



NEWSLETTER

APAFRI BRIEF

THE ASIA PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF FORESTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

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Message From

THE CHAIRMAN

The International Union of Forestry Research Organization (IUFRO) is holding its World Congress in Kuala Lumpur from the 7th to 12th August 2000. This is the first time in IUFRO's history of over 100 years that IUFRO is holding its Congress in a developing tropical country. All the previous congresses had been held in either Europe or North America. Malaysia should feel rightly proud to be hosting the Congress which is held every five years. APAFRI shall be holding its General Assembly as well as having a booth during the Congress. We hope that all members will attend the General Assembly.

APAFRI was established as a chapter of IUFRO, to enhance and support IUFRO in the Asia Pacific region, and towards that end APAFRI has organized a number of activities to complement the Special Programme on Developing Countries (SPDC) of IUFRO. With the help of the Forest Research Support Programme for Asia and the Pacific (FORSPA) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) through the Tree Link Project, APAFRI has embarked on a range of activities which we hope will help in enhancing the quality of forestry research in the region. Among others, we have published various case studies, managed the Dr. YS Rao Forestry Research Award, initiated a programme on Continuing Education for Professional Foresters, held the first Graduate Student Research Clinic and will jointly hold a Biotechnology Course for Foresters before the IUFRO World Congress.

The above are some of the range of programmes that APAFRI has been involved in. We have developed our Strategic Plan and outlined some strategies, including the formulation of the APAFRI Business Plan for Sustainability, to achieve our goals. We have interviewed a number of candidates for the position of Executive Director, as we direly need a full time professional to lead the organisation into the new millennium and execute the range of programmes that have been identified. Nevertheless, the success of APAFRI will depend upon the long term commitment of its members and I wish to appeal to members to fully rally behind the Secretariat

and Executive Committee in order to achieve the aspiration of the organization. If we are united in our desire to improve the quality of forestry research in the region, I believe that we can make an impact, but we will need the support of governments, research institutions and the private sector.

This would most probably be my last message as Chairman of APAFRI as my term ends at the coming General Assembly. I therefore wish to record my sincere appreciation to FAO office in Bangkok for their continued support through the FORSPA programme. APAFRI started with the vision of the late Dr. Y.S. Rao when he was in charge of FORSPA during which he developed a strong foundation of cooperation between FORSPA and APAFRI which has continued until today. In this regard, on behalf of APAFRI, I would like to congratulate Dr. S. Appannah as the new head of FORSPA. Dr. Appannah is no stranger to APAFRI and we look forward to cementing closer relations between our two organizations. My grateful thanks also to Ed Sutherland who has been a pillar of strength at the APAFRI-Tree Link project and for initiating a range of programmes to promote APAFRI. Thank you to CIDA and all related persons for the support to and belief in APAFRI. Thank you also to our Executive Secretary, Dr. Kamis Awang, who despite his busy schedule, has somehow managed to fit in APAFRI and has taken time to look into the daily needs of APAFRI. To the few APAFRI staff members, thank you for your dedication and support. Thanks to Dr. Rusli, Dean of the Forestry Faculty of Universiti Putra Malaysia, for graciously hosting us at the faculty. My grateful thanks are also directed to all members of the APAFRI Executive Committee, especially to Vice Chairman Dr. Lucrecio Rebugio of the Philippines, who have assisted me on many occasions. Finally, my sincere thanks to all members of APAFRI, the organizations and individuals, who have supported APAFRI in one way or another. To all, I say "terima kasih" or Thank you. I wish you all the very best and success in the near future.

Dr. Salleh Mohd. Nor
Chairman APAFRI
15th June, 2000

UPDATE: APAFRI 1997 - 2000

APAFRI was formed with the broad overall objective to foster the development of forestry research in the region for sustainable forestry management and regional, national and community development.

The Association was founded on the belief that it would enhance forestry research through the promotion and development of close institutional, professional and personal relationships among the research organisations. In 1997, the current Executive Committee was elected with a mandate to transform the belief into reality.

Over the past three years, the Executive Committee has taken important steps on the road to making APAFRI a self-sustaining, regionally, and internationally recognized organisation.

At the last General Assembly, the membership authorized the Executive Committee to complete the draft of the APAFRI Strategic Plan. The completed plan has provided the framework for the development of APAFRI to this point. The three strategic goals as presented in the Strategic Plan 1997 – 2002, form the organization of this report

Strategic Goal 1

To foster development of forestry research in the Asia Pacific Region for sustainable forest management and regional, national and community development.

