



# Congress News

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Queensland, Australia

## Out into the Queensland sun delegates tour local sites



(From left) IUFRO delegate Thomas Purfuerst, (Germany) discusses the Beerburrum forestry nursery operation with overseer Lisa Hiku.

**Despite the early morning start, delegates had a fantastic day yesterday touring the sites of South East Queensland and enjoying the opportunity to see for themselves the local innovative research and developments happening in forestry.**

The trade display area was miraculously transformed on Wednesday night into a cavernous bus depot to allow delegates to board the 35 buses bound for local sites.

Among those sites, on the long list of in-congress tours, was the international seed conservation program at Brisbane's Botanical Gardens at Brisbane's Mount Cootha, Brisbane Forest Park, the Salisbury Research Centre, Mt Mee, DPI Forestry's exotic pine nursery at Beerburrum and Wildhorse Mountain.

Some tours even ventured as far as Imbil, near Gympie and went off the beaten track to visit genetic trials in DPI Forestry's Hoop Pine Plantations.

The roving reporters from 'Congress News' had a chance to visit various sites, and investigate what happened during some of the tours (see page three for all the details).

## Linking tradition and technology

It could be said that the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, which fell on Tuesday 9 August, came one day too early for the XXII IUFRO World Congress.

Come Wednesday 10 August, the work of Dr Joseph Gosnell was presented during the morning's Keynote Plenary Session, and this focus on Indigenous people and their involvement in forestry around the world continued strongly throughout the day.

A sub-plenary session entitled 'Involving Indigenous Groups in Forest Science and Forestry', and technical sessions based around the theme of 'Forestry for Indigenous Peoples: Learning from Experiences with Forest Industries', continued to carry the theme of the congress throughout Wednesday.



Keynote speaker on Wednesday Canadian Dr Joseph Gosnell (centre) with Indigenous Australian congress delegates (from left) Trevor Chevathen, Alice Williams, Jim Walker, George Ropeyard, Cheryl Kitchener, Colin Johnson and Geoff Binge.



## IN THE REGION

# News from Australia's forestry sector...

### *High-value use realises true worth of native timbers*

Western Australia is home to a number of endemic and unique native timbers, several of which are highly valued for furniture and joinery applications.

In particular, jarrah (*Eucalyptus marginata*) has long been appreciated around the world for the strength, hardness and rich beauty of its timber while, in more recent years, marri (*Corymbia calophylla*) has carved a niche as a highly featured furniture timber.

Over the last two decades these attributes have led to ever greater proportions of timber going into high value applications rather than traditional commodity uses.

This transition has been supported by utilisation and processing research by the Western Australian Forest Products Commission (FPC) and other research institutions.

In 2001, the State government ceased all harvesting of old growth native forests and implemented a policy to maximise local value-added processing of the correspondingly lower sustainable volume of native timbers from regrowth forests.

The policy aimed to ensure the best overall social, environmental and economic outcomes from the forests.

An industry restructuring program re-equipped sawmills and manufacturing plants to achieve greater efficiencies and higher levels of utilisation, to ensure both its competitiveness and sustainability.

As the State trading enterprise responsible for the harvesting and sale of forest products from public land, the FPC works closely with industry to achieve these goals.

Today, between sixty and seventy per cent of sawn output from native timbers in Western Australia goes into high value end uses such as furniture, flooring and joinery.

# Watch this space!

### **Worried about having post-congress blues?**

Don't worry because there's another IUFRO World Congress not too far away, and registrations are open now! The International Precision Forestry Symposium Precision Forestry in Plantations, Semi-Natural and Natural Forests will be held 5 – 10 March 2006 in Stellenbosch, South Africa. For more information visit <http://www.sun.ac.za/forestry/pf2006>

### **The International Foundation for Science (IFS)**

Peter Wood, of the Forestry/Agroforestry group, is representing the IFS at the congress. Anyone interested in finding out more about the IFS should visit [www.ifs.se](http://www.ifs.se) or chat to Peter during the congress.

