



Second Announcement

International Conference on Multipurpose Forest Management under Changing Conditions

23- 25 November, 2011 | Nanning, Guangxi, China

Sponsors:

- International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)
- Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF)
- University of Freiburg
- Dresden University of Technology
- Association of Forest Ecology, Chinese Society of Forestry

Organizers:

- Guangxi University
- The Experimental Center of Tropical Forestry, CAF

Background

It is increasingly rare now for forests to be managed for the single purpose of providing wood. Over the past few decades the societal expectations from forests have changed fundamentally. It is now recognized that forests have a very wide range of ecological, economic and societal functions that can be broadly classified as supporting (nutrient cycling, soil formation, primary production), provisioning (food, fresh water, wood, fiber and fuel), regulating (climate, flood, plant disease regulation and water purification) and cultural (aesthetic, spiritual, educational and recreational). Increasingly societies, particularly those which are better off economically, demand more from forests than mere forest products, thus bringing about a huge challenge to the forest scientists and managers on account of the enormous complexities that multipurpose forest management imposed on the practitioners. And these complexities become even more serious in view of the changing climate.

Over the past four years, scientists from China and Germany have worked together to understand these complexities better in order to be able to optimize the production of competing goods and services from forests to the better satisfaction of the society even as they provide long term ecological stability. This international conference has been proposed as a platform for discussing the findings of research work carried out under the project as also to interact with scientists working in related fields across the world.

Topics

- **Adaptive Silviculture for Multipurpose Land Use**
 - Adaptation of silviculture to climate change (keynote)
 - Supporting (nutrient cycling, soil ecosystem services, primary production)
 - Provisioning (food, fresh water, wood and fibre, fuel)
 - Regulating (climate-, flood-, disease-regulation, water purification)
 - Cultural (aesthetic, spiritual, educational, recreational)
- **Forest management and carbon sequestration**
 - Carbon in forest ecosystems: Part 1 above ground
 - Carbon in forest ecosystems: Part 2 below ground
 - Carbon in wood products
 - Wood for energy purposes
 - Carbon substitutes
 - Charcoal

- **Biomass assessment and harvesting techniques**
 - Wood and biomass assessment in forests
 - Harvesting
 - Transport and logistics
- **Markets for forest goods and services**
 - Valuable wood
 - Construction wood
 - Plywood products, particle board, and fiber board
 - Biomass for pulp and paper
 - Biomass for energy
 - Non-wood products
- **Ecological and socio-economic evaluation**
 - Multi-criteria analysis
 - Criteria and indicators
 - Certification, etc
- **Forest ecology, hydrology and biodiversity**
 - Fundamentals of Ecology for multiple-use forest management
 - Forest management and Ecohydrology
 - Forest management and biodiversity
 - Safeguards for SFM including standards and criterion, certification, capacity building etc

Time, Venue and a Rough Schedule

The Conference is to be held on November 23-24, 2011 in Nanning, Guangxi.

Nov. 22, 2011: Pre-conference training workshop (optional) on: selecting future crop trees, pruning and thinning, in Pingxiang, Guangxi

Nov. 23-24, 2011: International Conference on Multipurpose Forest Management under Changing Conditions, Nanning, Guangxi

Nov. 25, 2011: Excursion on Multipurpose Forest Management in Pingxiang, Guangxi

Working Language

The Conference will be held in English.

Extended Call for Papers/Posters

Both papers and posters are welcome. Authors are invited to submit abstracts or poster

introduction in Microsoft WORD format (12 pt., single-spaced, maximum one A4 page) including title, author(s) name(s) and affiliation **before October 30th, 2011** via e-mail to **Dr. WU Shuirong** at: wu.shuirong@gmail.com

Posters should be manufactured in a uniform size, i.e. 90 cmX120 cm.

Key Dates (Deadlines)

Submission of Abstracts (deadline extended): October 30th, 2011

First Early Bird Registration: Oct.1st, 2011 (Registration fee: USD\$200)

Second Early Bird Registration: Nov. 1st, 2011 (Registration fee: USD\$300)

Information notes sent to confirmed participants: Nov. 15th, 2011

* Please send the registration form back to Ms Chen Yujie at chenyj@caf.ac.cn as soon as possible, to ensure the official invitation document for your visa at earliest. The registration form is available at this webpage:

<http://www.valwood.uni-freiburg.de/index.php>

* The registration fee covers the conference materials, lunches and dinners (while breakfast will be covered in the room costs) and coffee breaks during the conference and the excursion on November 25th, 2011.

* The local organizers will help in hotel reservations for the foreign participants in Nanning and Pingxiang, Guangxi Province.

* The transportation from Nanning airport to Pingxiang and Nanning City will be arranged by the local organizers. Please inform your flight schedules in advance to both Prof. Yuanguang Wen at: wenyg@263.net and Mr. GUO Wenfu at: guo_wf@hotmail.com.

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