

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Colombo!

Without realizing it, the current Executive Committee, which I was elected to chair on 31 July 2006, is coming to the end of its three-year term. The next General Assembly, the fifth since APAFRI's establishment in 1995, will need to be convened this year, to elect the Executive Committee to administer APAFRI for the next three years.

The Secretariat has started the process, since mid last year, to organize this once-in-three-year event. In order to attract better attendance to reach the required quorum, the General Assembly is typically held together with an international or regional event. As the previous General Assembly was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; the Secretariat would like to have this coming one in another city preferably outside Malaysia. The Forestry Research and Development Agency of Indonesia (FORDA) has earlier consented to host this event, however, it has becoming more definite and inevitable that the Secretariat would need to takeover and host this event in Kuala Lumpur again.

The Secretariat has since proposed to convene the Fifth General Assembly together with the International Symposium on Forest Genetic Resources. This international symposium is an activity of an International Tropical Timber Organization funded project on forest genetic resources, and has been planned to be held in early October 2009. More details about this symposium are in an announcement included in this issue.

The General Assembly, which typically could take up half-a-day, will be convened on the day before the opening of the symposium, 4 October. An official invitation, together with all the relevant documents, will be sent out to all members within the next few weeks. APAFRI members should



make attending this General Assembly a top priority, and are strongly urged to block the dates for traveling to Kuala Lumpur to exercise their rights to elect the Executive Committee which will guide the Association to serve them better for the next three years.

In March, during the 19th Session of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Committee on Forestry (COFO) in Rome, I represented APAFRI and gave a presentation during a special event on Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission: *Glimpses of Developments in Asia-Pacific Forestry*.

During the first six months of this year, APAFRI has involved in about half-a-dozen activities. As an active partner, and handling most of the logistics of the Asia Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network (APFISN), APAFRI supported the *International Conference on Invasive Plants in the Tropics: Ecology, Management and Livelihoods*, organized by the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) in Bangalore, India, 5-6 January 2009. In May, with funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, APAFRI assisted in organizing another activity for APFISN in Lijiang, China. This second workshop addressed various issues related to forest restoration and forest health recovery following natural disasters, was hosted by the State Forest Administration of China and the Yunnan Forestry Department. Brief syntheses of these activities are included in this issue.

APAFRI has also been invited by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat to be a partner in the ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forests and Climate Change (ARKN-FCC). The network, currently chaired by Dr Nur Masripatin, who is also the Vice-chair of APAFRI Executive Committee, has already organized two meetings, in October 2008 and again in February

2009. A third meeting has been planned for July 2009.

Coming to the end of my three-year term as the Chair of the APAFRI Executive Committee, I would like to express my sincere thanks and utmost gratitude to all the member organizations for their support and contributions to APAFRI. On behalf of APAFRI Executive Committee, I would like to put on records our special thanks to the Director General of FRIM for the support and contributions in the continued hosting of the APAFRI Secretariat. Besides the financial and in-kind contributions in terms of providing the office premises for the Secretariat and Internet connections, FRIM also assigns a senior officer with a supporting staff to man the Secretariat. Many of you would agree with

me that the extremely efficient Secretariat has been the prime mover that enables APAFRI to reach its current status as a prominent association of research organizations in the Asia Pacific region.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those organizations, especially the Korea Forest Research Institute, USDA Forests Service, IUFRO and FAO, which have continued to support APAFRI.

With best regards,
Sarath Fernando
Chairman, APAFRI
June 2009

THE 5th APAFRI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4 October 2009, Kuala Lumpur

The once-in-three-year APAFRI General Assembly is due in 2009. This shall be the fifth since its establishment in 1995. Articles X and XI of the APAFRI Constitution provide guidelines for conducting the General Assembly:

ARTICLE X

The General Assembly

General Assembly of the Association shall be represented by one delegate from each member institution.

The General Assembly shall meet once every three years after the close of the financial year but not later than the month of April on a date and at a time and place to be decided by the Executive Committee.

All decisions shall be taken by a simple majority vote. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

The quorum for the General Assembly shall be 33% of the membership.

If half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the General Assembly a quorum is not present, the members present shall have the power to proceed with the business of the day but they shall not have the power to alter the constitution of the Association or make decisions affecting the whole membership.

