



# Congress News

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Queensland, Australia

## Thank you IUFRO Congress volunteers

If you see one of the many cheery volunteers (easily recognisable by their navy IUFRO vests) be sure to extend a very big thank you for their dedication and assistance throughout the congress.

Our volunteers, forestry students from Australian and international universities, staff members from the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, and event management students from the local TAFE college have generously given their time to come to the XXII IUFRO World Congress to help it run so smoothly. Thank you volunteers!



(From right) Volunteer Sonya Cullen (Australia) assists Japanese delegate Takuya Shimose with Friday's busy program.

## New partnership for IUFRO and WWF

During the week, IUFRO and the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) signed an agreement aimed at mobilising the scientific capacity of IUFRO to address WWF's conservation work.

At a special event on Tuesday 9 August, IUFRO Executive Secretary, Peter Mayer, announced that IUFRO would work with the WWF on a global initiative to promote forest landscape restoration.

A WWF book entitled 'Forest Restoration in Landscape: Beyond Planting Trees' was launched at the event by Duncan Pollard and Jeff Sayer, who were representing WWF's 'Forests for Life Program'.



Duncan Pollard and Jeff Sayer at the WWF book launch.



## IN THE REGION

# News from Australia's forestry sector...

### *Fast find forest information*

The diversity and distribution of Australia's forests have been captured in a new series of forest profiles launched by Australian Fisheries Minister Ian Macdonald.

"The Australia's Forest Profile Series provides information on the major forest types found in Australia, their distribution, uses and management," Senator Macdonald said.

"Demand for accurate forestry information remains high, both as a way of informing the general public and as a basis for decision making in government and industry.

"It is critical that land managers and regional groups have access to accurate forest information in order to make land use decisions that support the sustainable use and management of our natural resources.

"The forest types covered in the series include Acacia, Callitris, Casuarina, Eucalypt, Melaleuca, Mangrove, Rainforests and Plantations.

"Produced by the National Forest Inventory, each profile includes colour photographs and maps illustrating the distribution of each of the types across Australia.

"The series also provides information on the wide range of economic uses and other values that forests hold for all Australians," said Senator Macdonald.

"The series draws on data from Australia's State of the Forests Report and figures from the 2005 National Plantations Inventory Update" Senator Macdonald said.

The series was funded under the Natural Heritage Trust's \$1.6 million commitment in 2005-06 to National Forest and Vegetation Information Monitoring and Reporting projects.

The Australia's Forest Profile Series is available for free download from (URL with DLIS).

## Celebrate the success of IUFRO tonight

Tonight's Farewell Gala event is going to be a night to remember – and for all the right reasons! All delegates are invited to wear their national dress, and enjoy a night of all things Australian. A range of 'Aussie' themed food and drinks will be served and some of the country's interesting entertainment will be featured. Have a great night!

## Poster winners announced

The winners of the XXII IUFRO World Congress Poster Presentations were announced yesterday. Congratulations to the following people: Carl Hocke, Tasmien Horsley et al, John Yarie, Johanna Pohjola et al, Nigel Lim et al, Chih-Lung Cho et al, Eugene Hannon et al, Sophie Zechmeister-Boltenstern et al, and from the Task Force, Michelle Slaney et al.

Delegates - don't forget that all posters need to be taken down this afternoon by 13:30 sharp!

## The Interview

Carol J Pierce

Principal Researcher, CIFOR

**With her main areas of expertise being human health in forests, effective and equitable management of marginalised groups and global decentralisation, Carol J Pierce has almost 25 years of experience working in the forestry sector. In an exclusive interview with 'Congress News' Carol talks candidly about her other area of interest – gender in forestry.**

**Interviewer:** From your research, how do you see the current gender situation in the forestry industry?

**Carol:** The history of the forestry industry itself has meant that there are many more men represented than women. Traditionally, forestry started with hard labour, the chainsaw in the forest kind of thing, where as now, the whole field has changed, and it's clear that in the present industry environment, women can do just as well as men.

**Interviewer:** How can the forestry industry work together to combat this gender imbalance?

**Carol:** There are a number of ways that we as an industry can work at this. Firstly we can seek to raise awareness about the gender imbalance in the industry and acknowledge that forest ownership is an issue. Similarly, we need to make sure we notice what women are doing just as much as we focus on what men are doing in the industry. We could encourage researchers to research the subject, such as education, and what keeps women progressing in the forestry industry, and how we can stop them from leaving. Finally, we can make sure that young women coming up through the industry have positive role models and are given opportunity to network with each other.

The other important point we need to highlight is that in the process of balancing gender in the industry, we make sure we don't alienate men. Gender in forestry is an issue for both men and women.

