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## International Forestry Review Young Scientist Publication Awards

The Commonwealth Forestry Association has established a scheme known as the International Forestry Review Young Scientist Publication Awards, or the Young Scientist Awards (YSA) that is designed to help promote the careers of young forest scientists and managers through publication in the International Forestry Review.

#### Eligibility:

- Age of author under 30 years of age at time of submission of entry;
- Author should not have previously published articles in peer-reviewed international technical journals (please list any published articles in non-reviewed journals);
- The submission should be from one author.

**Language:** entries should be submitted in English.

There will be up to four **Awards** yearly. The selected articles will be published in IFR. The winners will be offered a free subscription to the CFA (which includes receipt of the IFR) for 3 years, a copy of the CFA Handbook and Rio+8, and a CD of back numbers of the IFR (due for publication in August 2003).

**Criteria** for judging the winners of the Awards will be:

All entries should meet the CFA objectives: To promote the well-being of the world's forests and all who benefit from them.

- Quality of science: sound methods, inclusive discussion of results, sound conclusions, identification of relevance to forest policy, management or research
- Quality of presentation: contents matching title, logical presentation, good illustrations where relevant, clear objectives, conclusions related to objectives
- Originality - does not merely recycle existing information
- Wide interest - even if dealing with a restricted area or topic, should be of wider applicability or value for discussion
- Overall impression - at the discretion of the peer-reviewer

For more information visit the CFA website at [www.cfa-international.org](http://www.cfa-international.org) or contact the editor of the International Forestry Review at [alan.pottinger@cfa-international.org](mailto:alan.pottinger@cfa-international.org)

from ALAN POTTINGER, Editor IFR

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# Association News

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## Thematic Areas For 2003

CFA Zambian Branch Coordination Office has provided this outline of its aspirations

### Comments on main activities

#### A. "They Lived Science":

A children's interactive programme and learning process of the different facets of natural resources and their constituents which will culminate in an exhibition of plants and trees with the various uses made from them.

#### Problems to be addressed:

- Establishing a Memorandum of Understanding with Lusaka National Museum Management
- Fundraising with UNICEF
- Commencement of implementation of activities under the partnership with the Lusaka National Museum as outlined in the MoU such as botanical tours to forest lands (both gazetted and ungazetted) including those falling under customary tenure, nature tours, nature walks, botanical collections and pressings, development of exhibition index, workshops, seminars etc. with the pilot schools' representatives
- Mount an interactive exhibition at the Lusaka National Museum
- Establishment of herbarium with the participation of children at the Lusaka National Museum

#### B. Accreditation with the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP):

##### Problems to be addressed:

#### C. National Environmental Policy Development

##### Problems to be addressed through the Task Force Team:

- Attending to all Task Force Scheduled Meetings and Programmes
- Community and civil society mobilization
- Bidding, Tenders, Selecting of consultancy firm
- Monitor policy development process
- Submit the Draft Policy Documents to the Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources

#### D. Provincial Monthly Discussion Fora as part of forest awareness and Promotion of CFA activities:

Problems to be addressed will include discussions in the Geographical areas of Zambia:

#### E. Strengthen the already opened up negotiations on Forestry, Agriculture and Rural Development:

##### Programme to include:

- Continue collaboration with the relevant institutions and programmes such as local communities, traditional leaders, governmental line departments and ministries, NGOs, CBOs, private and public sectors
- Institutional capacity building
- Networking with various organizations, individuals with similar interests
- Advocacy

#### F. Outsourcing in Forestry Resources:

##### Problems to be addressed:

- Establishment of a small plant nursery and demonstration centre
- Acquire a small piece of derelict land for declaration as nature reserve
- Practise Plantation forestry

#### G. Field Visits:

##### Problems to be addressed:

#### H. Botanical Nomenclature Book Publication

##### Problems to be addressed:

- Fundraising
- Abridging the earlier version of "Imiti" or "Trees" by White Fathers Labrecque and Jean-Jaques-Corbeil
- Refine the text to be ready for publication

#### H. Branch-Branch Cooperation:

##### Problems to be addressed:

- Design reciprocal study tour to Canadian CFA Branch by the Zambian CFA Branch and vice-versa
- Visit to African Regional CFA Chairman

