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Welcome Message from the Prime Minister

It is my great pleasure to welcome all of you to Korea and the XXIII World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO). I am aware that IUFRO is one of the world's oldest and largest international institutions, which was established in 1892 and has more than 700 member institutes and universities in 110 countries. We are honored and proud to host this significant event in Seoul.

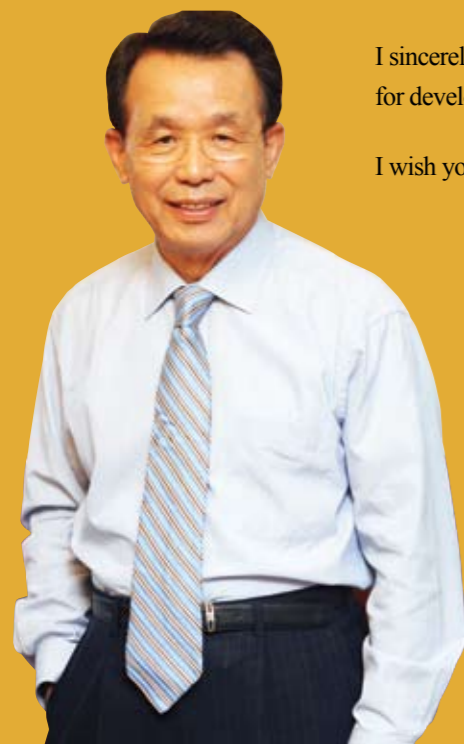
The world is now faced with challenges such as economic turbulence, scarce resources and environmental degradation caused by climate change. These are the tasks that all of us should tackle together. In order to join the global effort, the Korean Government proclaimed "Low Carbon, Green Growth" as a new national vision on August 15th, 2008 and is exerting utmost efforts to realize the vision.

Under such circumstances, the world is paying attention to forests because they play a critical role in mitigating climate change as a carbon sink, and forestry is a cost-effective industry. In this regard, the Congress title "Forests for the Future: Sustaining Society and the Environment" is all the more relevant and timely.

Korea has successfully greened the land devastated during World War II in a short period. Making use of our experience and technology, the Korean Government is committed to the combat against desertification and the rehabilitation of damaged tropical forests by expanding cooperative projects. Furthermore, as a responsible member of the international community, we will strengthen cooperation with other nations to conserve forests in the world.

I sincerely hope that the Congress will be a fruitful forum to build the cornerstone for developing innovative forest and green technologies.

I wish you all the best and a successful conference.





Han, Seung-soo
Prime Minister
Republic of Korea

Welcome Message from the Mayor of Seoul

It is my great pleasure to host the XXIII IUFRO World Congress in Seoul. On behalf of the 10 million Seoulites, I welcome all of you to Seoul, a clean and attractive global city.

It is said that the cultural standards of a family are best represented in the bathroom while those of a nation are best represented in the forests of that nation. Today, sustainable green development is the key factor that decides the quality of living and the city's competitiveness. By declaring 2009 as the first year of low carbon green growth, the Seoul Metropolitan Government is making great efforts to create large forests in the city center and a gigantic green axis across the city with the aim to add 3,300,000 m² of green space to Seoul by 2010. We also strive to establish an international network to fight against global warming, hosting the 3rd C40 Climate Summit in May 2009 and inviting more than 80 city delegations from around the world.

The French writer Chateaubriand has warned that "Forests precede civilizations and deserts follow them." I hope that this World Congress will serve as an opportunity for us to discuss the role of forests that save our society and environment so that we will be able to continue green growth and leave green forests to future generations.

I also hope that you will all have a chance to enjoy the beauty of Seoul, the 600-year-old capital where tradition and state-of-the-art information technologies coexist in harmony. The 10 million citizens of Seoul will welcome you with all their hearts!





Oh, Se-hoon
Mayor of Seoul



IUFRO President's Message

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we invite you to attend the XXIII IUFRO World Congress, to be held at the COEX (Convention & Exhibition Center) in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 23 – 28 August 2010.

This will be the third time in IUFRO's history that the IUFRO World Congress, which is held every four to five years in locations around the world, will be convened in Asia. With this Congress, participants from all nations will congregate in one of the most traditional and richly cultured destinations in Northeast Asia: the Republic of Korea.

The scientific programs of the meeting will include plenary lectures of outstanding speakers, a series of scientific sessions, as well as poster presentations. We do hope that your contributions will enrich the scientific content of the Congress.

The Congress Scientific Committee (CSC) and the Congress Organizing Committee (COC) have already fixed the main themes of the Congress, such as Forests and Climate Change, Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Resources and Forest Environmental Services. I encourage you to visit the Congress website <http://www.iufro2010.com> for Congress details and to prepare and submit abstracts for technical and poster sessions under one of the Congress themes. The information will be regularly updated and a facility for on-line registration and abstract submission will be provided.

In addition, the Congress program offers Pre-Congress Training Workshops, a Scientist Assistance Program, social events, In-Congress Tours and Post-Congress Tours, to make your stay in Seoul unforgettable.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2010 IUFRO World Congress in Seoul.



Lee, Don Koo
President, IUFRO

INVITATION DU PRESIDENT DE L'IUFRO

C'est avec grand plaisir et enthousiasme que je vous adresse cette invitation à prendre part au XXIIIème Congrès Mondial de l'IUFRO, qui aura lieu au COEX (Centre de Congrès et d'Exhibitions) à Séoul, République de Corée, du 23 au 28 août 2010.


