

IPFE International Partnership for Forestry Education

IPFE: an emerging global network
to share information, experiences, resources & skills
for forestry education

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1. Brief background
2. Current status
3. Ideas for the future

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- **Origins:**
 - Hosny El-Lakany, FAO
 - Jack Saddler, UBC
 - Bart Thielges, OSU (died June 2003)
 - others (eg FAO networks)

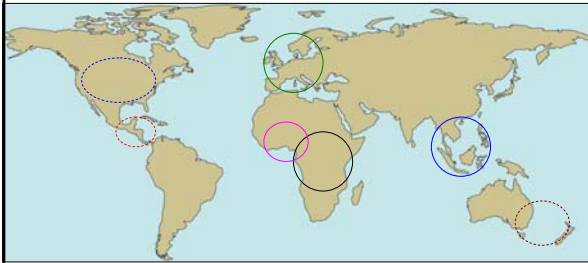


- **Evolution:**
 - UBC 2001
 - Profor 2003
 - WFC 2003
 - FAO 2006
 - Finland 2007
 - 2007 & 2008
 - concept
 - \$150K startup
 - focus
 - governance
 - secretariat
 - regional meetings



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Some regional forestry educational networks exist ...



- ... but:
- there are gaps in coverage & activities
 - there is no connecting & supporting global network.

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Mission:

- **facilitate partnerships**
 - between university forestry educators/ institutions
 - with other institutions

Priorities:

- **sharing knowledge & resources**
- **strengthening & connecting regional networks**
- **partnering with students (IFSA)**
- **fostering dialogue about forestry education**
- **enhancing societies' understanding of forestry**

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Leadership & Governance:

- **Chair** - Hosny El-Lakany, UBC
- **3 Vice-Chairs**
- **Secretariat** - U Joensuu
- **Steering Committee**

Membership:

- open to all universities with forestry programs,
& other institutions interested in forestry education

Priorities:

- support regional networks (so far: Africa, Europe, S America)

Constraints:

- **funding** - currently only for secretariat

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