Notice of meeting together with an agenda, minutes of the previous General Assembly and an audited account of the

Association shall be forwarded to the members at least 30 days before of the General Assembly.

An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened whenever the Executive Committee deems it necessary or at the joint request in writing of not less than 1/5 of the members, stating the objects and reason for such a meeting.

Notice and agenda for an extraordinary General Assembly shall be forwarded by the Executive Secretary to all members at least 15 days before the date fixed for the meeting.

The provisions regarding quorum and postponement of the triennial General Assembly shall also apply to an Extraordinary General Assembly but with the proviso that if no quorum is present after half an hour from the time appointed for the Extraordinary General Assembly requisitioned by the members, the meeting shall be cancelled, no extraordinary General Assembly shall be requisitioned for the same purpose until after the lapse of at least six months from the date thereof.

ARTICLE XI

Duties of the General Assembly

The General Assembly shall:

- * Determine the policy of the Association;
- * Review and endorse the programme of work and budget prepared by the Executive Committee;

- * Review progress;
- * Exercise other powers conferred upon it by the constitution.
- * Elect the Executive Committee and appoint auditors.



The Fifth APAFRI General Assembly shall convene on **4 October 2009** in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Secretariat will send out more details in early July to all members. The announcement of this General Assembly will also be posted on APAFRI's website, www.apafri.org, and will be regularly updated with details.

Members are strongly urged to attend this General Assembly. An important agenda of this General

Assembly is to elect the Executive Committee which would guide the Association for the next three years. The composition and functions of the Executive Committee, as well as a number of other related information, are encapsulated in APAFRI's Constitution. A copy of this could be viewed at APAFRI's website.

(For more information, please contact secretariat@apafri.org)

NOT A MEMBER OF APAFRI YET?

APAFRI members enjoy many benefits, the followings are the most tangible and direct:

- Opportunities to participate with full or partial support in conferences, workshops, meetings and training programmes organized by the Association, or member institutions of the Association in this region
- Financial and in-kind contributions from the Secretariat to events organized by member institutions: the Secretariat has adopted a tradition of providing financial support of up to US\$ 3000 per event organized by a member institution. This financial contribution, however, shall be restricted for supporting the participation of staff members of member institutions to the event. The Secretariat would also provide in-kind contribution in compiling, editing and publishing of proceedings, either in print or in electronic media
- One free copy of all publications of the Association will be mailed to each member's postal address free of charge

APAFRI membership is open to all institutions in the Asia-Pacific Region actively engaged in forestry or forest-related research. Member institution shall nominate official representative to be contact person to facilitate communication from the Secretariat, and also as delegate to the once-in-three-year General Assembly.

APAFRI also welcome individuals to join as non-voting members.

APAFRI annual membership fee is very small compared to the benefits that the members can enjoy:

Category I	Institutions in developed countries	US\$ 1000
Category II	Institutions in developing countries	US\$ 250
Category III	Institutions in least developed countries or Countries in transition	US\$ 50

The fee for non-voting individual member is only 10% of that for the individual's country of residence. For example, individual from a developing country (Category II) need only pay US\$25 per year!

The Constitution states that members whose dues are not paid for more than 12 months are deemed to be in default and shall not enjoy the membership benefits until the subscription is fully paid. However, the Secretariat has been very lenient in applying this rule. For example, we continue to send out free copies of our publications to institutions which had not paid subscriptions for years. Likewise staff members of these defaulted members have never been denied travel support unless limited by the event's budget.

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INTERNATIONAL FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES SYMPOSIUM - Conservation and sustainable utilization towards climate change mitigation and adaptation

5–8 October 2009, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The need to conserve and manage forest genetic resources (FGR) has long been recognised in international dialogue on forests but no global action plan has been developed for this purpose. For agricultural crops, the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Use of Plant Genetic Resources was adopted in 1996 but forest genetic resources issues were explicitly excluded from it. In November 2001, an International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture was adopted in Rome but forest genetic resources were not included in this agreement.