Ce sera pour la troisième fois dans l'histoire de l'IUFRO que le Congrès Mondial - qui a lieu tous les quatre à cinq ans dans différents endroits du monde entier - sera célébré en Asie. A cette occasion, des participants de toutes nations se réuniront en la République de Corée, qui compte parmi les destinations les plus riches en traditions et culture d'Asie du Nord-Est.

Le programme scientifique du Congrès comprendra des sessions plénières aux présentateurs extraordinaires, une série de sessions scientifiques ainsi que des présentations d'affiches. Nous espérons que par votre contribution personnelle vous allez vous-même enrichir le contenu scientifique du Congrès.

Le Comité Scientifique du Congrès (CSC) et le Comité d'Organisation du Congrès (COC) ont déjà fait connaître les thèmes principaux du Congrès, parmi lesquels figurent: la forêt et le changement climatique, la conservation de la biodiversité, l'utilisation soutenue des ressources forestières et les services environnementaux de la forêt. Veuillez bien rendre visite au site web du Congrès à <http://www.iufro2010.com> pour apprendre plus de détails sur le Congrès et comment préparer et soumettre des résumés pour les sessions scientifiques et d'affiches à ces thèmes. Les informations seront régulièrement mises à jour et vous y trouverez la possibilité de vous inscrire en ligne au Congrès et d'y soumettre votre résumé par voie électronique.

Outre le programme scientifique, le Congrès vous offrira des ateliers éducatifs avant le Congrès, un programme d'assistance aux scientifiques, des événements sociaux, des excursions pendant le Congrès ainsi qu'un éventail d'excursions suivant le Congrès, destinés à rendre inoubliable votre séjour à Séoul.

Nous nous réjouissons d'avance de vous accueillir à l'occasion du Congrès Mondial 2010 à Séoul.



Lee, Don Koo
Président de l'IUFRO

INVITACION DEL PRESIDENTE DE IUFRO

Con gran entusiasmo y placer, les invitamos a participar en el XXIII Congreso Mundial IUFRO que tendrá lugar en el Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones COEX en Séul, República de Corea, del 23 al 28 de agosto del año 2010. Esta será la tercera vez en la historia de IUFRO que nuestro Congreso Mundial que se organiza cada cuatro a cinco años en lugares diferentes en todo el mundo, se celebrará en Asia. Este Congreso reunirá a participantes de todo el globo en la República de Corea, un país con una de las culturas más ricas y tradicionales en el Noreste de Asia.

El programa científico de la reunión incluirá sesiones plenarias con conferencistas destacados, sesiones científicas y presentaciones de posters. Nos alegraríamos recibir sus contribuciones para que enriquecen el contenido científico del Congreso.

El Comité Científico del Congreso (CSC por sus siglas en inglés) y el Comité Organizador del Congreso (COC) han determinado ya los temas principales del Congreso que incluyen, entre otros, los bosques y el cambio climático, la conservación de la biodiversidad y el uso sostenible del recurso forestal, y servicios medioambientales forestales. Tengo el agrado de llamar su atención sobre el sitio web del Congreso <http://www.iufro2010.com> donde se encuentran informaciones más detalladas sobre el Congreso e instrucciones para la preparación y entrega de resúmenes de trabajos para las sesiones técnicas y de posters que abarquen uno de los temas del Congreso. La información será actualizada regularmente, y habrá la posibilidad de inscribirse al Congreso y entregar resúmenes en línea.

Además, el programa del Congreso les ofrece cursos de capacitación pre-Congreso, un programa de apoyo para científicos de países en desarrollo, eventos sociales, y excursiones durante y después del Congreso, para que su visita a Séul sea realmente memorable.

Celebraríamos mucho verles en el Congreso Mundial IUFRO y darles la bienvenida a Séul en 2010.



Lee, Don Koo
Presidente de IUFRO

EINLADUNG des IUFRO-PRÄSIDENTEN

Mit großer Freude und Begeisterung möchte ich Sie zum XXIII IUFRO Weltkongress einladen. Der Kongress findet vom 23. – 28. August 2010 im COEX Konferenz- und Ausstellungszentrum in Seoul, der Hauptstadt der Republik Korea, statt.

Zum dritten Mal in der Geschichte IUFROs wird der Weltkongress – der alle vier bis fünf Jahre an wechselnden Veranstaltungsorten auf der ganzen Welt stattfindet – in Asien abgehalten. Zu diesem Anlass werden Teilnehmer aller Nationen in die Republik Korea kommen, die zu den traditions- und kultureichsten Destinationen in Nordostasien zählt.

Das wissenschaftliche Programm umfasst Plenarvorträge mit großartigen Rednern, eine Vielfalt an wissenschaftlichen Fachsitzungen und Poster-Präsentationen. Wir hoffen, dass auch Sie mit Ihrem Beitrag den wissenschaftlichen Inhalt des Kongresses bereichern werden.

Das Kongress-Wissenschaftskomitee (CSC) und das Kongress-Organisationskomitee (COC) haben bereits die Kongress Themen bekannt gegeben, zum Beispiel: Wald und Klimawandel, Erhaltung der Biodiversität, nachhaltige Nutzung der Waldressourcen und umweltrelevante Leistungen des Waldes. Besuchen Sie dazu die Kongress-Webseite <http://www.iufro2010.com>, wo Sie zusätzliche Informationen über den Kongress erhalten und auch, wie und wo Sie Abstracts für die Fach- und Postersitzungen zu den einzelnen Themen vorbereiten und einreichen können. Die Informationen der Webseite mit der Möglichkeit zur on-line Registrierung und Abstract-Einreichung, werden regelmäßig aktualisiert.