#### I. Luapula River Basin Conservancy Plan as an important shared resource:

##### Problems to be addressed:

- Consensus building process with local communities on both sides of the river and all resource users
- Project write-up under SADC protocol

from VICTOR KAWANGA

## UK Branch May 2003 Tour: Scottish Borders

### Thursday 15 May

- 9.30 am Dawyck Botanic Gardens (8 miles south west of Peebles, on B712). Coffee.
- 12.45pm Soup and sandwiches, Crook Inn, Tweedsmuir(on A701).
- 2.30pm Borders Forest Trust, Carrifran Wildwood Project (7 miles north of Moffat A708).
- 7.00 pm for Dinner Peebles Hydro Hotel (Bannockburn Room)
- 8.00 pm (Cost £27.00, excluding wine)

### Friday 16 May

- 9.30 am Glentress Forest (2 miles east of Peebles, on A72)
- 1.00 pm Bowhill Estate (3 miles west of Selkirk on A708) (courtesy of His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch). Sandwich lunch and tea.
- 6.00 pm General Meeting UK Branch, Tontine Hotel, High Street, Peebles (Buchan Room)., (NB: this is not the CFA AGM; that will take place in Canada during the World Forestry Congress).
- 8.00 pm Pub supper (to be paid for individually), Tontine Hotel.

### Weekend

There is a range of interesting historical buildings and gardens near Peebles. One particular recommendation is Traquair House, about 8 miles east of Peebles.

### Sunday 18 May-Wednesday 21 May

Royal Scottish Forestry Society excursion based at Fort William, including woodlands around Loch Sunart and forestry in Lochaber. Contact Andy Little, Administrative Director, RSFS for more details saying that you are on the CFA visit (Tel: 013873 71518 or e-mail rsfs@ednet.co.uk).

#### Transport and accommodation: own arrangements UPMARKET

Peebles Hotel Hydro, Peebles, EH45 8LX

Tel: 01721 720602

E-mail: info@peebleshydro.com

Dinner, bed and breakfast £75.50/person/night (single); £71.50/person/night (double). Price reduced by £13 if dinner not taken.

#### MIDDLE RANGE

The Tontine Hotel, High Street, Peebles, EH45 8AJ

Tel: 01721 720892

Price £35 (B&B). This is a special CFA rate.

#### FARM HOUSE ACCOMMODATION

Mrs Ann Black, Drochil Castle Farm (seven miles west of Peebles on A72).

Tel: 01721 752249

Price £20-£22 (B&B)

See page 8 for reply slip

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# News of members and friends

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## WCBM presentation tankard

The Livery Company - the Worshipful Company of Builders Merchants presented Antwi Oduro, CFA scholar in 2001, with a commemorative tankard. Antwi writes:

I was so happy when I received the Tankard and I thank you all. I have taken up a new appointment with Tropenbos Ghana Programme, starting work with them on January 1 2003. The position is based in the Netherlands and its for three years. I will follow it up with my PhD at Wageningen University.

## Jag Maini receives Cruzeiro Do Sul

The President of Brazil has appointed Dr Jagmohan Maini as "Commander of the National Order of the Cruzeiro Do Sul" (Cross of the South ). The investiture took place on the evening of 24th January in New York at the residence of the Brazilian Ambassador to the UN. Jag is a Vice President of CFA.

**Bob Newman read the citation**

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## In Memoriam

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We regret to announce the death of Arthur Barnes Jeffrey, UK \* See IFR 5(1)

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## Around the World

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### Research and forest products valuation

Delegates to a conference in Cayenne, French Guiana, December, 2002 were from regulatory agencies, local government, NGOs, University, NTFPs businesses, indigenous representatives, research and development institutions and conservation and development projects of French Guiana, Brazil, Suriname, Guadeloupe, Venezuela, Guyana and France. They gathered to discuss research and forest products valuation: is it equitable and fair? The workshop was designed in broad themes of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Article 8J) and its applications: equitable business; forest products certification and control from origin; and developing new markets for non-timber forest products (NTFPs).

The broad objectives of the workshop were to inform the international debates on the issues surrounding the Convention on Biological Diversity on the access to resources and benefit sharing, identifying the needs of the local communities; identifying the potential actors in the trade and marketing of forest products along the chain of custody; assessing the potential for eco-labelling relevant to the resources, guaranteeing access and respect for the environment while contributing to local livelihoods; and to propose solutions for the concerns identified regarding the use and access to biological diversity in the Guiana Shield and developing a process to ensure equitable benefits for the stakeholders involved in NTFP trade.