Several countries in the Asia Pacific region have taken steps to implement sustainable forest management in practice and many of them are now in the process of developing and testing criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management. There is a need to promote conservation and management of forest genetic resources *per se* within this process. Many countries in the Asia Pacific region have signed both CBD and ITTA, improved conservation and management of FGR would help the countries to fulfil their commitments as agreed under these agreements. While these agreements recognize that countries have sovereign rights over their own biological resources, they also assign them the responsibility for conserving their biological diversity and urge them to use the biological resources in a sustainable manner. Countries are also urged to enhance technical and scientific cooperation, training and information exchange on conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. Achieving these goals is a challenging but essential task that will not only maintain biological diversity for future generations but also productivity and ecological functions of tropical forests under changing climatic conditions in the future.

The recently intensified debates and discussions on climate change in many international fora have introduced additional challenges in the efficient conservation and sustainable utilization of forest genetic resources. Theories and technologies are being proposed, discussed and implemented to meet these challenges for climate change adaptation and

mitigation. All these, and many other related issues, are the topics of concerns that warrant detailed studies and in-depth discussions.

Objectives

The main objective of the symposium is to review the status of national efforts in conservation and management, as well as the sustainable utilization of FGR, particularly in tropical Asia. It will also serve as platform for the various stakeholders to discuss the strategies related to conservation and management of FGR.

This symposium shall also provide opportunities for sharing and exchanging of information and experiences towards strengthening capacity in FGR conservation, management and sustainable utilization to meet the challenges of climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Tentative Programme

The symposium/conference will include overarching plenary sessions covering cross-linking issues, followed by several technical sessions for sharing experiences and knowledge.

A one-day field trip would be included to visit forest rehabilitation/restoration sites and/or research facilities.

Symposium Organizers and Collaborators

The symposium is an initiative under an International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) Project on forest genetic resources. It is supported by the ITTO project and organized by the implementing agency of the project, Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), and the two collaborating agencies - Asia-Pacific Association of Forest Research Institutions (APAFRI) and Bioversity International.

Other collaborators shall include the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Forest Tree Breeding Centre (FTBC) Japan, the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).



Call for Papers

The working language of the workshop will be English. If you wish to present a paper, or exhibit a poster, send your abstract of 300–500 words to Sim Heok-Choh (simhc@frim.gov.my), copy to Hong Lay-Thong (Bioversity-Malaysia) [l.hong@cgiar.org]. Abstracts should include the full names, addresses of authors, and e-mail address for the corresponding author.

Deadlines

Submissions of abstracts – 15 July 2009
Notification of acceptance – 31 July 2009
Final Papers/Presentations – 15 September 2009

Venue

The venue will be at the Hotel Istana, 73 Jalan Raja Chulan, 50200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Tel: 6 03 2141 9988, Fax: 6 03 2144 0111.

Upon request, the Secretariat will make reservations for participants at the Hotel Istana. The room rates including breakfast are:

Single	Twin
RM 230 (US\$60)	RM 260 (US\$70)

Reservations must be made through the Secretariat at least two weeks before the start of the symposium.

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SECOND MEETING OF THE ASEAN REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE NETWORK ON FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (ARKN-FCC) 9 – 20 February 2009, Kuala Lumpur

The second meeting of the ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forests and Climate Change was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 19 – 20 February, 2009, and was chaired by Prof. Dr. Nik Muhamad Ab. Majid from the Faculty of Forestry, Universiti Putra Malaysia. A total of 26 participants attended the meeting.

In his welcoming address, Mr. Htain Lin reiterated that the ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forests and Climate Change was established based on the decisions of the Eleventh Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 31 July – 1 August 2008, to promote the ASEAN knowledge base in forestry, specifically to raise the issues of REDD and A/R CDM as current emerging forest policy priority issues in ASEAN. The Network should also contribute to ASEAN common position paper for COP, such as the coming COP 15 in Copenhagen this December.

The outputs of this meeting were reported at the 5th Meeting of ASEAN Expert Group (AEG) on International Forest Policy Processes (AEG IFPP)

scheduled for April 2009, and also the 12th ASOF meeting in June 2009.

