



International Meeting

"The Economics and Management of High Productivity Plantations"

Lugo, Spain

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th September 2004

Organized by:

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Background and Topics

Planted forests have the potential to improve the economic welfare of the communities in which they are sited. At the same time, intensively managed, industrial forest plantations of a single species on a short rotation arouse controversy as to their benefits for the community, the land and the environment. The global area of plantations has sharply increased by an average of 14 million hectares per year over the decade to 2000, reaching a total of 187 million hectares. Only a proportion of this area is of high productivity plantations, loosely defined here as having forest-wide, average mean annual increments from 10 to 40 m³/hectare/year or more. These plantations are disproportionately significant in terms of world wood supply and economics. The consequent increase in wood supply could have been underestimated, leading to over supply, price competition and a reduction in economic benefit. Social and environmental needs are increasingly affecting planning and management methods applied to plantations whose original prime objective was the production of industrial wood.

Topics in the meeting include:

- The economics and profitability of high productivity plantations
- Plantation wood demand, supply and prices
- Valuation principles and methods
- Timber plantations as a long term investment opportunity
- Benefits and costs of non-timber products and attributes for plantations
- Planning and management techniques to optimise profitability while meeting environmental and social constraints
- Social and environmental impact assessment
- Issues with, and the management of, the long-term sustainability of high productivity plantations.
- Modelling growth and development of plantations
- Timber quality and value issues with fast grown plantations
- The importance of plantations for carbon sequestration and biomass production
- Reforestation of agricultural lands

Preliminary Program

The conference will comprise plenary sessions, poster sessions and a conference tour.

Sunday September 26:

Registration and icebreaker

Monday September 27:

Morning: Registration (continued).

- Opening Ceremony.
- Keynote speech: Dr Julian Evans. "Future directions for planted forests".
- Plenary session.

Afternoon:

- Plenary session.

Tuesday September 28:

Morning:

- Keynote speech: Dr. Jim Carle. "Changing paradigms in planted forest management responding to markets and technology"
- Plenary session

Afternoon:

- Poster session and Guided tour to Lugo

Wednesday September 29:

- Technical visit
- Guided tour to Santiago de Compostela
- Conference dinner

Thursday September 30:

Morning:

- Keynote speech: Dr. Gabriel Toval. "Impact of exotic species on the European silviculture"
- Plenary session

Afternoon:

- Results and conclusions.
- Closing Ceremony.

Call for Papers and Posters

We invite abstracts for paper and posters submissions. Based on a 400 word (maximum) abstract, the scientific committee will decide whether your contribution is accepted as an oral or poster presentation. Include title, author(s), affiliation(s), contact information (phone, fax, e-mail) of the presenting author and your preference for an oral or a poster presentation.

Important Dates

Abstracts due: April 30, 2004
Authors notified: May 31, 2004
Papers due: August 30, 2004

Please send your abstract to:
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Publication

All accepted papers and posters will be available to participants as non-refereed proceedings in a book and/or CD. Authors of both oral and poster presentations will be encouraged to prepare a full-length paper for publishing in a special number of the peer-reviewed Spanish science journal "Investigación Agraria: SRF".

Registration

The registration fee is 200,- EURO. It includes the proceedings, a field trip to the surrounding plantations, conference dinner and lunch and refreshments at the conference. All attendees are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements. To register please use our website (<http://www.lu-go.usc.es/iufro/>) and submit your registration electronically.

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Cancellation instructions

100% refund if withdrawal is received before 5th September 2004. After 5th September 2004 the full registration fee will be charged.

Language

The official language of the conference is English. All publications are to be presented in English.

Venue and accommodation

The conference will be held at the Escuela Politécnica Superior of the University of Santiago de Compostela, Lugo, Galicia, Spain.

For accommodation the conference organizers has reserved rooms in three hotels and a University Residence with special conference rates:

- **Gran Hotel Lugo (★★★★)**
(single room 59 €; double room 71 €)
- **Aparthotel Ciudad de Lugo (★★★)**
(single room 51 €; double room 59 €)
- **Hotel Puerta San Pedro (★★)**
(single room 43 €; double room 54 €)

Please note, that participants should book their hotel rooms by contacting the travel agency directly (e-mail: lozano.almarviajes@gruposueuropa.com).

- **Residencia Universitaria Abeiro**
(single room 30 €; double room 41 €)

To book a Residence room contact directly to e-mail: (abeiro@abeiro2000.es).

For further information about other hotels contact to www.turgalicia.es

Transportation

Lugo is a small city, which is accessible by train and buses. The closest airport is Santiago de Compostela (SCQ) (100 km distance). The Spanish airlines Iberia (www.iberia.es), Spanair (www.spanair.com) and Air Europa (www.aireuropa.com) provide frequent flight connections to and from Madrid Airport. Moreover, Iberia provides good connections with others cities in Spain (Barcelona, Bilbao, ...) and Europe (London, Frankfurt, ...). There are buses to connect the airport to Lugo with the company Autobuses Freire, the timetable is (7:15; 9:30; 11:15; 13:00; 16:15; 18:45 and 20:15 hours and the price is 6,20 € for one way)

For information about train or bus connection between Lugo and Madrid contact with www.renfe.es or www.alsa.es.

If you are planning to arrive by car, you should take the Autovía A-6 (Highway) - A Coruña direction.

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