In working towards the attainment of this goal, the Executive Committee has:

- Initiated the creation of the APAFRI Web Site to house databases of pertinent research and provide the mechanism for information networking among the members.
- Contracted for the writing and publishing of six case studies on successful applications in forestry research. As at December 1999, four of the six case studies had been published and distributed to member institutions.
- Supported networking among special interest groups.
- Signed a joint MOU with the Faculty of Forestry, UPM and the Institute of Malaysian Foresters to support the development and implementation of a CPE programme in Malaysia.
- Contracted for the writing of three training curricula
- Secured funding for the transfer of APAFRI supported training programmes into CD format for distribution to members.
- Secured the funds to grant an award to an outstanding young researcher in memory of the late Dr. YS Rao.

Strategic Goal 2

To provide professional leadership and support to its members in the Asia Pacific Region

In working towards the attainment of this goal, the Executive Committee has:

- Undertaken the necessary steps to register the Association as a regional NGO in Malaysia. Registration was formally granted on July 25, 1998.
- Transferred the temporary Secretariat of the Association from the FAO offices in Bangkok to UPM, Malaysia in 1998. Opened the Secretariat office, within the Faculty of Forestry, UPM, in November 1998

- Published and distributed a general brochure on APAFRI, the APAFRI Constitution and the APAFRI Strategic Plan
- Attracted 52 members to the Association.
- Planned and conducted the Vision 2010 Seminar to assist in the Articulation of Regional Research Priorities
- Represented the APAFRI membership at a number of regional and international meetings
- Sought and secured financial support for the Association and its activities from a number of regional and international donors

Strategic Goal 3

To facilitate collaboration between member countries on priority research issues which are of common interest to the collaborating nations.

In working towards the attainment of this goal, the Executive Committee has:

- Published and distributed 5 Newsletters to member institutions
- Initiated discussions with FAO regarding the updating and distribution of a CD on Regional Forestry Research
- Initiated discussion with FORSPA on the development of a Regional Forestry Research and Development Index
- Initiated discussion with FORSPA on the writing and distribution of a Manual for Establishing Institutional Research Priorities.
- Initiated discussion with CABI for free access to their Search Engine in support of the APAFRI e-loan system
- Signed Agreements with the libraries of FRIM, UPM, UPLB and KU in support of the APAFRI e-loan system
- Supported the administration of a survey to collect names, along with current and completed research of Dipterocarp Researchers in Malaysia.
- Supported a meeting of the Deans of regional Faculties of Forestry to discuss common issues and to identify possible areas for collaborative activity
- Supported a field visit by representatives of the Cambodian Forest Research Institute and the Faculty of Forestry, Royal University of Agriculture and Forestry, in Cambodia to meet their counterparts in southern Vietnam for an exchange of views and to develop a work plan for collaborative activities
- Entered into discussion with Kent Ridge Digital Laboratories in Singapore for the possible joint development of Machine Language Translation of Forestry Research Literature into regional languages
- Entered into an agreement with FRIM to develop a prototype of an electronic journal for future distribution to members
- Established the APAFRI Graduate Student Award Programme to provide support to the study and publication of applied research by Forestry Graduate Students

As APAFRI enters a new era under the leadership of its new Executive Committee, it is well positioned to further attain the Strategic Goals. The appointment of the Executive Director and the completion of the Business Plan for Sustainability are key initial steps for the future.

EXPANSION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS

The programme of Continuing Professional Education for Foresters currently being offered in the Philippines is being used as the model for the development of similar programmes in Malaysia and Vietnam.

The programme in the Philippines has been successfully operating for the past several years. In November of last year approximately 100 members of the Malaysian Institute of Foresters participated in a one-day awareness or needs assessment exercise to determine the appropriateness and needs for Continuing Professional Education for Foresters in Malaysia. The keynote speaker for the one-day session was the Director General of Forestry for Peninsular Malaysia, Dato' Zul Mukhshar bin Dato' Md. Shaari. Other speakers included Dato' Dr. Salleh Nor, Chairman of APAFRI, and Assoc. Prof. Portia Lapitan of the College of Forestry and Natural Resources, UPLB Los Banos. An MOU was signed between the Malaysian Institute of Foresters, the Faculty of Forestry, Universiti Putra Malaysia and APAFRI to conduct a trial CPE program.



