Jules Comeau proposes that FSIG organizes virtual micro-conferences during the year (e.g. a PhD student who would present a published paper, 4-6 presentations).

8) Meeting Close

9) List of attendants

- Maha Ben Ali
- Tasseda Boukherroub
- Jules Comeau
- Gregory Paradis
- Mikael Rönnqvist
- Dave Martell
- Luc Lebel
- Taraneh Sowlati
- Mustapha Ouhimmou
- Saba Gazran
- Rohit Arora
- Salar Ghotb
- Mazyar Kadivi
- Sahar Ahmadvand