Um Ihren Aufenthalt in Seoul zu einem unvergesslichen Erlebnis werden zu lassen, bietet der Kongress neben dem wissenschaftlichen Programm und diversen Trainings-Workshops vor dem Kongress ein Unterstützungsprogramm für Wissenschaftler, zahlreiche gesellschaftliche Programmpunkte und ein umfassendes Exkursions-Programm während und im Anschluss an den Kongress an. Wir freuen uns darauf, Sie beim IUFRO Weltkongress 2010 in Seoul willkommen zu heißen.



Lee, Don Koo
IUFRO Präsident



Congress Committees

The Congress Organizing Committee (COC)

chaired by Dr. Jung Hwan PARK, KFRI, is comprised of representatives drawn from the Korea Forest Research Institute and is responsible for the organization of the Congress. The COC has developed a series of programs to offer comfort and excitement.

The IUFRO 2010 Congress Organizing Committee

Jung-Hwan Park [Chair], Do-Hyun Jung, Jae-Hyoung Cho, Hyoshin Lee, Eun-Hee Kim, Seok-Woo Lee, Eun-Kyung Kim

The Congress Scientific Committee (CSC)

chaired by Dr. John PARROTTA, U.S. Forest Service, is responsible for the development of a high quality scientific program and is working with the COC to ensure that delegates enjoy an exciting mix of technical and social events.



The IUFRO 2010 Congress Scientific Committee

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Susan Conard [Division 8], U.S. Forest Service (retd.), Washington, DC, USA
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About Seoul, Korea

KOREA

The Republic of Korea, once known as the “Land of the Morning Calm,” is now the world’s 11th largest economy and the gateway to Northeast Asia. Its natural beauty, combined with unique cultural heritage preserved for thousands of years and amiable people, attracts visitors from all over the world.

Land

The Korean Peninsula extends about 1,000 km from the Asian continent into the Pacific Ocean with more than 3,000 islands dotting the coastline. Mountains cover almost 70 percent of the land mass, making the country one of the most mountainous regions in the world and offering abundant forest resources. Administratively, Korea consists of nine provinces with 77 small cities and 88 counties.

Climate

Korea lies in a temperate zone and has four distinct seasons.

Spring: March – May

Summer: June – August

Autumn: September – November

Winter: December – February



Population

The population of Korea is about 49 million, with a density of approximately 480 people per square kilometer. A recent demographic trend is that the population is growing older. Between 1999 and 2005, the share of people aged 65 years or older increased from 6.9 percent to 9.1 percent.

History

It is believed that early man started to settle in Korea about half a million years ago. The first kingdom of Gojoseon was formed in 2333 B.C. By the first century B.C., Korea's three ancient kingdoms of Goguryeo, Baekje and Silla ruled the entire Korean Peninsula. In 676, the Silla Kingdom took over the other two and united the peninsula. After the United Silla period (676 – 935), the Goryeo Dynasty came in and Buddhism as the state religion had great influence on political and cultural spheres. During the Joseon Dynasty (1392 – 1910), Confucianism was adopted as state ideology and Hangeul, the Korean alphabet, was invented in 1443. Since its foundation in 1948, the Republic of Korea has become one of the most economically advanced countries in the world and is a member of the OECD.

Culture

Although Korea has undergone rapid modernization, Korean people still cherish their 5,000-year long culture and Confucian values. Most Koreans share a cultural and linguistic heritage and the population is one of the most ethnically and linguistically homogeneous in the world.

Industry

Korea's major industries include shipbuilding, semiconductors, automobiles, information technology and electronics.