**Interviewer:** Carol, thank you for your time!

# Watch this space!

## **IUFRO Working Party 3.08.03: Silviculture and the Improvement of Eucalypts**

The working party will be held in October 2007 at the International Convention Centre in Durban, South Africa. Durban has a sub-tropical climate and is ideally situated for excursions to forestry areas, and to visit sub-tropical and temperate plantations of eucalypts and pines. In addition, many of the major South African processing operations are close to Durban. The proposed theme for the conference is 'Eucalypts and diversity: balancing productivity and sustainability.' The objectives of the conference will be to explore this theme to enable delegates to experience the diversity of the South African plantation resource as well as diverse processing operations. Visits to forestry research operations will be included in the programme. South Africa looks forward to welcoming you and your colleagues!

## Post Congress Tours mean it's not over for some!

This is the first time an IUFRO World Congress has been held in the Southern Hemisphere, and some delegates are taking every opportunity to further enjoy the 'Down Under' experience.

Post-congress tours kick off shortly to various beautiful sites around Australia and it's near neighbours. If you're one of the lucky delegates off to enjoy the sites – have a great trip!

## *Editor's note*

*For more information about 'gender in forestry' check out the following information:*

### **World Wide Women in Forestry Network**

All men and women interested in gender in forestry are welcome to join the World Wide Women in Forestry Network, an activity within IUFRO Unit 6.18.00: Gender in Forestry. You will regularly receive newsletters and invitations for meetings. Interested? Contact Research Group Coordinator Ann Merete Furuberg tel: +47 90 16 30 92.

### **Gender and Forestry – international seminar coming soon**

Hosted by the Faculty of Forest Sciences and supported by FAO and UNECE, the Gender in Forestry Seminar, set to happen in Umea, Sweden 18-20 June, 2006 is an industry event not to be missed. Further information will be available soon on the Department of Silviculture, SLU website [www.ssko.slu.se](http://www.ssko.slu.se) or by emailing [gun.lidestav@ssko.slu.se](mailto:gun.lidestav@ssko.slu.se)

### **Spillkrakan – The Women Forest Owners Association**

Spillkrakan aims to strengthen women's influence in the Swedish forestry industry, increase knowledge and awareness of environment-friendly forestry, and build a communications network for women to exchange experience and develop knowledge.

For more information visit [www.spillkrakan.se](http://www.spillkrakan.se)

## Keynote Presentation

### **Tricia Caswell**

**Keynote presentation:** 8:30am-9:30am, Saturday 13 August (Plaza Terrace Room)  
**Keynote panel:** 10:00am-12:00pm, Saturday 13 August (Plaza Terrace Room)  
**Country:** Australia

One of Australia's most topical and engaging forestry leaders, Tricia Caswell, CEO of VAFI, the peak industry body for Victoria's native hardwood timber industry, is known for her passion in championing global sustainability and the environment.

Her XXII IUFRO World Congress Keynote Presentation will focus on 'The contribution of forest industries to global sustainability.'

In the 1980s Tricia Caswell became one of Australia's first female trade union leaders, was Secretary of the Teacher's Trade Union of Victoria and an elected member of the ACTU Executive.

From there she became the Executive Director of PLAN International Australia, an international aid and development organisation, and in the early 1990s held the position of Executive Director of the Australian Conversation Foundation. From 2000 to 2004 Tricia Caswell was the founding Executive Director of the Global Sustainability Institute at RMIT University.



Tricia Caswell will present her Keynote Address this morning.



# OUT & ABOUT!



Ugandan delegates sharing a laugh in the foyer (from left) are John Bosco Lamonus Okullo, Susan Tumwebaze and William Gombya-Ssembajjwe.



IUFRO Information Group members (from left) Sheila Mbiru (Kenya), Margaret Sraku-Lartey (Ghana) and Gillian Petrokofsky (United Kingdom) catch up on Friday.

South African delegates (from left) Mike Cameron, Dirk Laengin, Gerrit Marais, Goert Geldenhuys and Pierre Ackerman.



Wai Mun Ho (Malaysia) and Yong-Kwon Lee (Korea) discuss their joint environmental research project during a break in Friday's sessions.



Discussing Friday's busy schedule are (from left) Indah Susilanasari (Indonesia) with Korean delegates Yeo-Chang Youn and Yo Han Lee.



Forestry Engineer and newsletter editor Martin Sanchez (Argentina) discuss Friday's media activities with IUFRO Communications Officer Amity Mills (Australia).



Australian delegates Moo Price (left) and Tua Sala enjoy a break during Friday's sessions.



Event Coordinator Ben Mason (right) assists speaker Brian Lockhart (USA) with his presentation in the speaker's preparation room.

Host Nations Scientific Award winners (from left) Dr Garth Nikles and Dr Sadanandan Nambiar with Dr Ian Beverage at Friday's presentation.



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