



The World Forestry Center International Educators Institute is the premier professional development program for experienced leaders in natural resources, conservation and environmental education who are committed to advancing effective teaching and learning about the world's forests.

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The great worth of outdoor education programs is their focus on the elements that have always united humankind: driving rain, hard wind, warm sun, forests deep and dark – and the awe and amazement that our Earth inspires.

– Richard Louv, Author
Last Child in the Woods

Teachers need opportunities to break out of their isolation and build professional networks of teachers who share a vision of education excellence.

*Educational Leadership,
Association for Supervision and
Curriculum and Development*

Teachers need and want more time devoted to collaboration and professional development practices that will increase student achievement.

– Chalkboard Project

We are asking individuals to go beyond the fact by fact, piece by piece examination of our environment and begin to understand and think in terms of systems bound together. We are asking individuals to develop a sophisticated set of skills that allow them to solve novel environmental problems and determine the best set of actions.

– *Excellence in Environmental Education:
Guidelines for Learning PreK-12,
North American Association for
Environmental Education*

The dramatic landscapes and diverse forests of the beautiful Pacific Northwest serve as backdrop for the annual World Forestry Center International Educators Institute.

The World Forestry Center International Educators Institute (IEI) is an innovative 7-day professional development program and forest study tour for some of the most active conservation and environmental educators working in the field today.

Combining content-rich, hands-on experiences in the field with a multicultural exchange of best practices in education and research, the World Forestry Center International Educators Institute seeks to significantly advance effective teaching and learning about the interrelated social, economic and environmental challenges facing the earth's forests.

World class scenery, special behind-the-scenes tours, unforgettable interviews with local people, excellent meals, and comfortable accommodations are combined each day with ample time for meaningful reflection, peer-to-peer leadership development, and outcome-driven collaboration.

Led by an award-winning team of internationally recognized educators and natural resource specialists – supported by a growing network of senior advisors and alumni around the globe – the World Forestry Center International Educators Institute has attracted leaders from 35 countries and 36 states.



“ Each part of the week was absolutely amazing. Your ability to spark our thinking, bring ideas together and lead the group through each experience was inspirational.

“ All of us are concerned about the same kinds of issues. IEI provided the structure for understanding these concerns...

“ The constant exchange with fellow educators of strategies and methods they used with teachers and students was so beneficial, rewarding and inspiring...

“ Providing us with the opportunity to meet and hear from world-wide participants and see their reactions first hand gave me the chance to think about things on a more global level. The sessions where we interacted with others were most valuable for me. The Best Practice Teams and the IEI Journal were my favorite times of IEI...

Join us

Since 1996, the World Forestry Center International Educators Institute has attracted a select group of the most active and successful leaders in education and research from:

International

Australia	Finland	Nigeria
Benin	Germany	Norway
Bosnia-Herzegovina	India	Pakistan
Brazil	Indonesia	Palestine
Cameroon	Ireland	Philippines
Canada	Japan	Portugal
Chile	Korea	Russia
China	Lithuania	Serbia
Columbia	Malawi	Solomon Islands
Costa Rica	Malaysia	Taiwan
Denmark	Mexico	United States
	Nepal	
	New Zealand	

United States

Alabama	Kentucky	Oklahoma
Arizona	Louisiana	Oregon
Arkansas	Maine	Pennsylvania
California	Maryland	Rhode Island
Colorado	Michigan	South Carolina
Connecticut	Minnesota	South Dakota
Florida	Mississippi	Texas
Georgia	New Hampshire	Utah
Idaho	New Mexico	Virginia
Illinois	New York	Wyoming
Indiana	North Carolina	Washington
Kansas	Ohio	Washington, DC

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International Educators Institute Program

Day 1 – Welcome to the International Educators Institute

Greetings, orientation, and guided discussion about the IEI content, best practices and leadership framework. A family-style meal overlooking the spectacular Columbia River is followed by evening social time.

Day 2 – Make the Global Connection

Exchange success stories and challenges about your work and projects and travel to Portland's beautiful Washington Park for a special tour and dinner at the World Forestry Center.