SEOUL

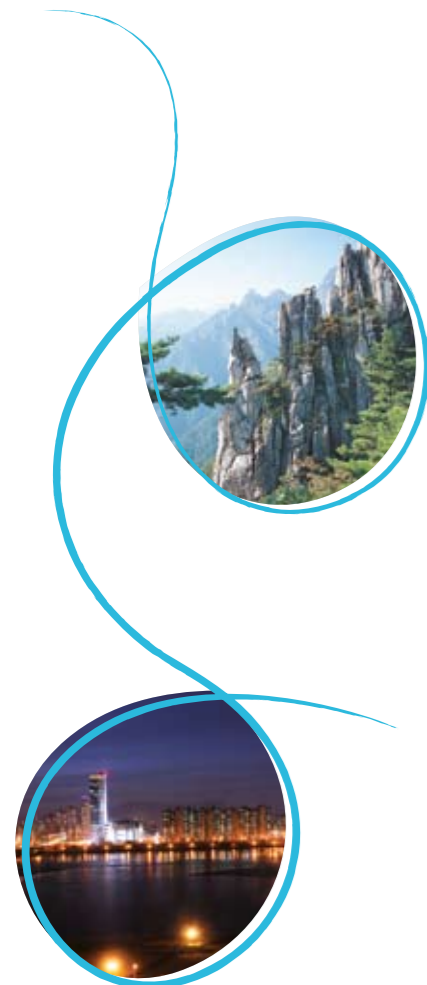
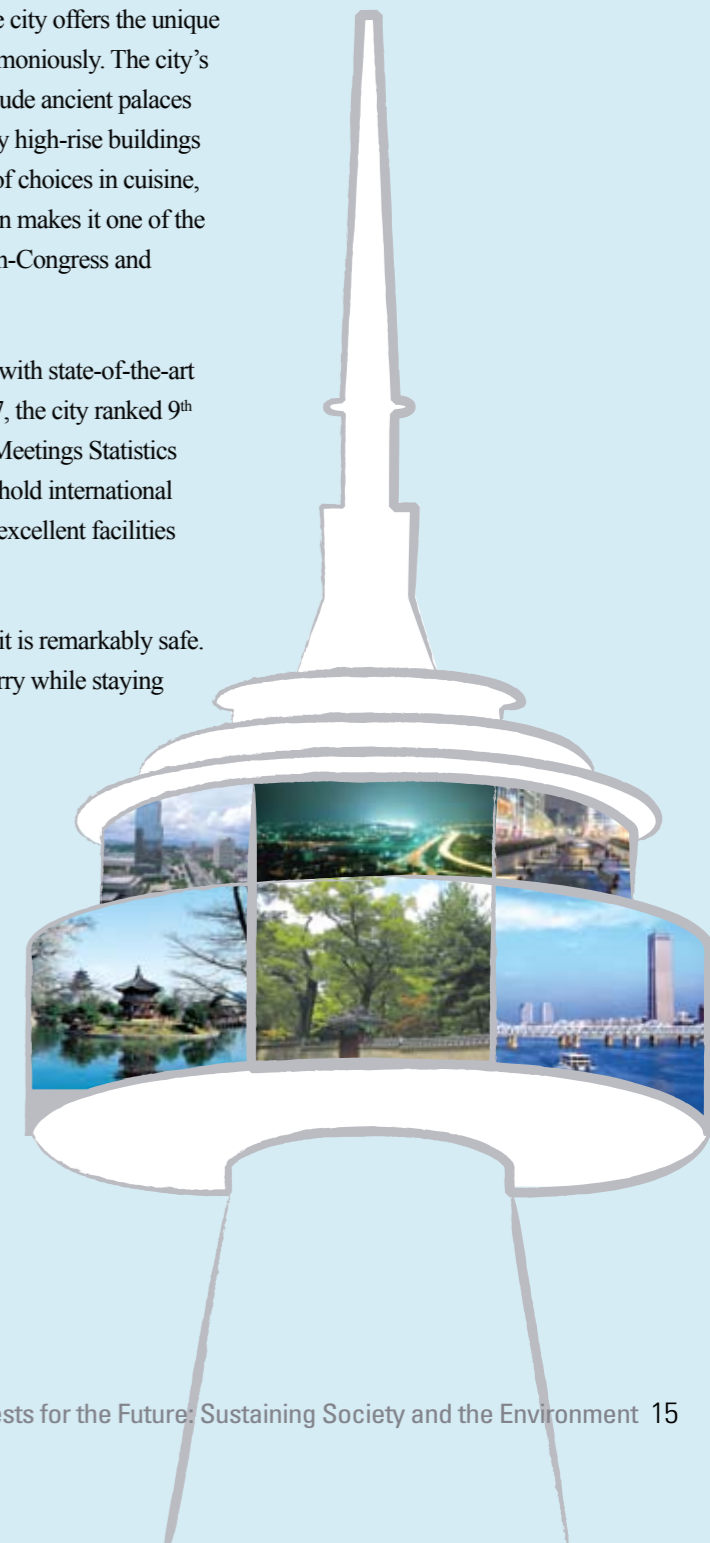
Located in a temperate zone and blessed with four distinct seasons, Seoul is a flourishing metropolis of over 11 million people. The city has been the capital of Korea for over 600 years since the beginning of the Joseon Dynasty, serving as the center of the country's politics, economy, culture and education. Now the city is also the financial hub of the country and the gateway to the Northeast Asian region.

Situated in a natural basin of the Han River and surrounded by mountains and hills, Seoul boasts magnificent scenic beauty. At the same time, the city offers the unique opportunity to experience the old and the new coexisting harmoniously. The city's cultural assets mirror its six hundred years of history and include ancient palaces and fortresses. Seoul is also a bustling modern city with many high-rise buildings and a fast-paced lifestyle, where visitors can enjoy a variety of choices in cuisine, entertainment and other cultural activities. This cultural fusion makes it one of the most attractive metropolitan cities to visit and also ideal for In-Congress and Post-Congress Tours.

In addition, Seoul is one of the world's finest business cities, with state-of-the-art convention facilities. Having hosted 121 conventions in 2007, the city ranked 9th on UIA (Union of International Association)'s International Meetings Statistics for the year 2007. This shows that Seoul is a perfect place to hold international conventions, equipped with modern infrastructure including excellent facilities and luxurious hotels on top of tourist attractions.

Despite being one of the world's largest and populous cities, it is remarkably safe. Thus, visitors can enjoy the city's vibrant culture without worry while staying for the XXIII IUFRO World Congress.

Come and fall in love with Seoul!



Congress Venue

COEX (Convention and Exhibition Center)

COEX is a prominent landmark in Seoul. Located in the central business area, COEX is a destination combining business, shopping and entertainment. Featuring a world-class convention and exhibition center, Asia's largest underground shopping mall, restaurants and entertainment facilities, COEX is a must-visit destination in Seoul.

