



Dennis Dykstra

After receiving a BS in Forest Engineering from OSU in 1966, Dennis served as a lieutenant in the US Army with duty in Vietnam. He then attended the University of Oregon, receiving an MBA in 1971. After working two years for a timber company in California he joined the Forest Engineering Department at OSU as an instructor, a post that allowed him to pursue a PhD in Industrial Engineering, which he completed in 1976. Since leaving OSU in 1978 Dennis has taught at three universities - Yale University, Sokoine University in Tanzania, and Northern Arizona University. In the mid-1980s he worked as a research scholar in the Forest Sector Project at the Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Vienna, Austria. Dennis has had an outstanding career in global forestry and global forest conservation including Director of the World Forestry Center, Director for the International Center for Forestry Research (CIFOR), Forestry Officer at FAO, Visiting Scientist at IIASA, and Forest Service Project Leader. He was instrumental in the development of FAO Model Code for Forest Harvesting Practices, contributions to reduced impact logging, early development of the global forest trade model and development of the forest biomass assessment for the USDA Billion Ton report. Over the course of his career Dennis has been active in a number of professional organizations but especially IUFRO, the International Union of Forest Research Organizations. After holding a variety of offices in IUFRO he was elected to serve as a member of the IUFRO Board and Coordinator of IUFRO Division 3, "Forest Operations", a post he held from 1995-2005. In 2006 he received the IUFRO Distinguished Service Award. Dennis and his wife Nell have been married for 44 years. They have two sons and three grandsons. Both of their sons have international careers and are currently working overseas.