Day 3 – Re-Discover the Forest

Enjoy a guided hike through an old growth forest of giant trees and waterfalls as we share different perspectives on teaching and learning, forest conservation, biodiversity, climate change, and sustainable communities.

Day 4 – Mount St. Helens: A Tale of Two Forests

Experience "the mountain" up close from the Johnston Ridge Volcano Observatory and explore the region to examine the diverse responses to changing landscapes and human communities.

Day 5 – The Forest Will Provide: Lessons from Warm Springs

Travel to Oregon's high desert country and meet with tribal leaders, natural resource managers, and educators of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Cultural presentations, traditional foods, and an unforgettable visit to Trillium Lake in the heart of the Mount Hood National Forest.

Day 6 – Effective Teaching & Learning: Linking Research & Education

See the forest with new eyes, top-to-bottom, with the scientists at the Wind River Field Station Research Facility, then return to Menucha for final benchmarking, lessons learned, cultural exchange and evening awards ceremony.

Day 7 – Travel Day or Optional Sightseeing and Shopping

Farewell breakfast, then take the morning shuttle to the airport or explore the mountains, river, or city on your own.

IEI Leadership Team

Gary Hartshorn Ph.D. is President and CEO of the World Forestry Center. He is an adjunct professor of the practice of tropical ecology in Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment; in Oregon State University's College of Forestry he is an adjunct professor of tropical forestry. Gary is particularly interested in promoting the sustainable use of forests.

Rick Zenn is Senior Fellow at World Forestry Center and an award winning environmental educator with over 35 years professional experience at naturalist, program manager, and trainer. He served as director of education and senior manager at the World Forestry Center for many years, providing inspiration and leadership for IEI. He is president of the Oregon Urban and Community Forestry Council.

Chandalin Bennett is International Fellowship Program Manager for the World Forest Institute. She supervises a wide range of forest sector research projects and leads regional tours and seminars for visiting professionals. She has a broad-based background in forestry and forest health issues in the West.



The Location

The World Forestry Center International Educators Institute is based 25 miles east of Portland, Oregon in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area adjacent to the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Each day we travel together via deluxe motor coach to field sites in Washington and Oregon. Overnight facilities are provided at the beautiful Menucha Retreat and Conference Center.

www.menucha.org

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Global Connections: Forests of the World

This exciting curriculum guide for teachers was published by the World Forestry Center and the American Forest Foundation as part of the popular Project Learning Tree series. Much of the content-rich material presented during IEI is documented in this useful guidebook along with nine project-based activities for use in the classroom with students.



Application and Deadlines

To qualify for selection, applicants must have:

- Experience in natural resource fields
- Current teaching responsibilities
- Demonstrated leadership skills and professional recognition
- Proficiency in English language skills
- Ability to travel outdoors

Completed applications are due by **February 28**.

Applications and additional information are available at www.worldforestry.org/wfi/dm_institute.php.

Participant selection will be announced by **March 15**.

Registration

\$1,800 (USD). This includes six of nights of lodging in comfortable shared rooms with private baths, all meals (vegetarian options available), field trip transportation via deluxe motor coach, admission fees, and course materials.

Travel

Airfare and ground transportation is not included in the registration and participants must arrange for their own transportation to/from Portland International Airport (PDX) at the start and end of the course. Participants are encouraged to arrive in Portland to rest and acclimate a day before IEI starts or after the course for additional sightseeing and shopping. Staff can assist with trip planning and local contacts.

Credit

College credits can be arranged in advance with the institution of your choice. Staff can provide program documentation as necessary.

About the World Forestry Center

We are committed to providing objective information on managing forests to meet economic, social and environmental needs through an active learning environment and constructive dialogue that seeks solutions to forest issues.

The non-profit World Forestry Center has for more than three decades offered world class educational experiences for children and adults, as well as providing leading-edge professional development opportunities for educators and natural resource professionals. Based in Portland, Oregon, the World Forestry Center operates an internationally recognized museum, SFI/PEFC certified demonstration forests and outdoor education sites open to the public, a conference center, and a resident fellowship program for forest researchers from around the world.



“ One of the most profound educational experiences that I have ever had.

“ Great leadership and organization, great modeling of teaching practices, great group of participants, well-thought out field trips...



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