COEX offers a complete package in terms of conference and convention facilities, which ensures the success of all events held in this modern arena. The conference rooms come in a variety of sizes, from small summit rooms to mega convention halls, and are all equipped with advanced technology, such as simultaneous interpretation equipment and audio/visual and lighting systems. COEX is also characterized by great convenience and easy accessibility.

The Congress Organizing Committee of the 2010 IUFRO World Congress is making the utmost effort to offer convenient services to participants and is ready to welcome you all to COEX, the state-of-the-art convention center.



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Program Outline

	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28
9:00		Registration	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	In-Congress Tours	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions
10:00		Opening Ceremony	Refreshment	Refreshment		Refreshment	Refreshment
11:00		Keynote Plenary Session	Keynote Plenary Session	Keynote Plenary Session		Keynote Plenary Session	Keynote Plenary Session
12:00	Registration	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break		IUFRO Units/TF Business Mtgs	Lunch Break
13:00		Lunch Break	Poster Viewing	Poster Viewing		Lunch Break	Lunch Break
14:00		Sub-plenary Sessions	Sub-plenary Sessions	Sub-plenary Sessions		Sub-plenary Sessions	Sub-plenary Sessions
15:00	Tree Planting Ceremony / Other Special Events	IUFRO Units/TF Business Mtgs	Refreshment	Refreshment		Refreshment	Refreshment
16:00		Refreshment	Refreshment	Technical Sessions		Technical Sessions	Closing Ceremony
17:00		Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions		Technical Sessions	Closing Ceremony
18:00							
19:00		Welcome Reception	Side Events	Side Events	In-Congress Tours	IUFRO Division Meetings	Farewell Gala Event
20:00							
21:00							



Scientific Program

The title for the XXIII IUFRO World Congress, "*Forests for the Future: Sustaining Society and the Environment*," will provide the foundation for the program scope and format. The structure of the scientific program includes plenary sessions, sub-plenary sessions, technical sessions and poster sessions. The scientific program will give delegates an opportunity to learn about the latest research and projects conducted by the world's leading forest scientists and experts in related fields.

Plenary Sessions

Eminent speakers will give keynote presentations each morning of the Congress. Further information on the keynote speakers will be provided in the Registration Package.

Sub-plenary Sessions

Throughout the five Congress days, there will be three sub-plenary sessions per day, each relating to one or more of the nine Congress themes. Details on sub-plenary sessions will be posted on the Congress website.

Technical Sessions

Approximately 126 technical sessions will feature the latest advances in forest science related to the themes of the Congress. Those wishing to present papers or posters during these technical sessions should refer to the "Call for Papers" for further information. The schedule of the technical sessions will be posted on the website once the program is finalized and published in the Registration Package. For details on the themes and titles of the technical sessions, please refer to Appendix I.

Poster Sessions

Posters relating to the Congress themes will be displayed throughout the Congress week. Those wishing to present posters must submit abstracts of their poster presentations via the Congress website (<http://www.iufro2010.com>). Please see the "Call for Papers" for further information. Poster presentation guidelines will be available on the Congress website once finalized and will be included in the Registration Package.

Call for Papers

The Congress Scientific Committee (CSC) invites submission of abstracts for presentations during technical and poster sessions. Oral and poster papers accepted for presentation during the Congress should highlight the contributions that forest science is making to adapt to our changing world and to address the significant challenges facing our environment and our society. Abstracts should address one or more of the following Congress themes.

- Forests and Climate Change
- Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Resource
- Forest Environmental Services
- Asia's Forests for the Future
- Forest Products and Production Processes for a Greener Future
- Emerging Technologies in the Forest Sector
- Frontiers in Forest and Tree Health
- Forests, Communities and Cultures
- Forests, Human Health and Environmental Security

Authors are requested to submit abstracts via the Congress website (<http://www.iufro2010.com>). When submitting your abstract, you will be asked to select the most appropriate Congress theme and technical session within each theme. Please note that the listing of session titles is not yet complete. If the topic of your abstract is not relevant to any of the listed sessions, or the session you may have been invited to participate in is not listed, you should select the "Other" option under each Congress theme. Selecting this option will not affect its evaluation, and all accepted abstracts will be accommodated in the appropriate Congress session.

Authors must select one of the following options: oral presentation only; poster presentation only; either oral or poster presentation (no preference). Authors should be aware that the number of papers that can be accepted for oral presentation is limited, and that poster presentations are considered to be of equal importance as oral presentations.

Please note that although an individual may be a co-author on several abstracts intended for oral presentation, the number of papers that can be accepted, and given by, a presenting author (who should be the first person listed on the abstract) during the Congress will be limited to 2 per person (and 1 for a single session). We therefore recommend that no more than 2 or 3 abstracts for oral presentations be submitted per person (since only 2 can be accepted). These restrictions do not apply for poster presentations.

All presenting authors (oral or poster presentations) must register for the Congress by 30 April 2010. Failure to do so will mean that the presentation will be deleted from the program, as well as from the abstracts volume and conference proceedings.



Abstract format: see example below

Language: English (preferred), Spanish, French or German (official IUFRO languages)

Font type & size: Times New Roman 11

Line spacing: single

Scientific names in *italics*

Content of abstract:

- Title of the paper
- Author name(s), organizational affiliation(s) and e-mail address

The first author should be the author who will present the paper/poster at the Congress.