Ms Fika Fawzia, Programme Officer on REDD, ASEAN-German Regional Forest Programme, German Technical Cooperation outlined the objectives of this second meeting:

1. Finalize the Network Modalities and the Terms of Reference of the ARKN on Forests and Climate Change;
2. Make an inventory of existing REDD or A/R CDM activities in the ASEAN region by ASEAN Member States and Network Partners as a basis for discussion and finalizing the Network's Research Agenda and Network's Products; and
3. Discuss and prepare a work plan for the ASEAN Common Position on COP 15 in Copenhagen.

One important expected output of this network was the recommendation that Network Members were urged to use the ASEAN Forest Clearing House Mechanism (CHM) as a tool for communication and sharing of knowledge and information. There

were some discussions on whether the network should be confined to just ASEAN, or also extended to others. It was decided that for the time being, the network should just cover ASEAN member states, and also ASEAN partners. The accepted acronym is: ARKN-FCC – ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forests and Climate Change.



The Vice-Chair of APAFRI, Dr. Nur Masripatin, stated that the idea of establishing the Network is to strengthen ASEAN’s capacity in negotiations through the involvement of experts and research institutions in the region, by providing scientific facts and research outputs as important basis for negotiations.

The participants from the 10 ASEAN Member States presented their country profiles/reports. There was much progress among the 10 Member States. On going projects and activities have progressed beyond just collecting basic data and information, but into more detailed studies and analyses.

Mr. Htain Lin informed the network on the ASEAN strategy in addressing the impact of climate change on agriculture, fisheries and forestry. The programme concept note consists of two big components:

1. Information system development and network establishment;
2. Development of regional mitigation and adaptation strategy. The network activities/research agenda shall be inline with activities in this concept note.

Continuing from the first meeting, and also summarizing from the presentations of the countries, a new list was drawn up to include

activities that need to be done. It was informed that the 11th ASOF meeting last year also produced a wish list. The new list of desired research activities was further improved to be in-line with the ASOF’s wish list.

Dr. Elizabeth Philip presented some ideas on products that the network could produce:

1. Dissemination of information
2. Reports and databases
3. REDD at a glance
4. Document regional benchmarks on REDD
5. Possible R&D activities
6. Bridging the gap to policy makers

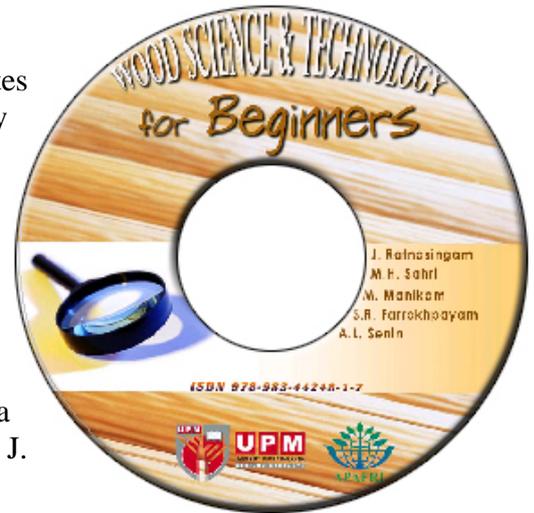
The related issues of national contributions to produce these products were discussed. The meeting was reminded again that the main purpose of establishing this network is to ensure that the products are produced entirely by contributions from the ASEAN Member States. The common position, for example, would be the common position of ASEAN, synthesized from the contributions of the ASEAN Member States.

The ASEAN Secretariat will facilitate to request nomination of Network Members by ASOF Leaders. A third meeting has been proposed to be convened in July 2009.

WOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Asia Pacific Association of Forestry Research Institutes (APAFRI) has recently collaborated with the Faculty of Forestry at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), in compiling a set of presentations on CD.

This set of presentations is meant to serve the needs of students and young wood industry personnel, who need to build up basic knowledge on wood and wood products. This is a collection of presentations contributed by several UPM lecturers including Prof. Dr. Mohd. Hamami Sahri, M Murughan Manikam, Saied Reza Farrokhpayam and Abdul Latib Senin and coordinated by Dr. J. Ratnasingam.



For copy of this CD, contact APAFRI Secretariat (secretariat@apafri.org).