Some of the key recommendations emerging from presentations and discussions include:

- The formation of a regional cooperation body (south-south) to ensure regional access and management of local and scientific knowledge. Countries will include Brazil, Guyana, French Guiana, Suriname, Venezuela and possibly Colombia
- Regional training of the stakeholders involved along the chain of custody to ensure the protection of resources for the future
- Forest certification of NTFPs should be carefully evaluated since it requires finance and must be sufficiently justified for the potential markets

- Sharing of technical and marketing knowledge of forest products in the Guiana Shield Region, for example developing a procedure to access knowledge and forest products samples
- Capacity building in the Guiana Shield Region
- Local communities to be consulted at the beginning of projects, as some of the case studies indicated otherwise

The organizers also had expectations that the discussions would provide mechanisms for the equitable marketing of forest products by stakeholders involved in NTFPs resource use and management. Criteria for resource management include ecological sustainability, economic viability, and cultural acceptability; participation; and contributions to local livelihoods and capacity building.

It was the general consensus that some of the Guiana Shield countries, particularly Brazil, are more advanced in forest products commercialisation than others. Brazil is also willing to share and exchange knowledge and experiences in forest products commercialisation with the lesser developed countries in NTFP development.

from SHARON OUSMAN

### Sustainable and Equitable Marketing of Crabwood Oil

The Iwokrama International Centre held the fifth in a series of international conferences and regional technical workshops in November, 2002. The two-day Workshop focused on the sustainable and equitable marketing of crabwood oil, a non-timber forest product (NTFP) extracted from the seed of the Carapa guianensis tree, which has a pan-Amazonian range.

The workshop brought together some 80 representatives particularly concerned with sustainable utilisation of Crabwood Oil from: Guyana's the oil-producing local communities; government; village councils; NGOs; indigenous organizations; community based organization; research institutions from Guyana, French Guiana and South Africa; NTFPs business

organizations from Guyana and Brazil; and the University of Guyana. The fundamental objective of the workshop was to understand and examine the issues associated with the role and contribution of crabwood oil in local livelihoods across the main oil-producing regions of Guyana.

The outcome will guide sustainable utilisation and help Iwokrama Forest to identify the issues associated with the equitable and sustainable production and marketing of crabwood oil. The Centre working in partnership with the UK-based Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH) presented work based on a 'Winners and Losers' project aimed at analysing the forest products market chains for Crabwood Oil in Guyana, and for Marula Oil in Namibia and South Africa. The project was funded by the DFID Forestry Research Programme.

Iwokrama's aim for the workshop was to promote interaction and information sharing amongst the key stakeholders to understand the social, economic and ecological dimensions of the sustainable and equitable marketing of crabwood oil and to generally reflect on the values at local and global levels of multiple uses of forests and the links with sustainable livelihoods and sustainable forest management.

The workshop included presentations and group discussions in 4 broad areas namely: issues in commercialisation of NTFPs: Markets; role of crabwood oil in rural livelihoods; issues in the sustainable and equitable use of crabwood oil and from forest floor to market - sustainability and equity issues. Presenters ranged from post-graduate researchers to business and NGO leaders, and community experts and leaders. Discussion groups focused on identifying the key issues relating to crabwood oil production and sale; developing approaches for equitable benefits to stakeholders involved in the crabwood oil trade; and examining steps to be taken by Iwokrama, regulatory agencies, local communities, research institutions and other stakeholders. Proceedings of the Workshop will be published.

Key presentations included:

- Markets for Forest Products: the Potential for an International Market for Crabwood Oil, Caroline Sullivan, CEH, UK
- Sustainable Extraction and Marketing of Andiroba Products, Regina de Castro, Brazil
- Physical and Chemical Properties of Crabwood Oil - Requirements for Export, Ramish Pingal, Iwokrama
- Traditional Knowledge Systems and the Crabwood Tree, Fred Allicock, Surama Village, Region 9
- Sustainable Harvesting of Crabwood Seeds: Dispersal, Predation and Regeneration, Pierre-Michel Forget, French Guiana
- Key note address - Lessons Learned from Commercializing Natural Products in Southern Africa, Myles Mander, South Africa

The aims of these conferences are to guide and inform decision making in the sustainable and equitable management of the Iwokrama Forest, with wider applications to the Guiana Shield countries and the international community.

from SHARON OUSMAN

## Joint Forest Management empowerment and accountability

M.K. Sharma, Director General of Forests in India has recently issued fresh guidelines on Joint Forest Management (JFM) that are going to be a land mark in empowering the villagers.

To bring in a sense of empowerment and accountability, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should be signed between the forest department and the JFM committees outlining the short term and long term roles and responsibilities, implementation of work programme, pattern of sharing of usufructs and conflict resolution.

