



CONTRIBUTION OF GENETICS TO THE SUSTAINED MANAGEMENT OF GLOBAL FOREST RESOURCES

August 22–28, 1998, Beijing, China

At the doorstep of a new millennium, and preparing for the first IUFRO World Conference of the 21st century in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, it is time for IUFRO's thematic divisions to review achievements, mark out the state of progress in their scientific areas and identify future tasks and needs. Leading scientists of IUFRO's Division 2, "Physiology and Genetics" decided to organize an all-division conference on forest genetics and tree improvement in 1998 in China. Prof. Csaba Mátyás (Sopron University, Hungary) has accepted to design the concept and scientific program of the conference, while Prof. Hong Jusheng (Chinese Academy of Forestry, Beijing) initiated the local conference organization.

Program schedule

August 22, 1998 Arrivals and registration of participants

August 23, 1998

Opening session. Chair: J. Hong (China)

Opening by J. Burley, IUFRO president

Introduction by Cs. Mátyás (Hungary)

Session 1. Chair: J. Burley (IUFRO, United Kingdom)

Situation and challenges for forest genetics and breeding

Welcome party evening

August 24, 1998 Management and sustained utilization of genetic resources in natural forests

Session 2. Chair: G. Müller-Starck (Germany)

Adaptive potential of populations

Session 3. Chair: D. Karnosky (USA)

Genetic resources and the changing environment

Session 4. Chair: G. Eriksson (Sweden)

Managing genetic resources under traditional silviculture

August 25, 1998 Maximizing yield through breeding: advanced approaches in tree improvement and plantation forestry

Session 5. Chair: N. Borralho (Australia)

Advanced/high tech approaches in tree improvement

Session 6. Chair: Wang Huoran (China)

Maximizing production in a sustained way

Poster afternoon, voluntary papers

August 26, 1998 In-congress tour program

August 27, 1998 Conservation of forest genetic resources

Session 7. Chair: F. Yeh (Canada)

Conservation of Forest Genetic Resources

Session 8. Chair: Ch. Palmberg (FAO)

Development of a coherent global framework for action in the conservation and sustainable utilization of forest genetic resources

August 28, 1998 Tasks and future of forest genetic and tree breeding research

Session 9. Chair: H. Kriebel (USA)

Research policy in forest genetics and breeding

Closing session: Chair and discussion leader: L. Paule (IUFRO, Slovakia)

Genetics in forest policy

Closing of conference by Cs. Mátyás (Hungary) and J. Hong (China).

Farewell dinner

Venue of the Conference

Fragrant Hotel, a four-star hotel in a scenic region of the Western Hills of Beijing.

Registration fee

Registration fee will be USD 400, including lunches, in-conference tour in Beijing and receptions.

Field tours

Three post-conference tours are planned (each approximately USD 500 + local air fares):

- • Northeast, Helongjiang, via Harbin
- • Southwest, Sichuan, via Chengdu
- • Southeast, Fijian, via Fuzhou

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