INVASIVE PLANTS IN THE TROPICS: ECOLOGY, MANAGEMENT AND LIVELIHOODS

4–6 January 2009, Bangalore, India

This conference, organized by Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment and School of Ecology and Conservation, UAS, Bangalore, was aimed to bring together researchers, practitioners and managers to share their knowledge and experiences in current developments and advancements in the science, management, policy and utilization of the invasives. The conference led to building an integrated and interdisciplinary approach to the pressing challenges from the invasive species.



What became clear from the various presentations and talks was that there is very little knowledge about the inter-linkages between economics, ecology and therefore, a limited experience in the management of invasives. However, this conference did shed some light in these areas with its various sessions on thematic areas of ecology, biology and the spread of invasive plants in the tropics, and impacts on economy and ecology. The need for management and utilization of these invasives by better policies for prevention and management was also discussed.

Major recommendations of the three-day conference:

Session I: Ecology, Biology and Spread of Plant Invasive in the Tropical Ecosystem

1. To develop effective methods of communicating information, and establishing the importance of controlling invasives to policy makers and land managers.
2. To develop standard methodologies and to synthesize studies on *Lantana* in India, and to

establish a collaborative network of *Lantana* researchers.

3. To model distributions of key invasive species in India and to predict their future invasions.
4. To develop a list of potential invaders, and to develop maps to monitor introductions and spread of exotic species
5. To set up medium to long-term monitoring programmes to monitor the spread of invasive species in critical ecosystems.

Session II: Impact of Invasives – Ecological, Social and Economic

1. To set up a policy group to debate the definition of invasive species, and whether they have only detrimental effects, or can they also be instrumental in providing ecosystem services, habitats for endangered species, etc.
2. To develop definitions to distinguish species introduced from one part of the country to another (across biogeographical zones) and from exotics.
3. To account for different management scenarios while designing schemes to manage invasives.
4. To raise public awareness about invasive plant species.

Session III: Management and Utilization of Invasives

1. To explore the economic use of invasive species (for commercial purposes)
2. To explore the use of invasive species in generating livelihoods for forest dependent communities.
3. To develop comprehensive management approaches incorporating utilization of invasive species.
4. To explore local peoples' participation in management and recommendation of policy level changes.

Session IV: Policy for Prevention and Management

1. To explore retrospective and prospective ways for dealing with invasives.
2. To evaluate the benefits and alternative options
3. To determine the economic and ecological costs incurred by invasive species.
4. To develop national strategies for the prevention and management of invasive species
5. To ensure the implementation of International Commitments: GATT and sanitary and phytosanitary agreements.
6. To encourage mitigation and reduce the net costs of invasive species.

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON RESTORATION AFTER ICE- SNOW DISASTER AND FOREST HEALTH RESTORATION

27–28 May 2009, Lijiang, Yunnan, China

During early 2008 Southern China suffered from extraordinary severe ice-snow disaster. Much of the forests in these southern provinces were lost or very severely damaged. The Chinese Government has since then instituted a number of forest restoration plans.

Many of the countries in this region are constantly under the threats of severe natural disasters such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, cyclones, droughts, typhoons and heavy tropical rain storms. For example, in early May 2008, the cyclone Nargis that hit Myanmar had devastated hundreds of villages and killing and displaced thousands of people. Then, hardly two weeks later, a severe earthquake rocked the Sichuan and a few

neighboring provinces in China, with huge damages and lots of life lost.

Besides restoring the economy and livelihoods after each disaster, lots of efforts are also needed to restoring the forests which often are the main contributor to the wellbeing of the local economy and livelihoods.

Since 2002, China and the U.S. have established collaborations in various forest health related areas. Four relevant workshops had since been held so far. China had also established nine forest health pilot areas in different provinces. Many experts from the U.S. had visited these sites and provided timely technical assistance during the period of project implementation.

The main objective of the workshop was to provide a forum for linking various international, regional and national agencies and institutions dealing with the problems about resilience of forest from natural disasters such as ice-snow; and to share strategies, experiences and knowledge, related to forest health. The workshop also provided an opportunity for individuals and their associated agencies, organizations and networks to build collaborative linkages and better align programmes to capture synergies.

Programme and participants

The workshop was successfully held as scheduled from 28–29 May 2009 in the historic and picturesque city of Lijiang in Yunnan Province, southwestern China.