The MOU should reflect the consumption and livelihood needs of the forest dependent communities, plan for restoration of vegetation and clearly spell out the roles, responsibilities and powers. It should define the procedure for necessary transparent accounting of all types of forest produce accrued from the forests as per the working plans and micro plan prescriptions, financial accountability and distribution and sharing mechanism including ploughing back of revenue for the regeneration.

All JFM Committees should be assigned specific roles for boundary demarcation, fire prevention and control of grazing, encroachments and illicit felling as well as ensure sustainable non-destructive harvesting of Non-Timber Forest Products including medicinal plants. The MOU should also include planning and development of grasslands, other common lands, agro-forestry and water bodies as a reflection of peoples voluntary action for holistic land use planning and management. The agro-forestry model developed by Nagaland under the Indo-Canadian Environment Project to control shifting cultivation is put forward as a good example.

The success of JFM depends upon the sustainable development and harvesting and remunerative prices for the gatherers of Non-Timber Forest Products. The guiding principles should be to first ensure sustainability of the resources and then maximum benefit to the gatherers and value addition.

## Compensatory afforestation, India

Supreme Court has asked the Government to set up an independent autonomous body to look after the Compensatory afforestation. This is done in lieu of release of forest land for the non forestry purposes. A committee, under Chairmanship of VK Bahuguna IGF, has recommended setting up of "Authority for Compensatory Afforestation and Eco-restoration of Forests". This will give a fillip to greening activities in India. The body will be headed by the Union Minister of Environment and Forests with DG Forest as Chairman of Executive body and an IFS officer as Chief Executive Officer.

## Revamping forestry administration, India

A National Commission on Forests has been set up to propose review of revamping the forestry administration in India. Justice BN Kripal Ret. Chief Justice of India's Supreme Court is the Chairman.

from VK BAHUGUNA

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# Research

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## CIFOR's new management team

### **Assistant Director General - Yemi Katarere**

Yemi is a Zimbabwean forester who has headed the IUCN regional office for Southern Africa. He previously directed the Zimbabwe Forestry Commission and chaired ICRAF's Board of Trustees. His private sector experience includes plantation forests, processing plants and marketing. Yemi has authored or contributed to 70 publications and holds a PhD from the University of Idaho.

### **Director of Environmental Services & Sustainable Use of Forests - Markku Kanninen**

Markku is a Finnish forester who has been Director of Research for CATIE in Costa Rica. He brings expertise in forest ecology, silviculture, forest management, and global climate change. Before going to CATIE, he coordinated Finland's Research Council for Environment and Natural Resources. He has 170 publications and did his doctorate at the University of Helsinki.

### **Director of Forests and Governance - Doris Capistrano**

Doris is a Filipina resource economist, who has been the Ford Foundation Deputy Representative for India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Doris has over 20 years professional experience in teaching, research, development and grant making. She is member of the technical panel of the Millennium Ecosystems Assessment, has a substantial publications record and got her PhD from the University of Florida.

### **Director of Forests and Livelihoods - Bruce Campbell**

Bruce, a South African natural resource scientist, has worked with CIFOR in various capacities for the last eight years. Before joining CIFOR full time, Bruce directed the Institute of Environmental Studies at the University of Zimbabwe. Bruce is interested in interdisciplinary work on environmental goods and services, institutional arrangements for resource management, livelihoods and action research. He has authored or contributed to almost 200 publications and received his PhD from the University of Utrecht.

### **Director of Information Services - Michael Hailu**

Michael, an Ethiopian communications specialist, joined CIFOR in 1999. Prior to that, he headed ICRAF's Information Services in Kenya. He also serves as Deputy Coordinator of IUFROs' task force on Global Forest Information Services and previously coordinated the AfricaLink project, which provided email and Internet access to national agricultural research programmes and networks in Africa. Michael holds a master's from the University of Pittsburgh.

### **Deputy Director General for Corporate Services - Norman Macdonald**

Norman, a Canadian accountant, joined CIFOR in 1994, and has managed the center's human resources, administration, and finance since. Before, Norman spent 13 years with IDRC in Ottawa and New Delhi. He has a BA from the University of Western Ontario and is a Chartered Accountant.

from DAVID KAIMOWITZ, DG CIFOR

## New Forest Map Of Europe

A new forest map of the pan-European area has been published. Comprehensive and complete European forest maps, broadleaf, coniferous and total forest, with a mapping unit of 1 x 1 kilometre are now available. The forest proportions for each European country correspond to the respective official statistics.