### **Working Party**

These people enjoy work so much that when they meet, it's a party every day!

The IUFRO Working Party 7.02.07 (Diseases of Tropical Forest Trees) is having a short meeting on today and all interested parties are invited to attend. The meeting will be held directly after the Division 7 Business meeting, which will run from 19:00-21:00 in P3. Please contact Su-See or Jolanda Roux if you wish to add something to the discussion list.

### **Closing Gala but what will I wear?**

A big reminder to all delegates attending the Closing Gala on Saturday night don't forget that the dress code for the evening is your country's traditional dress. **All** delegates and speakers are invited to wear this to the Closing Ceremony as well, which will happen directly before the big do that night.

### **Posters**

All posters **MUST** be dismantled by 13:30 tomorrow (Saturday).

### **Divisional Meetings**

Whether you are a member or not, everyone is welcome at the divisional meetings tonight. Check the program for more information!



Lisa Sennerby Forsse will present his keynote address this morning.

## Keynote Presentation

**Lisa Sennerby Forsse**

<b>Keynote presentation:</b>	<b>8:30am-9:30am, Friday 12 August (Great Hall)</b>
<b>Keynote panel:</b>	<b>10:00am-12:00pm, Friday 12 August (Plaza Terrace Room)</b>
<b>Country:</b>	<b>Sweden</b>

Secretary General to The Swedish Research Council Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning, Lisa Sennerby Forsse's area of expertise include silviculture and environmental aspects of short rotation forestry, bio-energy production and utilization and plant physiology and anatomy. Her keynote presentation will address 'The role of science in developing sound environmental policies that transcend national boundaries.'

Lisa Sennerby Forsse is a previous Director of the Department for Natural Resources: the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, and was a Professor in Short Rotation Forestry at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. Her publications number over 100.

# In-Congress TOURS

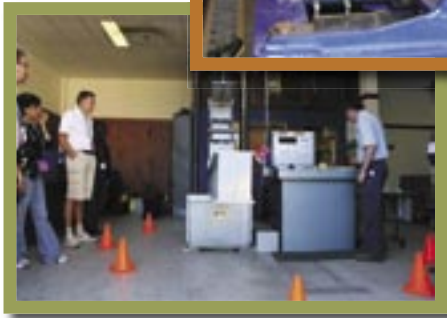
## Delegates check out Salisbury Research Centre

Three bus loads of delegates had the opportunity to check out what their Queensland colleagues are doing in the field of timber research, when they visited the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Salisbury Research Centre (SRC) yesterday.

The research centre is the only dedicated forest products research and development facility in Queensland.

Delegates were given a special tour of the site and heard first hand about the core research activities (processing, seasoning, engineering, utilisation and wood quality research) carried out on site.

1-In the Salisbury Research Centre Engineering Lab with Magne Saetersdal (back) and Bill Ateyo (front) testing the strength of hardwoods.



## Ninety visit Beerburrum

DPI Forestry's exotic pine nursery for plantations at Beerburrum, on the Sunshine Coast was a popular choice for yesterday's in-congress tours.

As delegates heard during their sunny visit, the nursery specialises in the production of high-value forest species for DPI Forestry's plantation programs in South East Queensland.



2- (Left) IFRO German delegate Thomas Purfuerst and Ann Bartuska (USDA forest service) inspect hoop pine seedlings at the DPI&F's Beerburrum Forestry Nursery.

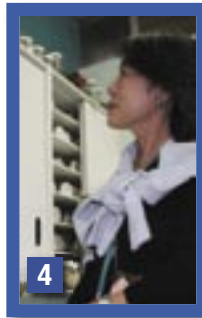
3- (from right) DPI&F forestry nurseries Manager Mal Baxter and Beerburrum Principal Nursery Supervisor Tony Borg discuss features of F1 hybrid and hoop pine seedlings as IUFRO delegates tour the complex.



