

# XXII IUFRO World Congress

Brisbane, Friday, August 12, 2005

Time: 7.00 am

Room: F1, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

Breakfast round table with open discussion on

## “Forest Research in a Changing World: Why the Decline of Interest in Academia?”

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### 7.00 **Breakfast is served with Swiss chocolate offered by Lindt**

Introductory thoughts:

- 7.15 Andreas Zingg, WSL, Birmensdorf  
Forest research: from tradition to the future
- 7.20 John Innes, UBC, Vancouver  
Forest research: are we guessing it right?
- 7.25 Paolo Cherubini, WSL, Birmensdorf  
Forest research: selling it as environmental research

### 7.30 **Invited Statements, General Discussion**

### 8.15 **Conclusion, Future Perspectives and Outlook**

### 8.25 **Meeting ends**

Key questions

- Is there a decline of interest in forest research in Academia?
- In which countries are there no signs of decline?
- Why is a decline occurring or not occurring?
- Which have been the strenghts and the weaknesses of forest research?
- How is this decline handled by Academia?
- What will be the consequences for Academia and forest research?
- Should something be done against such decline?
- If so, what can be done for counteracting such decline?