



# Vancouver to host major range science conference

Rangeland science has a grand tradition in western North America. The diverse and complex field of range management runs the gamut from grassland ecology and physiology to livestock behaviour and nutrition, to hydrology, and all the way to rangeland economics.

The International Society for Range Management (SRM) is the acknowledged world leader in range science organizations, and Vancouver is fortunate to be hosting its 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, February 12–17, 2005.

Along with plenary and concurrent technical sessions, the SRM Conference is also the venue for a host of allied workshops, technical symposia, and business meetings—all of which are open to the public.

**Don Gayton**, FORREX's Ecosystem Management



Specialist, has participated in several SRM Conferences over the years. He holds the organization and their events in very high regard. "SRM's particular genius is its ability to bring together the academic and the practical—and in this case, the scientist and the rancher. It is an organization that has generated and diffused lots of knowledge on how to work within sustainable natural systems. I think these two assets make SRM a great model for all natural resource organizations."

Hosting the SRM Conference is certainly a feather in the cap of British Columbia's small but vigorous range science and ranching community. For more information on the upcoming Conference, consult the SRM Web site at <http://www.rangelands.org> 