

Minutes of the Forestry SIG Annual Meeting

Hyatt Regency, Vancouver, BC, Canada

May 27, 2013

1) Welcome and Meeting Objectives

Gregory Paradis, president and founder of the Forestry Special Interest Group (FSIG), opens the meeting by welcoming everyone in the crowded room. Greg provides an overview of the meeting agenda and asks if there are any additions.

2) Review of FSIG Activities and Initiatives

Greg reviews the FSIG activities and initiatives since the last and first annual meeting at the 2012 CORS Conference:

- the procedures completed for the official constitution of the FSIG in September 2012, including an overview of the general guidelines of a CORS SIG;

The FSIG acknowledges Greg for his efforts in that regard.

- the role and management of the Google Group message board launched in May 2012;

Following members' discussion, it was decided to invite all FSIG members to join the over 135 members LinkedIn group of the NSERC Research Network on Value Chain Optimization (VCO), a professional group from academic, private and public sectors, active/interested in Value Chain Optimization, mainly applied in the Canadian forest industry.

- the Call for papers and progress update on the forestry-themed special issue of INFOR, for which Gregory Paradis and Glen Armstrong agree to act as guest editors;

Following members' discussion, it was decided that the FSIG commit to producing a forestry & natural resources-themed special issue of INFOR on a regular cycle (e.g., 2-year).

- the organization of the FSIG forestry cluster program at CORS 2013;

The FSIG acknowledges Luc LeBel for agreeing to act as forestry 2013 cluster chair and delivering a great program.

- the organization of the current second annual meeting of the FSIG.

3) Election of a New FSIG President

Greg presents the responsibilities of the FSIG president:

- the recruitment of the forestry cluster chair to deliver a great program at the CORS annual meeting;

- the recruitment of the guest editor(s) for producing, on a regular cycle, a forestry-themed special issue of INFOR;

- the organization of the annual meeting of the FSIG;

- the organization of his/her succession as president of the FSIG;

- respect the CORS SIG guidelines (e.g. strive to keep SIG membership at a minimum of 25 members);

- and, generally speaking, foster "value creation" within the FSIG through interaction and networking among its members;

Greg mentions David Martell's comment about the fact that the FSIG president has a 1-year term and, thus, an election must be held during today's meeting.

Following a discussion, it was decided that the future FSIG president will now have a 2-year term.

Greg asks for candidates. Considering potential synergies for the FSIG with some initiatives of the NSERC Research Network on VCO, Sophie D'Amours, supported by David Martel, proposes Jean-François Audy (Research and VCO Network Manager) as a candidate, on condition he wishes to do so. Jean-François inquires about other candidates before responding. Greg asks again for candidates. No other candidates are proposed. Jean-François accepts and is elected by acclamation as the new FSIG president for a 2-year term.

Louis-Martin Rousseau mentions that the CORS Council just adopted enhanced guidelines for SIG and each SIG will be invited to review them.

The Forestry SIG cordially acknowledges its former and founding president, Greg, for his contributions and leadership in establishing the Forestry SIG.

4) Miscellaneous Items

Greg invites non-member attendees to join the FSIG by confirming their interest to Jean-François or itself. Jean-François is wondering about any propositions on how the FSIG can recruit junior researchers (PhD, postdocs, research associates and professionals, recently appointed adjunct professors).

Greg welcomes everyone to 15th SSAFR, a world-class forestry-themed conference which will take place in Quebec City in August.

The meeting is adjourned by Greg.

Attendance list:

(Missing someone? I apologize. Please advise me at: jean-francois.audy@cirrelt.ca)

Amine Amrouss
Andrew Martin
Bedarul Alam
Bernard Gendron
Catalin Ristea
Claudia A. Cambero
David Martell
Eldon Gunn
Francisco F. Vergara
Géraldine Gemieux
Gregory Paradis (president)
Greg Rix
Jean-François Audy (clerk and newly elected president)
Louis-Martin Rousseau
Luc LeBel
Marc-André Carl
Mehdi Piltan
Mikael Rönnqvist
Mustapha Ouhimmou
Sándor F. Tóth
Sanjay Dominik Jena

Shashi Shahi
Sophie D'Amours
Taraneh Sowlati
Tevfik Ziya Kuloglu