The two-day event attracted a total of 85 participants, out of which 21 were from outside China. The USDA fund to the Asia Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network (APFISN), administered by the Asia Pacific Association of Forestry Research institutions (APAFRI), had supported the travel expenses of 14 participants. The local organizers, the State Forest Administration (SFA), had covered all local costs.

The workshop began with a plenary session with three presentations introducing forest restoration, forest health monitoring and recovery, as well as the Sino-US collaborations; right after the official opening. Then it continued with 20 presentations covering a wide range of topics in forest restoration after natural disasters and forest health recovery which include:

- forest health maintenance and recovery
- research and the latest technological progress on forest health
- forest restoration and reforestation
- forest recovery from natural disaster, such as wind damage from hurricane or typhoon or large scale drought
- climate, soil, hydrology and forest health
- forest health and invasive pests
- forest pests prevention, monitoring and eradication
- forest pests outbreak prevention after

natural disasters

- forest health and community participation
- forest health monitoring and assessment indicators and measures

A half-a-day field trip was organized to visit a forest restoration and protection site involving the monks of a temple and local villagers; a home biogas project; and a primary school with programmes and activities on raising awareness of forest health and biodiversity conservation.

In his closing remarks, Mr Li Yunkun, Deputy Director, Afforestation Department of the State Forest Administration, reiterated the importance of a better understanding of, and effectively incorporating, the various components of forest health in forest restoration and rehabilitation following natural disasters. He also emphasized the important contributions of the demonstration sites such as in raising public awareness crucial in community involvement, and called for establishing more of such sites.

Robert Mangold called a brief meeting, after the closing of the workshop, to discuss plans for future activities of the Asia Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network (APFISN). For the coming year, a workshop on the tentative topic of useful tools for detection, monitoring and eradicating invasive species, has been suggested. This workshop would most probably be held as a side event during the Asia Pacific Forestry Week which would be organized by the State Forest Administration of China, in conjunction with the Asia Pacific Forest Commission Session Meeting, in Beijing some time in early 2010.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The 14th International Rainwater Catchment Systems Conference 2009

Date : 3 - 6 August 2009
Venue : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
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Website : <http://www.nahrim.gov.my/my/klrainwater>

The VIII World Bamboo Congress "Bamboo, the Environment and Climate Change"

Date : 16 - 18 September 2009
Venue : Bangkok, Thailand
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International Forest Genetic Resources Symposium "Conservation and sustainable utilization towards climate change mitigation and adaptation"

Date : 5 - 8 October 2009
Venue : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
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XIII World Forestry Congress in Argentina

Date : 18 - 25 October 2009
Venue : Buenos Aires, Argentina
Website : <http://www.iufro.org/auth/science/special/spdc/actpro/wkspmal07/support-arg09/>

5th International Canopy Conference 2009 Forest Canopies "Conservation, Climate change and Sustainable use"

Date : 25 - 31 October 2009
Venue : Bangalore, India
Phone : 91-80-23635555
Fax : 91-80-23530070
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Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Royal Enclave, Srirampura, Jakkur post, Bangalore-64, India.
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Seminar On Biomass For Biofuel And Value-Added Products 2009 "Towards Efficient Utilization of Biomass"

Date : 27 - 28 October 2009
Venue : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
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TWAS Regional Young Scientists Conference Food Health and Fuel "Plants for the Future"

Date : 2 - 5 November 2009
Venue : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
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International Congress on Biological Invasions

Date : 2 - 6 November 2009
Venue : Fuzhou, China
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Website : www.icbi.org

Urban Forestry Conference 2009 "Lessons For Sustainable Development"

Date : 17 - 19 November 2009
Venue : Sarawak, Malaysia
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Website : <http://www.frim.gov.my/pdf/urban-forestry.pdf>

International Training Course Designing Green Landscapes to Provide Multiple Services

Date : 11 - 15 January 2010
Venue : Arid Forest Research Institute,
Jodhpur

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Fax : 91-291-2722764
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Website : <http://www.apafri.org/files/Designing%20Green%20Landscapes%20to%20Provide%20Multiple%20Services-Training%20Course-AFRI,%20Jodhpur.pdf>

Conserving and Enhancing Productivity of Forests in the Genomics Era

Date : 8 - 12 March 2010
Venue : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
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