



## Happy Spring quarter from the University of Washington's International Forestry Students' Association!

IFSA is an international organization that focuses on connecting students from all around the world in the forestry sciences to empower them so that they can collaborate and positively influence current and future generations. One of the major goals of IFSA is to foster leadership and education through formal and informal cross-cultural learning about natural resource issues. We are working toward global cooperation in broadening knowledge and understanding. IFSA is a platform for local and international environmental and forest science students to connect and enrich their cultural and educational experience.

We want to thank all of you for being involved with IFSA and for helping to support our chapter. Last quarter our major event, Pecha Kucha Night, was a great success thanks to all of you! The night was full of fun mini-presentations, networking, and good food. It means a lot to us for everyone to be involved - so keep up the good work and feel free to invite friends to upcoming events!

Over the last few months we have been planning and collaborating about some exciting upcoming events for spring quarter. We have also connected with other IFSA chapters from around the region with the hopes of enriching our chapter here at the UW as well as our regional chapter.



### IFSA International

Over spring break our chapter president, Miku Lenentine, attended the Canadian American Regional Meeting up in British Columbia! She said that the event was an eye-opening experience and we now have more contact with international IFSA members. The purpose of these conferences is to network and collaborate with people alike. At this particular conference there were three regional schools present. The University of British Columbia, Thompson Rivers University, and Northern University of British Columbia were all present in addition to our UW chapter. Some of the major topics that were talked about related to the sustainability initiatives of the surrounding area. We hope to learn more about what is going on in our regional area now that we have contacts.

This summer we will be sending Miku Lenentine as well as Salina Abraham to the IFSS - the international conference IFSA being held in the Philippines! This is an amazing opportunity and we cannot wait to hear about their experience.

## Upcoming events

- Join us on **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** (Earth Day!) for our **networking event** taking place in accordance with the SEFS Alumni Association. We will have a brief networking workshop followed by a short presentation and a networking event. This is a perfect chance to brush-up on your networking skills!
- Later this quarter we will be having **general meetings** and **officer elections!**
- Like the **IFSA Facebook Page** to stay up-to-date with our events!

## IFSA Conferences

There are several exciting conferences coming up this quarter! A few of them include:

- Managing Fire, Understanding Ourselves: Human Dimensions in Safety and Wildland Fire
- Environment, Ecology, and Management Conference
- ISSRM Conference: 21<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management
- 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Forests and Water in a Changing Environment (in July)
- With Wildlife Society's International Congress - in Japan! (in July)
- IFSA Graduate Student Symposium - 43<sup>rd</sup> IFSS (July in the Philippines!)

Conferences are a great way to network, gain perspective, and enrich your educational experience. If you want more information on these conferences feel free to contact us!

## Resources:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/348664011963723/>

UW IFSA: <http://students.washington.edu/ifsa/>

IFSA International: <http://www.ifsa.net/>

Offshoots (SEFS Blog): <http://depts.washington.edu/sefsblog/>

## Updates and In the Works!

- Our **website is now accessible!** On the website you will be able to find information about upcoming events and general information about the club!  
<http://students.washington.edu/ifsa/>
- We are still planning another event for this quarter. More information will be available soon. We encourage everyone to come to our general meetings where we discuss updates and upcoming opportunities and events! (we usually eat yummy food too ☺)
- Later this quarter we will be **electing new club officers.** If you are interested in taking on a leadership position, please get in touch with us!



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