Earth Observation data are a cost-efficient means for locating and mapping different types of vegetation cover at the ground level. Typically, forest and vegetation maps are directly derived from remote sensing data. To obtain a more accurate understanding of the distribution of forests in Europe, the maps combine information from both remote sensing and forest inventory statistics. The satellite-derived forest area is calibrated to correspond with the area of forest land reported in national or regional statistics. Such data are traditionally available through international, national and regional inventory statistics.

The maps result from a project entitled 'Forest tree groupings database of the EU-15 and pan-European area derived from NOAA-AVHRR data'. The project was carried out by a consortium consisting of the European Forest Institute, the University of Joensuu (Finland) and VTT Information Technology (Finland) with collaboration from Stora Enso Consulting Ltd., and the Technical University, Helsinki (Finland). The work was undertaken within the frame of the Euro-Landscape Project of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre. A joint EFI/JRC Report published as No.14 in the EFI's internal research series 'Compilation of a calibrated European forest Map derived from NOAA-AVHRR data' describes the project results (see: [www.efi.fi/publications/](http://www.efi.fi/publications/)).

from the EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE

## Marcus Wallenberg Prize

The winners of the 20th prize awarded by the Marcus Wallenberg Foundation were the Finnish scientists Johanna Buchert, Maija Tenkanen and Tapani Vuorinen and the Swedish scientist Anita Teleman. The prize-winners succeeded in identifying and characterizing a hitherto unknown component in pulp - hexenuronic acid - and in developing a way of removing it before pulp bleaching. Its elimination reduces the quantity of chemical required for bleaching, helps to retain brightness and in turn reduces cost.

The work began in 1993, in Espoo in the Otaniemi scientific community and was part of a research programme exploring the chemical reactions of carbohydrates in the production of kraft pulp, serving the broad objective of improving process efficiency and quality in paper products. The scientists used new methods in their research, such as enzyme technology and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy in identifying the hexenuronic acid generated in the pulping process.

The award will be presented by His Majesty King Carl Gustaf XVI at a ceremony in Stockholm in autumn 2003.

## Prof Jim Lynch to GB Forest Education Research

Prof Jim Lynch (57) has been appointed new Chief Executive of the Forestry Commission's Forest Research Agency. This is a Senior Civil Service appointment following open competition. The agency supplies research and development to the forestry industry and provides scientific advice on Government forestry policy. A first task will be to implement the recommendations of the agency's first quinquennial review due shortly.

Professor Lynch graduated in industrial chemistry from Loughborough and gained PhD and DSc degrees from London followed by a career in agricultural research in the UK and USA. He is currently Professor of Biotechnology and Head of the School of Biomedical and Life Sciences at the University of Surrey. Since 1989 he has been Co-ordinator of the OECD Programme on Biological Resource Management.

Prof Lynch said: "From teaching microbiology to agriculture and forestry students in Oxford, I realised the scope for the natural science approach to forestry research. With the recognition today of the societal value of forests and the potential of forestry as a clean technology, it is clear that an interdisciplinary approach is needed to realise the full potential of forests. The scope for international co-operation is also enormous."

from the FORESTRY COMMISSION, GB

## Education Forestry at Aberdeen University

2002 was a year of change at the University, traditional department structure gave way to the formation of 'schools'. Forestry is now part of the School of Biological Sciences with plant and soil science, zoology and agriculture.

The traditional BSc Forestry programme will continue to provide a definitive education in forestry, with emphasis on silviculture, forest ecology, forest measurement, forest planning, wood science, harvesting, wood use, forest ecology, social forestry, economics forest management, plan preparation and a research project. These are supported by a variety of more specialised courses on the underlying processes of temperate and tropical forest ecosystems including geology, soil science, plant ecology, plant physiology, genetics and plant diversity. The degree of BSc Forest Sciences is directed at those with a leaning towards research. A one year postgraduate MSc/PgDip Forestry provides an advanced learning experience in multi-purpose forestry and the use of advanced technology in planning and practice.