Dato' Zul Mukhshar bin Dato' Md. Shaari
Gives Keynote Address

In Vietnam, a joint initiative between the Forest Science Institute of Vietnam and the Faculty of Forestry, University of Agriculture and Forestry, Ho Chi Minh City will see a CPE awareness session for senior government officials on August 17th in Hanoi. Representatives of UPLB and the Malaysian Institute of Foresters will make presentations at the session.

REMINDER OF THE APAFRI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2nd General Assembly of APAFRI members will be held on August 11, 2000 at 8:00pm in Meeting Room 8, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The tri-annual event is being held in conjunction with the IUFRO World Congress. The meeting will review the activities of APAFRI, discuss amendments to the Constitution, adopt the APAFRI Business Plan for Sustainability and elect 3 new members to the Executive Committee. Official Notice of the meeting will be sent to all members by July 11.

APAFRI HIGHLIGHTED AT INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

Participants attending the IUFRO Seminar on "Forest Science and Forestry Contributing to Quality of Human Life in Developing Countries" were introduced to APAFRI during the presentation of a paper entitled "Forest Science Challenges and Contributions to Sustainable Human and Resource Development". The paper was prepared by Robert C. Szaro, Atse M. Yapi, David Langor, Erich Schaitza, Kamis Awang and Karel Vancura. The Seminar was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, 3rd September, 1999. A copy of the paper is available on the APAFRI Web Site www.apafri.upm.edu.my.

1ST APAFRI GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD PROGRAMME RESEARCH CLINIC HELD IN BANGKOK

The CIDA funding for the APAFRI Graduate Student Award Programme included funds to support three Research Clinics for participating students.

The first Clinic was held at Kasetsart University, Bangkok from April 18 – 26. Professor Dr. Thira Sutabutra, President of Kasetsart University, officially opened the Clinic. Over the 10 days of the clinic, the students were instructed in the intricacies of Research Proposal and design. During the Clinic, the students traveled to Southern Thailand to participate in a number of field visits.

The 2nd Clinic will be held mid- August following the IUFRO World Congress in Malaysia, with the third Clinic tentatively scheduled for late March 2001 at University of the Philippines, Los Banos.



Dr. Damrong address the Research Clinic

APAFRI GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD PROGRAMME

With funding support from the Canadian International Development Agency, APAFRI has been able to initiate a program to support applied research by Graduate Forestry students. The programme was initiated early this year at Kasetsart University, Universiti Putra Malaysia and UPLB. Initially, 28 awards have been made available to graduate students. Twenty-one of the awards (CND\$2000 each) support local students to conduct applied research related to reforestation using indigenous species. Seven awards (CND\$2000 plus fees and a two year living allowance) have been made available to students from Laos PDR, Cambodia and Vietnam.

APAFRI and the participating universities are closely monitoring the programme and, if proven successful, will endeavor to seek new funds to support additional students at the current universities and initiate the programme at other member universities.

APAFRI E-LIBRARY SERVICES NOW BEING TESTED

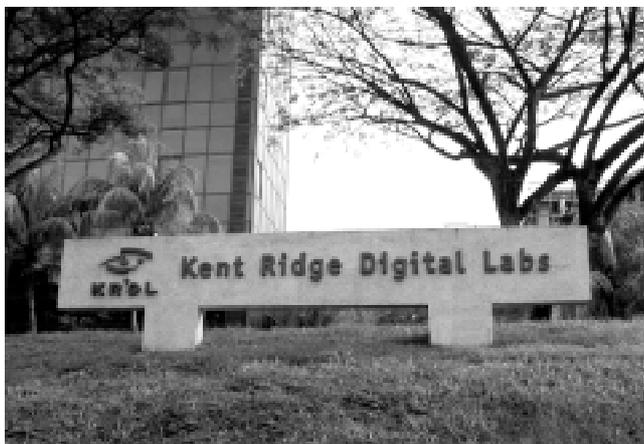
Following a year of technical preparation and a series of meetings with librarians from Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Forest Research Institute of Malaysia and College of Forestry and Natural Resources, UPLB, the APAFRI e-Library system is currently undergoing initial testing.

When fully operational, the APAFRI e-Library system will permit APAFRI members to search forestry research journals on-line, and to request, for a minimal fee, selected articles via the internet and have the full text of selected articles “delivered” on-line within 48 hours.

Dr. V. Prakash of the Engineering Communication Department of Universiti Putra Malaysia has developed the software for the system.

APAFRI has negotiated an agreement with CABI for the use of the CABI Search Engine as part of the system.

