

Second Annual Sustainable Forest Management Summit Sponsored by the Great Lakes Forest Alliance

Meeting Emerging Ecological, Economic, and Social Challenges June 09-11, 2003 The Water Tower Inn and Convention Centre Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada
http://www.lsfa.org/call_for_presentation_2003.html

The Great Lakes Forest Alliance (GLFA) is a forum to foster and facilitate cooperative efforts that enhance management and sustainable use of the public and private forest lands in Michigan, Minnesota, Ontario and Wisconsin. GLFA is sponsoring the second annual sustainable forest management summit "Forest Management in the New Millennium: Meeting Ecological, Economic, and Social Challenges" on June 9 - 11 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.

The goal of this meeting is to provide a broad forum to critically discuss emerging forest resource issues in the Great Lakes Region and a venue for natural resource professionals and stakeholders to exchange views and network on sustainable forestry issues.

The meeting is structured to include a keynote speaker, six concurrent sessions of oral presentations, a poster session, a series of panel discussions, trade exhibits, several short courses, and field tours.

We invite you to be a part of this event as a contributor of an oral presentation or a poster on the meeting theme emerging forest sustainability challenges in the Great Lakes Region from one or more of three perspectives: ecological, economic, and social. Your presentation can be based on scientific studies, viewpoints, or practical experience. Please review the detailed call for presentations below, and submit your abstract by January 31, 2003. Further details can be found on the meeting website <http://www.lsfa.org/about.html>.

Meeting Sub-themes

Please focus the submission on the meeting theme (emerging challenges) and its sub-themes (ecological, economic, and social) in the context of forest management in the Great Lakes Region. Following are some example topical areas to consider:

Ecological - Forest biodiversity and habitat supply, forest disturbances, climate change, carbon sequestration, forest conservation and protection, trends in forest composition, criteria and indicators of sustainability

Economic - Value-added timber products, non-timber forest products, bioproducts, global and local markets, mutual recognition and certification, intensive forest management, green accounting, criteria and indicators of sustainability

Social - Community sustainability, rural values, economic diversification, urban forestry and private land issues, aesthetic and cultural values, coordinating across land ownership boundaries, criteria and indicators of sustainability

Presentations will be organized into two areas: (1) what's new (highlights, overview, future scans, surveys, discoveries, challenges) or (2) how to (applications, techniques, tools, solutions) relevant to sustainable forest management in the Great Lakes region. In addition, we encourage you to demonstrate: a) integration of the ecological, economic and social perspectives, and b) extension, outreach and education aspects.

Showcase sessions will focus on above topics using a combination of oral and poster presentations. The oral presentations will be 20 minutes, with 5 minutes for discussion. Given the duration of the meeting, the number of oral presentations will be limited to 42. We plan to host 25 poster presentations, approximately 8 for each sub-theme.

Abstract Submission

Submit a 300-word abstract by January 31, 2003 to Lisa Buse by e-mail information.ofri@mnr.gov.on.ca in MS Word, WordPerfect, or Rich Text format. In the memo box, indicate: GLFA Summit Proposal.

Alternatively, submit a hard copy by mail to 2nd Annual GLFA Summit, c/o Ontario Forest Research Institute, 1235, Queen St. East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 2E5, Canada, or fax Attn: GLFA Summit at 705-946-2030. Be sure to mention whether it is an oral presentation or a poster presentation.

Abstracts must contain a descriptive, yet succinct title, author names and affiliations, and postal and e-mail addresses. In addition, abstracts must clearly state the goal of the presentation and summarize the essential information, including how your message relates to the Summit themes.

The GLFA Program Committee will notify you by February 28, 2003 of acceptance of your contribution. The number of oral presentations is limited to 14 for each sub-theme. All presenters (poster and oral) of accepted abstracts are expected to provide a 3-page synopsis of their presentation by April 30, 2003. These synopses will be edited and published as proceedings in time for the meeting.

Selection Criteria

The program committee will review and select the abstracts based on the criteria given below.

- * relevance of the presentation to the themes (geography and issues) and goal of the meeting,
- * quality and originality of the information provided, and
- * practical value of the knowledge (take home messages) to forest practitioners and stakeholders

Preference will be given to presentations that are directly applicable to Minnesota, Michigan, Ontario, and Wisconsin, and that integrate across the economic, ecological and social perspectives of issues.

Questions about proposals may be directed to:

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