- Main text of abstract (175 – 200 words). Describe problem/topic of study, methods, main results and conclusions in plain writing. No photographs or graphics should be included.

IUFRO World Congress: An example of an appropriately formatted abstract.

Firstauthor, A.B. (*Seoul National University, Republic of Korea; e-mail address*), Secondauthor, C. (*Yale University, USA; e-mail address*), Thirdauthor, D.E. (*CIRAD, France; e-mail address*) Here we present an appropriate abstract format for an abstract submitted for the XXIII IUFRO World Congress. Authors should be listed by surname followed by initials of given names. The first author listed after the title should be the presenting author. The abstract should be no more than 200 words in length, be single spaced and use Times New Roman 11-point font. It should clearly state its subject, touch on the methods and provide a summary of the main results and conclusion(s) of the work. All *Latin* names must be in italics, as in *Pinus koraiensis*. Abstracts in English should be typed into the text box on the on-line abstract submission page of the Congress website; abstracts in other IUFRO languages (Spanish, French or German) should be uploaded as MS-Word or compatible format file. Providing the complete information in an appropriate format will help the Congress Scientific Committee deal with your abstract. Omitting information will delay its review. All accepted abstracts will be published in a special issue of the *International Forestry Review*, which will be available to all Congress participants in CD-Rom format; printed copies will also be available on request.

Criteria for selection

All abstracts will be reviewed and evaluated by the appropriate session coordinator and members of the Congress Scientific Committee. Primary selection criteria include: scientific quality, topical significance, and relevance to the Congress themes, as well as the relevance to the specific objectives of the technical and/or poster session. Abstracts will be evaluated starting in October 2009. We strongly encourage early submissions well in advance of the December 31st deadline. Acceptance decisions will be made no later than February 10th, 2010.

All abstracts accepted by the CSC for oral or poster presentation will be published by the XXIII IUFRO World Congress in a special volume of *The International Forestry Review* immediately prior to the Congress. A copy of this volume will be included in the Congress Registration Package. Submission of an abstract implies consent by the authors to have the abstract published by the Congress. Although Congress proceedings with full papers will not be published, session organizers are encouraged to explore alternative publication options (books, special issues of journals, etc.) for papers and/or posters presented in their sessions.

We look forward to receiving the abstracts for your contributions to what promises to be a very memorable IUFRO Congress in Korea.

Call for Side Events

A limited number of meeting rooms will be made available in the evenings (18:30 – 20:30) on August 24th and 25th free of charge to organizations and associations interested in holding side events outside of the official Congress Program.

Please note that room bookings can be made only by, and attendance at meetings is limited to, registered delegates attending the XXIII IUFRO World Congress on a first-come first-serve basis. Basic equipment such as a LCD projector, a screen and three microphones will be provided free of charge, but fees will be charged for other audio/visual equipment. Meeting organizers are responsible for managing attendance notifications. Please submit the application form on-line, available on the Congress website (<http://www.iufro2010.com>).

Call for Sponsors & Exhibitors

A trade exhibition will take place in conjunction with the Congress. It offers a tremendous opportunity to showcase your products, services and achievements to forest scientists, decision makers and industry leaders. Increase your visibility and company profile by becoming an exhibitor at this exciting event. The Congress Exhibition Package to be published in February 2010 will contain the registration form, booth information (layout, type and installation) and detailed payment instructions.



Special IUFRO Meetings

International Council Meetings

International Council meetings will be held in the afternoon of Tuesday 24 August and of Friday 27 August from 15:30 to 18:00 hours in parallel with the Technical Sessions. Attendance is by invitation only.

Management Committee & Board Meetings

The IUFRO Management Committee and Board meetings will be held at the Hoam Faculty Club of Seoul National University. The Management Committee will meet on Thursday 19 August and Board meetings will be held on Friday 20 August and Saturday 21 August. Attendance at these meetings is by invitation only.

Division Meetings

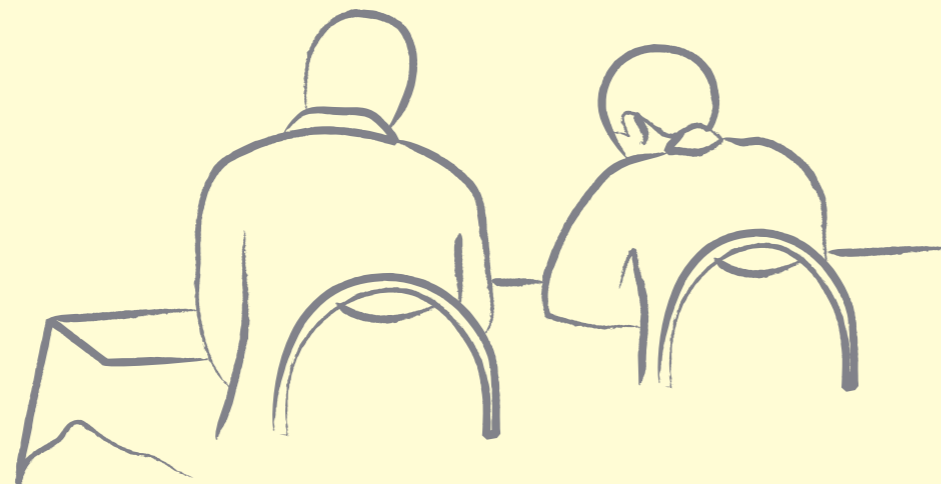
IUFRO Division meetings will be held at COEX in the evening of Friday 27 August from 18:30 to 20:30 hours.