APAFRI CONSIDERING SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF MACHINE LANGUAGE TRANSLATION SOFTWARE



Headquarters of KRDL, Singapore

In its endeavour to further disseminate research results among members, APAFRI has searched for a method to permit efficient, inexpensive translation of document from English to regional languages.

Over the past year, APAFRI has been discussing current developments in Machine Language Translation with researchers at the Kent Ridge Digital Laboratories, in Singapore.

APAFRI hopes to solicit support from donors to further develop the translation software being developed by KRDL. The long-term plan is to install translation software on the APAFRI server.

APAFRI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS IN BEIJING

Following the FORSPA Advisory Committee Meeting and the Consultation on Private Sector Involvement in Forestry Research, the APAFRI Executive Committee met to review the past year's activities and to plan for the upcoming APAFRI General Assembly. Observers at the meeting included representatives from FORSPA, CIFOR, INBAR and Tree Link. Dr. Luc Rebugio, APAFRI Vice Chairperson, chaired the meeting.



APAFRI Executive Committee Meeting, Beijing

MALAYSIAN DIPTEROCARP RESEARCHERS CREATE A DATA BASE

A small team of Dipterocarp Researchers has recently completed a survey of their fellow Dipterocarp Researchers in Malaysia. The survey identified 102 individual researchers, their current positions, academic qualifications and areas of research interest. The team also gathered information of completed and current research activities, the research topics and sources of funding for the research.

To complete the survey, the team developed a bibliography of Dipterocarp Research that includes journal articles, papers published in proceedings and unpublished papers.

The results have been accumulated in a database and will be incorporated into the APAFRI Web Site.

In the future, the Malaysian group hopes to encourage Dipterocarp researchers in other countries to gather similar data in their own country and contribute their findings to a regional database.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES BEING PRODUCED IN CD FORMAT

In the effort to develop regionally appropriate training packages, APAFRI is currently transferring 5 regionally developed training programmes into CD format.

Using course-authoring software, the CD-based courses will incorporate text, graphics, video and sound to provide high quality self-paced learning tools.



Curriculum Development Team - UPLB

The courses currently being transferred to CD are:

- Water Shed Resource Management
- Participatory Approaches in Forest Management
- Recent Developments in Forestry and Environment
- Natural Resource Management for Senior Managers, and
- Agroforestry for Sustainable Development and People Empowerment

A print-based course, "Technical English for Foresters", has been completed and is being published

The new CDs and the Technical English Course will be showcased at the APAFRI Booth at the IUFRO Congress. Copies of the CDs and Technical English will be available for sale (discounted for APAFRI members) in August.

Two additional courses, Bio-tech Applications in Forestry and Participatory Research Methods, are currently being written and field tested.

PUBLIC PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVE SHOWCASED IN DRESDEN, GERMANY

Dr. Kamis Awang, APAFRI Executive Secretary traveled to Dresden, Germany at the request of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research 2000 (GFAR) to present a poster session on an APAFRI member public private sector initiative. Collaborative research was undertaken by an APAFRI private sector member Trop Bio and member institutions the Forestry Research Centre of the Forestry Department, Sabah and the Faculties of Food Science and Biotechnology and Forestry UPM on May 19 – 25.

While in Europe, Dr. Kamis had the opportunity to travel to Rome to meet officials of FAO to discuss current and future cooperation with APAFRI

DEANS OF FACULTIES OF FORESTRY MEET

Deans from 6 Faculties of Forestry in SE Asia gathered in Bangkok in April this year to discuss common interests and concerns in regard to curricula, student intake, and funding support.

The meeting was organized by Dr. Boi, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry, University of Agriculture and Forestry, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Dr. Utis Kutintara, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry Kasetsart University, hosted the meeting. Deans from Cambodia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia attended the meeting.

The Deans hope to meet informally at IUFRO and plan a 2nd meeting at UPLB next March.

16th COMMONWEALTH FORESTRY CONFERENCE FELLOWSHIPS

Limited funds are being made available to CFA by the UK Department for International Development and other sponsors to support attendance at next year's conference for participants from developing countries. The conference will be held from 18 – 25 April 2001 at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia.

The Commonwealth Forestry Association invites applications from Professional Foresters working with Government, Industry or NGO in a developing country, who would otherwise be unable to attend. Preference will be given to those in early to mid career (25 – 45 years of age). Applications should be sent to:

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Applicants should enclose a one- page CV (Biodata) and a one-page statement outlining why participation should be supported and the level of funding required. (Applications longer than two pages will be rejected).

The closing date is July 31, 2000. Successful applicants will be notified by 30 September, 2000.