Prof Hugh Miller remains part-time for two years, while Alan Petty and Huw Parry retired. The core teaching staff are Andrew Cameron, Steve Woodward, Michelle Pinard and Louise Page - supported by a strong group of specialist lecturers, some of whom are graduate foresters, from other disciplines within the school. [www.abdn.ac.uk/~agf079/forestry/](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/~agf079/forestry/)

from ANDREW CAMERON

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# International meetings of forestry interest

## April 2003

**5–6 April.** *Ecosystem Services in the Tropics: Challenges to Marketing Forest Function.* International Society of Tropical Foresters, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. Email: [istf@pantheon.yale.edu](mailto:istf@pantheon.yale.edu), [www.yale.edu/istf/](http://www.yale.edu/istf/)

**6–11 April.** *International Workshop on Gmelina arborea.* Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia. Contact: Bill Dvorak, Email: [info@camcore.org](mailto:info@camcore.org); [www.camcore.org](http://www.camcore.org)

**6–12 April.** *World Perspective on Short Rotation Forestry for Industrial and Rural Development (IUFRO).* Nauni, Solan, India. Contact: Kartar Verma; Fax: 91-1792-52242; Email: [khurasolan@yahoo.com](mailto:khurasolan@yahoo.com)

**15–19 April.** *Forest Fire Management and International Cooperation in Fire Emergencies in the Eastern Mediterranean, Balkans and Adjoining Regions of the Near East and Central Asia.* Antalya, Turkey. [www.unece.org/trade/timber/docs/jc-sem/sem-55/sem-55.htm](http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/docs/jc-sem/sem-55/sem-55.htm)

**27 April – 1 May.** *Australasian Forestry – A Strategic Vision.* Queenstown, New Zealand. [www.forestry.org.nz/conf2003/home.html](http://www.forestry.org.nz/conf2003/home.html)

**28–30 April.** *Fourth Ministerial Conference On The Protection Of Forests In Europe.* Vienna, Austria. Contact: Peter Mayer, Fax: +43-1-710-77-02-13; Email: [liaison.unit@lu-vienna.at](mailto:liaison.unit@lu-vienna.at). [www.mcpfe.org](http://www.mcpfe.org)

**28–30 April.** *Second international expert consultation on the role of planted forests.* Vienna, Austria. Contact: Peter Mayer, Fax: 1-710-77-0213; Email: [liaison.unit@lu-vienna.at](mailto:liaison.unit@lu-vienna.at); [www.mcpfe.org/](http://www.mcpfe.org/)

## May 2003

**12–17 May.** *34th Session of the International Tropical Timber Council.* Panama City, Panama. Contact: Collins Ahadome; Fax 81-45-223 1111; Email: [itto@itto.or.jp](mailto:itto@itto.or.jp); [www.itto.or.jp](http://www.itto.or.jp)

**19–23 May.** *Rural Livelihoods, Forests and Biodiversity.* Bonn, Germany. Contact: Levania Santos, Research Assistant, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Fax: +251-622-100, Email: [L.Santoso@cgiar.org](mailto:L.Santoso@cgiar.org). [www.cifor.cgiar.org/livelihoodconference.asp](http://www.cifor.cgiar.org/livelihoodconference.asp)

**20–24 May.** *Mangrove 2003: Connecting Research and Participative Management of Estuaries and Mangroves.* Salvador, Brazil. Contact: Fax 55 71 332 4085; Email: [mangrove2003@ufba.br](mailto:mangrove2003@ufba.br); [www.mangrove2003.ufba.br](http://www.mangrove2003.ufba.br)

**21–23 May.** *6th European Forum on Urban Forestry.* Arnhem, The Netherlands. [www.efuf.be](http://www.efuf.be)

**22–24 May.** *International Conference Economics of Sustainable Forest Management.* Toronto, Canada. Contact, Fax: +1 416 978 3834, Email [icsfm@larva.forestry.utoronto.ca](mailto:icsfm@larva.forestry.utoronto.ca). [www.forestry.utoronto.ca/socio\\_economic/icsfm/](http://www.forestry.utoronto.ca/socio_economic/icsfm/)

**26 May–6 June.** *Third Session Of The United Nations Forum On Forests (UNFF-3).* Geneva, Switzerland. Contact Mia Söderlund, Fax: 212-963-4260; Email: [unff@un.org](mailto:unff@un.org); [www.un.org/esa/sustdev/forests.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/forests.htm)

**29–31 May.** *5th International Symposium on "Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development" (IUFRO).* Zidlochovice Castle, Czech Republic. Contact: Karel Vancura; Fax: 420-221-812-988; Email [vancura@mze.cz](mailto:vancura@mze.cz).