IUFRO Business Sessions

IUFRO Business Sessions for Research Groups, Working Parties and Task Forces will be held at COEX in the afternoons of Monday 23 August and Tuesday 24 August after the sub-plenary sessions from 15:00 to 15:30 hours, and in the mornings of Friday 27 August and Saturday 28 August following the plenary sessions from 12:00 to 12:30 hours. These sessions are intended for administrative and business matters of the respective IUFRO Units, and not for discussing substantive research issues.

President's Discussion

The President's Discussion will be held in the afternoon of Wednesday 25 August from 13:30 to 15:00 hours in parallel with the sub-plenary sessions. This meeting is open to invited delegates only.



Awards

The IUFRO World Congress will be an opportunity to honor special scientific performances and achievements with selected IUFRO Awards. The Honours and Awards Committee (HAC) chaired by Dr. Su See Lee, Malaysia, evaluates nominations before the Board of IUFRO approves them. There are five IUFRO Awards recognizing special scientific performances.

Scientific Achievement Award (SAA)

The SAA recognizes distinguished individual scientific achievements within the fields of research covered by IUFRO. Nominees must either belong to IUFRO Member Organizations or be Individual Members of IUFRO.

Outstanding Doctoral Research Award (ODRA)

The ODRA recognizes outstanding individual scientific achievements of young doctoral researchers and aims at encouraging further work within the fields of research covered by IUFRO. Nominees must either belong to IUFRO Member Organizations or be Individual Members of IUFRO.

IUFRO Student Award (ISA)

The ISA recognizes outstanding individual achievements in forest science made by Master's degree students (or equivalent), and aims at fostering their further work within the fields of research covered by IUFRO. Nominees must either belong to IUFRO Member Organizations or be Individual Members of IUFRO or the International Forestry Students Association (IFSA).

Best Poster Award (BPA)

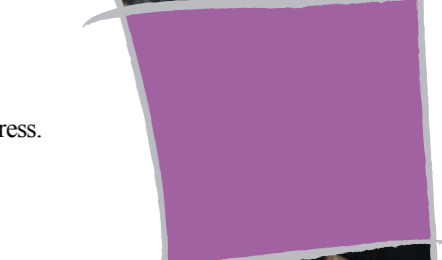
The BPA encourages public dissemination of high quality research and recognizes distinguished poster presentations by young scientists during the IUFRO World Congress.

IUFRO World Congress Host Scientific Award

This Award honors (a) truly outstanding scientist(s) from the Congress host country who has elevated the profile of forest science and research accomplishments.

Members of the International Council of IUFRO, Directors and Scientists of IUFRO Member Organizations, Members of the IUFRO Board, Coordinators and Deputy Coordinators of IUFRO Units, and the International Forestry Students Association (IFSA) have been invited to nominate candidates for the SAA, ODRA and ISA **by 31 July 2009**.

More information on all awards can be found on the IUFRO website:
<http://www.iufro.org/discover/awards/>.



Pre-Congress Training Workshops

A number of training workshops will be offered by IUFRO's Special Programme for Developing Countries (IUFRO-SPDC) during the week before the Congress. Scientists from developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America are encouraged to participate in these training events.

In total, four one-week training workshops on the following themes will be organized:

- Adaptation of Forests to Climate Change;
- Roles of Traditional Forest Knowledge in Sustainable Forest Management and Poverty Alleviation;
- Forests and Water Interactions; and
- Forests and Human Health.

These topical workshops will provide latest scientific knowledge on issues of global and regional significance that have been subject to comprehensive analysis and debate over the past several years within the framework of IUFRO's Task Forces. In the context of these thematic areas, participants will also have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills in the fields of "Communicating Research"; "Science-Policy Interfacing"; and "Information Management."

The four training workshops will be implemented concurrently for five days at a forest research and training centre near Seoul. Besides class-room work, the training also includes a one-day field visit.

Young scientists from developing countries are encouraged to apply for participation in one of these training workshops. The on-line application process for the training workshops will be open from 1 August 2009.

More details about the Pre-Congress Training Workshops and application procedure will be made available on the Congress website.

Scientist Assistance Program

The Scientist Assistance Program is designed to offer delegates from developing countries financial assistance to participate in the IUFRO World Congress. In selecting applicants to receive financial assistance, the Selection Committee will give preference to young scientists who have a good recent record of scientific achievement, are active members of IUFRO Units, and will contribute to the Congress by presenting a paper/poster or making a critical input to its organization.

It should be noted that an accepted paper or poster is an essential requirement for obtaining sponsorship under the Scientist Assistance Program.