CAMBODIA / VIETNAM EXCHANGE

Three representatives from the Forest Research Institute of Cambodia and the Faculty of Forestry, Royal University of Agriculture and Forestry participated in a field visit with their counterparts in Southern Vietnam.

The visit was the first of a series of planned exchanges between Cambodia and Vietnam to strengthen institutional ties and provide opportunities for the sharing of research results.

Participating in the visit were Cambodians, Mr. Hang Sun Tra, Ms, Vong Sopanha of FRI and Dean Von Moin, RUAF.



Cambodia / Vietnam Exchange

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tropical Forestry Research: Challenges in the New Millennium

Dates : August 2–4, 2000

Venue : Peechi, India

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Bamboo 2000 International Symposium

Dates : August 2–4, 2000

Venue : Chiang Mai, Thailand

Contact : Bamboo 2000 Secretariat
Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, Bangkok,
10900 Thailand

Phone : +66 2 579 0171

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Forest Genetics for the Next Millennium

Dates : October 8–13, 2000

Venue : Durban, South Africa

Contact : Colin Dyer, IUFRO Conference Organiser
PO Box 11636, Dropsruit 3206, South Africa

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Training Course on Vegetative Propagation of Tropical Forest Tree Species

Dates : November 6–24, 2000

Venue : Gympie, Australia

For more information, please

Contact : Stephen Walker
Queensland Forestry Research Institute
MS 483, Fraser Road, Gympie QLD 4570, Australia

Phone : +61 7 5482 0886

e-mail : walkers@qfri1.se2.dpi.qld.gov.au

Annual Conference of the Forest Stewardship Council

Dates : November 8–13, 2000

Venue : Oaxaca, Mexico

Contact : FSC Secretariat
Avenida Hidalgo 502, 6800 Oaxaca, Mexico

Phone : + 52 951 46905/63244

Fax : + 52 951 62110

e-mail : fscoax@fscoax.org

Web Site: www.fscoax.org

5th Pacific Rim Bio-based Composite Symposium

Dates : December 10–13, 2000

Venue : Canberra, Australia

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Canberra ACT 0200, Australia

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e-mail : Bio.symposium@anu.edu.au

Web Site: www.online.anu.edu.au/Forestry/wood/bio/bio.html

International Conference on the Application of Reduced Impact Logging to Advance Sustainable Forest Management

Dates : January 9–12, 2001

Venue : Kuching, Sarawak

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4th South and East Asian Countries Non-Timber Forest Products Network (SEANN) Workshop

Dates : March 18–21, 2001

Venue : Manila, the Philippines

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16th Commonwealth Forestry Conference

Dates : April 18–25, 2001

Venue : Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia.

Theme : Forests in a Changing Landscape (sub themes:
Landscape Change, Policy Landscape, Global
Landscape, Technology, and Forest Landscape)

For more information, please contact the Conference Secretariat:
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Members wishing to have their upcoming events included in the next newsletter or posted on the APAFRI web site are encouraged to send details of upcoming events to the Secretariat secretariat@apafri.upm.edu.my



APAFRI EXHIBIT AT IUFRO

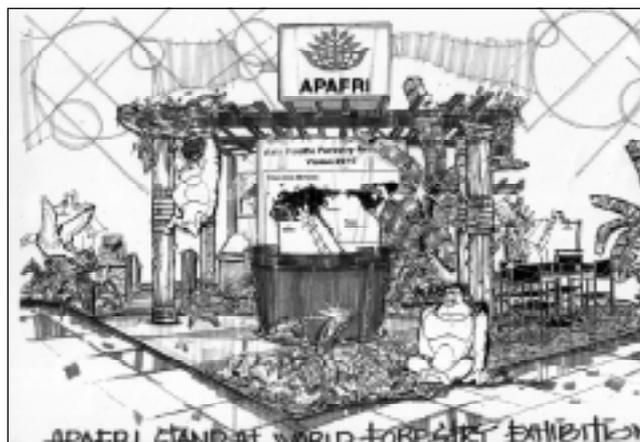
APAFRI members and activities will be showcased at the World Forestry Exhibition as part of the IUFRO World Congress. The APAFRI Exhibit will be in the Exhibition Hall, Level 2 of the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur. The APAFRI Exhibit will be open August 7 – 9, 9:00am to 6:00pm.

The Exhibit will include an interactive display of the APAFRI Tree Link Information Service, information on APAFRI member institutions, examples of publication and training courses. A message board for the convenience of members will also be available.