## June 2003

**4–6 June.** *Fourth International Conference on Ecosystems and Sustainable Development.* Siena, Italy. Contact: Gabriella Cossutta, Fax: 44 (0) 238 029 2853; Email: [cossutta@wessex.ac.uk](mailto:cossutta@wessex.ac.uk); [www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2003/ecosud03/index.html](http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2003/ecosud03/index.html)

**7–12 June.** *Tree Biotechnology 2003 (IUFRO).* Umeå, Sweden. Contact: Ulrika Hjelm; Fax: 46-90-786-5901; Email: [treebiotech.2003@genfys.slu.se](mailto:treebiotech.2003@genfys.slu.se), [www.genfys.slu.se](http://www.genfys.slu.se)

**8–14 June.** *Management of Mountain Forest Ecosystems under New Environmental Conditions (IUFRO).* Praha, Czech Republic. Contact: Vratislav Balcar; Fax: 420-443-42393; Email: [balcar@volhmop.cz](mailto:balcar@volhmop.cz)

**8–17 June.** *Uneven-aged Forest Management: Alternative Forms, Practices, and Constraints (IUFRO).* Espoo, Finland. Contact: Sauli Valkonen, Fax: 358-9-8570-5361; Email: [uneven@metla.fi](mailto:uneven@metla.fi); [www.metla.fi/tapahtumat/2003/uneven-aged/index.html](http://www.metla.fi/tapahtumat/2003/uneven-aged/index.html)

**9–13 June.** *Forests in Sustainable Mountain Development – Risks and Watershed Management (IUFRO).* Galtuer, Tyrol, Austria. Contact: Gernot Fiebiger; Fax: 43-662-870215; [gernot.fiebiger@wlv.bmlf.gv.at](mailto:gernot.fiebiger@wlv.bmlf.gv.at);

**13–15 June.** *EUROFOREST 2003.* Saint-Bonnet-de-Joux, France. Contact, Fax: 33 (0)3 80 44 33 78; Email: [info@euroforest2003.com](mailto:info@euroforest2003.com); [www.euroforest2003.com](http://www.euroforest2003.com)

**23–27 June.** *3rd Workshop of the Science/Policy Interface Task Force: Europe, Africa, and the Middle East (IUFRO).* Copenhagen, Denmark. Contact: John Parrotta; Fax: 45-4576-3233, Email: [jparrotta@fs.fed.us](mailto:jparrotta@fs.fed.us); [www.flec.kvl.dk/scipol/](http://www.flec.kvl.dk/scipol/)

**25–27 June.** *Towards the sustainable use of Europe's forests – Forest ecosystem and landscape research: scientific challenges and opportunities.* Tours, France. [www.efi.fi/events/2003/Forest\\_ecosystem](http://www.efi.fi/events/2003/Forest_ecosystem)

## July 2003

**6–11 July.** *XVth International Plant Protection Congress.* Beijing – China. Contact: Ms. Wen Liping; Fax: +86-10-628-15913; Email: [ippc2003@ipmchina.net](mailto:ippc2003@ipmchina.net); [www.ipmchina.net](http://www.ipmchina.net).

**20–24 July.** *10th North American Forest Soils Conference.* Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. URL [www.fs.fed.us/forestsoilsconference](http://www.fs.fed.us/forestsoilsconference).

**26 July–1 August.** *International rangeland conference.* Durban, South Africa [www.ru.ac.za/institutes/rgr/irc2003/IRC2003.htm](http://www.ru.ac.za/institutes/rgr/irc2003/IRC2003.htm)

## August 2003

**14–17 August.** *Peripheral Communities: Crisis, Continuity, and Long-Term Survival.* Angersjö, Sweden. Contact: Kristian Falk; Email: [kristian.falk@ekohist.su.se](mailto:kristian.falk@ekohist.su.se).

**17–24 August.** *3RD International 'Wind and Trees' Conference – "Strong Winds and Trees: ecology and management" (IUFRO 8.08.02).* Zurich, Switzerland. Contact: Reinhard Lässig; Fax: 41-1-7392389; Email: [laessig@wsi.ch](mailto:laessig@wsi.ch), [www.wsi.ch/forest/waldman/waldman-en.ehtml](http://www.wsi.ch/forest/waldman/waldman-en.ehtml).

**20–23 August.** *Linking Mountain Diversity with fire, grazing and erosion.* La Paz, Bolivia. Contact: Dr. R.W. Bussmann; [rbussmann@natureandculture.org](mailto:rbussmann@natureandculture.org); [www.biodiversidad.utpl.edu.ec](http://www.biodiversidad.utpl.edu.ec)

**25–30 August.** *2nd Congress of Conservation of Biodiversity in the Andes and the Amazon Basin + 4th Ecuadorian Botanical Congress.* Loja, Ecuador. Contact, Ranier Bussmann, Email: [rbussmann@natureandculture.org](mailto:rbussmann@natureandculture.org), [www.natureandculture.org](http://www.natureandculture.org).

