

4th International Congress on Planted Forests

Nanning, Guangxi, China, 23-27 October, 2018

Planted Forests – A Solution for Green Development

Preliminary announcement

The 4th International Congress on Planted Forests (ICPF) aims to investigate the contribution of planted forests to green development in the context of global changes. Topics include the sustainability of planted forests in the context of changing climates and the future role of planted forests in bio-resources sustainability, environmental protection and green development. The 4th ICPF will also be a space of interface between scientific communities, wider society and government policy initiatives related to planted forests.

Preliminary agenda (Three-day meeting + Two-day field trip)

Day 1: Opening ceremony, plenary session, parallel sessions, poster sessions, side events and policy forum

Day 2: Plenary session, parallel sessions, side events

Day 3: Plenary session, parallel sessions, closing plenary session

Field trips: 26, 27 October 2018

Brief introduction of the location: Guangxi is an autonomous region particularly for Zhuang population along with many other minority inhabitants. It is located in the western part of South China, consisting of several beautiful mountains, hills and plains, well known of its planted forest development. In particular, its peak forest is typical of tropical karst landforms. The capital city is Nanning, which is known as the "Green City" because of its abundance of lush tropical foliage. Nanning is situated in a hilly basin with elevations between 70~500m above sea-level.

The topics of the field trips in several routes include valuable wood production, intensification of Eucalyptus plantation, multiple-purpose management of subtropical planted forests, Karst landforms, local culture specialty, etc.

Important deadlines

(1) Proposal submission: February 28, 2018 (call for session proposals, open and invited)

(2) Abstract submission: April 20, 2018 (call for abstracts)

(3) Early-bird registration: July 1, 2018

Thematic areas

(1) Genetic resources and tree breeding

- Genetic resources endangered, genetic resources preservation
- Biodiversity erosion, clonal/GMOs risk

- Breeding limits
- Risk affecting nursery/seedlings
- Biotic risks: trends and management
- Abiotic risk, etc.

(2) Multi-purpose management of planted forests

- Precision silviculture for multiple use of planted forests
- Vulnerability and risk management
- Resilience of planted forests
- Ecosystem services from planted forests
- Carbon, water and soil
- Contribution to biodiversity protection
- Productive landscapes restoration

(3) Wood, fiber and non-wood forest products

- Sustainable intensification
- Affordable and clean energy
- Industry innovation and biotechnology
- Non-timber products
- Contribution to food security
- New data collection and added value in plantations

(4) Forest policy and socio-economics in relation to planted forests

- Sustainable cities/rural economy
- No poverty, zero hunger
- Plantation and Bioeconomy
- Green Finance
- Markets orientation and trading
- Green Belt Road
- Planted forest acceptability
- Carbon markets

Contact:

* IUFRO Task Force on Sustainable Planted Forests at <https://www.iufro.org/science/task-forces/planted-forests/members/> , or

<http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/>

*The New Generation Plantations platform annual meeting will be organised back-to-back with the 4th ICPF, and a webpage will be created at <http://newgenerationplantations.org/>

** The specific website of the 4th ICPF is under construction and will be open by the end of January 2018. More details will be updated on it till then.