## Trees for the future – you can bank on it!

Keen to find out more about an international seed conservation program underway at Brisbane's Botanical Gardens, two groups of delegates toured a Seed Bank, at Mount Cootha yesterday.

Delegates heard from a number of the staff at the Seed Bank, who told them that the 'Seeds for Life' project had been operating in Brisbane since 2004, and is part of a worldwide Millennium Seed Bank project with aims to collect and store 10 per cent of the world's flora by 2010.



4-Hiroko Futai (Japan) checks out the seed storage at the Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens.

5-John Parrotta (USA) - feeling pretty steady.

## Evaluation forms fill one out to win!

**To help with planning for future events, IUFRO and the Congress Organising Committee are keen to know what you think. To encourage people to complete the Evaluation Forms we are having a competition and it's certainly worth entering! The prize is an 'Aussie Show Bag' consisting of:**

A congress satchel

- 1 Special XXII IUFRO Congress Stubbie Cooler – the ONLY way to keep your beer cool;
- 2 A pair of official IUFRO flip-flops – the hottest fashion item this congress;
- 3 A boomerang – to keep you coming back to Australia;
- 4 Jar of vegemite – a staple in any good Aussie's diet;
- 5 Packet of minties – for fresh breath on the plane home and other confined areas;
- 6 An extra copy of the program and abstract CD Rom – one for work, one for home and; A copy of the 'New Idea' magazine – just in case you don't know the latest about Nicole Kidman;
- 7 A dashing XXII IUFRO Congress Cap – what all the smart people are wearing.

Fill out an entry form when you submit your evaluation form to the registration desk  
Good luck!



# OUT & ABOUT!

# COMING *Tomorrow!*



Dr Daniela Kleinschmit (Germany) takes a few notes at the poster presentations on Wednesday.

Viktoria Stoltz-Bernhold (Sweden) and her daughter Ellen catch up on news from home at one of the Internet cafes.



Enjoying one of the delicious congress lunches are (from left) Michele Kaennel (Switzerland) and Renate Pruller (Austria).



Australian delegate Dr Sadanandan Nambiar (left) and Dr Brian Strom (USA) take a keen interest in a poster from the Czech Republic at Wednesday's presentations.



Members of the President's Discussion Group who met on Wednesday are (from left) Razak Mohd Abd Alirazak (Malaysia), Peter Mayer (Austria), Risto Seppala (Finland), Jose Joaquin Campos A Catie (Costa Rica), Joseph Cobbinah (Ghana), Lisa Sennerby Forsse (Sweden) and Thorry Gunnensen (Australia).

The friendly faces at the registration desk are (from left) Mark Simpson, Kathleen O'Connor, Ashley Halsall, Shayne Reed, Madonna Moulds and Liza Watt.



Sadly, the time has come tomorrow to say goodbye to new friends, and to farewell the IUFRO World Congress for another five years. Tomorrow, being the last day of the Congress, the schedule will be a little different, so make sure you check out our delegate handbook with careful attention. Here are some highlights for you:

- Tomorrow's Keynote Plenary Session will be presented by local Australian Tricia Caswell. Tricia's robust keynote presentation starts bright and early at 8:30am tomorrow (Saturday) morning.
- The official closing ceremony will kick off at 16:00 tomorrow afternoon and if it's anything as grand as the opening ceremony, it's sure to be an event not to be missed!
- With the official business out the way, at 18:00 will be the Farewell Gala, an opportunity to un-officially "say see you later" to the 22nd IUFRO World Congress with a selection of fine foods and a glass of beer or wine to be enjoyed to the tune of great Aussie entertainment. Make sure you wear your country's traditional dress to the evening event (and to the closing ceremony if you wish).

## *Editor's note*

Many delegates have asked for website address outlined in Dr Joseph Gosnell's keynote presentation, to be printed. For more information about the Nisga'a Treaty visit [www.nisgaalisims.ca](http://www.nisgaalisims.ca)



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