## September 2003

**8–17 Sept.** *World Parks Conference.* Durban, South Africa. Contact: Peter Shadie, Email: [pds@iucn.org](mailto:pds@iucn.org) ; URL:<http://wcpa.iucn.org/wpc/wpc.html>

**10–14 Sept.** *Breeding and Genetic Resources of Five-Needle Pines (IUFRO).* Borovetz, Bulgaria. Contact: Scott Schlarbaum, Fax: +1-615-974-4733; Email: [tenntip@utk.edu](mailto:tenntip@utk.edu)

**14–20 Sept.** *Tropical Savannas and Seasonally Dry Forests.* Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. Contact, Toby Pennington, Fax: + 44 (0) 131 248 2901, Email: [t.pennington@rbge.org.uk](mailto:t.pennington@rbge.org.uk). [www.ecf.co.uk](http://www.ecf.co.uk).

**16–18 Sept.** *International Workshop "Wind Effects on Trees."* Karlsruhe, Germany. [www.ifh.uni-karlsruhe.de/ifh/science/aerodyn/windconf.htm](http://www.ifh.uni-karlsruhe.de/ifh/science/aerodyn/windconf.htm).

**17–19 Sept.** *Information interoperability and organization for national and global forest information systems.* Quebec, Canada, (IUFRO). Contact: Dr. Alan J. Thomson, Fax: +1-(250) 363-0775. Email: [athomson@pfc.forestry.ca](mailto:athomson@pfc.forestry.ca).

**21–28 Sept.** *XII World Forestry Congress.* Quebec City, Canada. Contact: Fax: 418-694-9922; Email: [sec-gen@wfc2003.org](mailto:sec-gen@wfc2003.org), [www.wfc2003.org/](http://www.wfc2003.org/).

## October 2003

**3–6 October.** *3rd International Wildland Fire Conference & Exhibition.* Sydney, Australia. Contact: Fax 61-2-9248 0894; Email: [wildland03@tourhosts.com.au](mailto:wildland03@tourhosts.com.au); [www.wildlandfire03.com](http://www.wildlandfire03.com).

**5–8 October.** *Biological Resources and Migration (IUFRO).* Marburg, Germany. Contact: Dietrich Werner; [info@biol-resource-migration.de](mailto:info@biol-resource-migration.de); [www.biol-resource-migration.de](http://www.biol-resource-migration.de).

**13–15 October.** *Monitoring and Indicators of Forest Biodiversity – From Ideas to Operationality (IUFRO).* Florence Italy. Contact: Email: [torbjorn.larsson@eea.eu.int](mailto:torbjorn.larsson@eea.eu.int).

**14–18 October.** *Natural Forests in the Temperate Zone of Europe – Values and Utilisation.* Rakhiv, Transcarpathia (Ukraine). Contact: Brigitte Commarmot, Fax: 41-1-739-22-15; Email: [rakhiv\\_2003@wsl.ch](mailto:rakhiv_2003@wsl.ch); [www.wsl.ch/forest/waldman/rakhiv\\_2003/](http://www.wsl.ch/forest/waldman/rakhiv_2003/)

**19–30 Oct.** *Sixth Conference Of The Parties To The Convention To Combat Desertification (CCD COP-6).* Bonn, Germany. Contact: CCD Secretariat; Fax: 228-815-2898/99; Email: [secretariat@unccd.int](mailto:secretariat@unccd.int); [www.unccd.int/](http://www.unccd.int/)

## November 2003

**3–8 Nov.** *35th Session of the International Tropical Timber Council.* Yokohama, Japan. Contact, Collins Ahadome, Fax: +81 45 223 1111, Email: [itto@itto.or.jp](mailto:itto@itto.or.jp), [www.itto.or.jp](http://www.itto.or.jp).

## December 2003

**2–5 December 2003.** *International Conference on Quality Timber Products of Teak from Sustainable Forest Management (ITTO/IUFRO).* Peechi, India. Contact: K.M. Bhat, Email: [kmbhat@kfri.org](mailto:kmbhat@kfri.org); [www.kfri.org/html/k0500frm.htm](http://www.kfri.org/html/k0500frm.htm)

## August 2005

**8–13 August.** *XXII IUFRO World Congress.* Brisbane, Australia. Contact: Russell J. Haines, Queensland Forestry Research Institute; Fax: 61-7-389-69714; Email: [hainestr@qfril.se2.dpi.gld.gov.au](mailto:hainestr@qfril.se2.dpi.gld.gov.au).

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