A number of “special events” will be programmed into the Exhibit. These will include the opportunity to:

- meet authors of the APAFRI publications,
- learn about the research activities of the APAFRI Graduate Student Award Recipients,
- talk with members of the Malaysian Dipterocarp Research Network.

Members are encouraged to visit the Exhibit and to participate in the planned events.



Conceptual Design of the APAFRI IUFRO Exhibit

Members wishing to submit materials for the Exhibit, or wishing to contribute to a “special event” are asked to contact the Secretariat as soon as possible.

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A NEW APPROACH TO INTERNET TRAINING

APAFRI has secured funding to support the training of 20 staff members from the Forestry Research Institute (FRI) and the Faculty of Forestry of the Royal University of Agriculture and Forestry, Cambodia. The training is provided by a private sector firm KIDS. The training takes place at the KIDS internet café. A unique feature of the training is the opportunity for trainees to practice their skills. Funding has been made available to provide each trainee internet access time. Management of FRI and the Faculty of Forestry have tasked their staff to use the access time to gather information in support of the Forest Research Priorities of the country.

TWO MORE CASE STUDIES PUBLISHED

As part of an ongoing agreement with FORSPA, researchers at APAFRI member organisations the Forest Science Research Institute of Vietnam, and the Research Institute of Forestry, Chinese Academy of Forestry, have recently completed two case studies. “Successful Development of *Acacia spp* In Vietnam” by Nguyen Hoang Nghia, and “*Paulownia* Breeding, Cultivation and Extension in China” by Zhang Huaxin. Copies will be mailed to all member institutions within the next few weeks. Additional copies of the new case studies, as well as other studies are available through the APAFRI Secretariat

NEW APAFRI MEMBERS

APAFRI welcomes four new members:

Faculty of Forestry, Bogor Agricultural University IPB

Areas of Priority Research include:

- Biometrics and inventory of forests
- Silviculture, protection and forest fire
- Forest Product Technology
- Forest Product Harvesting
- Forest Resources Conservation

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School of International Tropical Forestry, Universiti Malaysia, Sabah

Areas of Priority Research include:

- Sustainable Forest Management
- Agroforestry
- Silviculture
- Traditional Medicine
- Forest Products

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Areas of Priority Research include:

- Agroforestry
- Silviculture
- Forest Products
- Sustainable Forest Management

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Queensland Forestry Research Institute, Indooroopilly, Australia

Areas of Priority Research include:

- Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement
- Plantation and Native Forest Silviculture
- Forest Pest and Disease Management
- Sustainable Forest Management Practices (Soils, Hydrology, Ecology)
- Wood Processing and Utilisation

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APAFRI BUSINESS PLAN COMPLETED

In August of last year, several members of the Executive Committee met to discuss the development of a Business Plan for the Association.

The Executive Committee reaffirmed the need to develop a plan to assist the Association to attain its financial goal of US\$1,000,000. It is envisioned that the interest from such a fund would provide the necessary funds to sustain an annual programme of APAFRI activity.



APAFRI Business Plan Meeting

The Executive Committee identified the array of activities that would constitute the annual program. The elements of the annual program are:

- An annual update of the data base on Active Regional Forestry Research
- Ongoing encouragement of Collaborative Research, through the creation and support of Specialist Networks
- An annual update on the data base of Regional/ National/and Institutional Research Priorities
- Working Group Support
- The presentation of annual awards for Outstanding Research
- The maintenance of the Regional Research and Development Index (on reports prepared for and presented at each General Assembly)
- The preparation and distribution of 12 publications annually (2 newsletters, 2 case studies and 8 other publications)
- The organizing and conducting of an annual Thematic Research Meeting
- A series of annual Training Events
- The organizing and conducting of sub-regional Member Institution meetings

The Executive Secretary was given the the responsibility to complete a Business Plan for the Sustainability of APAFRI.

The requested plan has been completed and will be presented to the General Assembly for consideration and adoption. Following the General Assembly, copies of the Plan will be available from the Secretariat.

NEW FORSPA PROJECT OFFICER APPOINTED

FAO recently announced the appointment of Dr. Simmathiri Appanah as the new FORSPA Senior Programme Advisor. Dr. Appanah assumed his duties effective June 1, 2000. In one of his first official functions, the FORSPA advisory committee

meeting Dr. Appanah, announced the intention of FORSPA to seek funding for a third phase. Dr. Appanah reaffirmed FORSPA's support for APAFRI and ongoing support if a third phase is approved. Dr. Appanah was formerly with FRIM.



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