Considerations

Priority candidates for support will be identified using the following criteria:

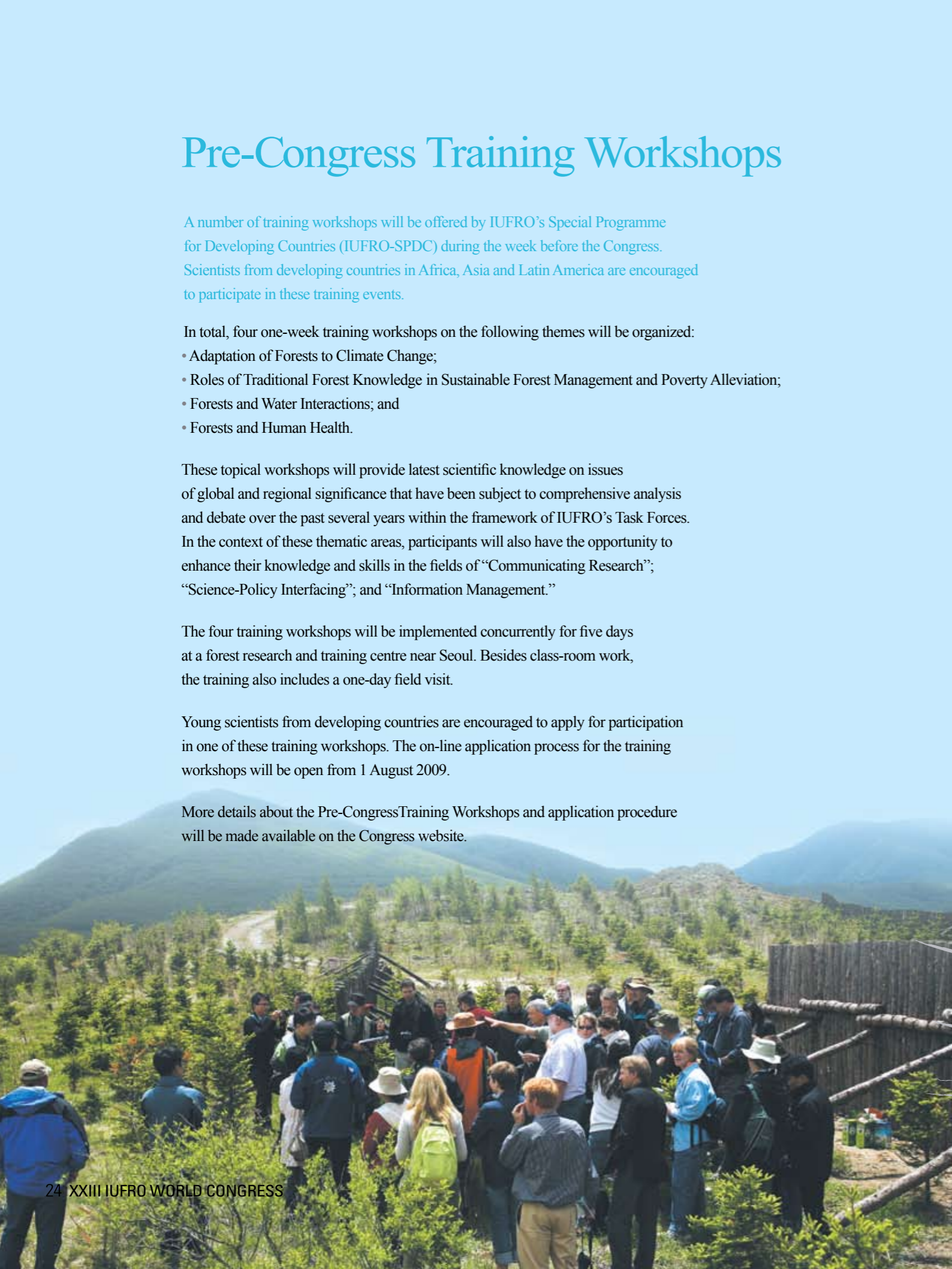
- Paper/Poster: Applicants without accepted papers or posters will be automatically rejected;
- Age: Applicants will be automatically rejected if they are above 57 years of age or if they are above 45 years of age and have been funded by IUFRO to attend previous IUFRO Congresses;
- Involvement in IUFRO activities
(e.g. office holder, active in a IUFRO Unit, employed with a IUFRO Member Organization);
- Scientific achievement since the year 2005
(i.e. journal papers published, conference papers or other publications); and
- Gender: In providing support special attention will be given to gender balance.

Please note that

late applicants will be considered after the closing date in exceptional circumstances only.

Applications must be received by the Congress Organizing Committee by **31 December 2009**.

Please submit your application using the on-line application facility on the Congress website (<http://www.iufro2010.com>). If you have any problem with on-line application, please contact the Congress Organizing Committee (iufrococ@forest.go.kr).





Tours

In-Congress Tours

The Congress registration fee includes participation in a full day In-Congress Tour on 26 August (Thursday). A total of eight tours will provide delegates and accompanying persons with an overview of Korea's forests, forestry, wood industry and local tourist attractions. Tours will be allocated to the participants on a first-come first-serve basis.

Route 1. Protected Area for Biological Diversity

Participants will have the opportunity to visit Mt. Odae, one of Korea's national parks. The Odae Mountain National Park functions as a protected area, making a great contribution to the conservation of biological diversity in Korea.

All associated plants, animals, fish and other biological resources in the park are under strict protection. Mt. Odae is also the site of Woljeongsa Temple which was built in 643 during the Silla Kingdom, one of the ancient kingdoms of Korea.

Visitors can find an octagonal nine-story stone pagoda (National Treasure) inside the temple and a magnificent Manchurian fir (*Abies holophylla*) forest surrounding the temple. Participants will also visit the Wood Trade Center, which produces various kinds of wood products, and Supchewon, a forest education facility. Furthermore, a ceramics museum will offer participants the opportunity to experience the beauty of authentic Korean celadon and white porcelain.

Route 2. Landscape Restoration and Sub-alpine Forest

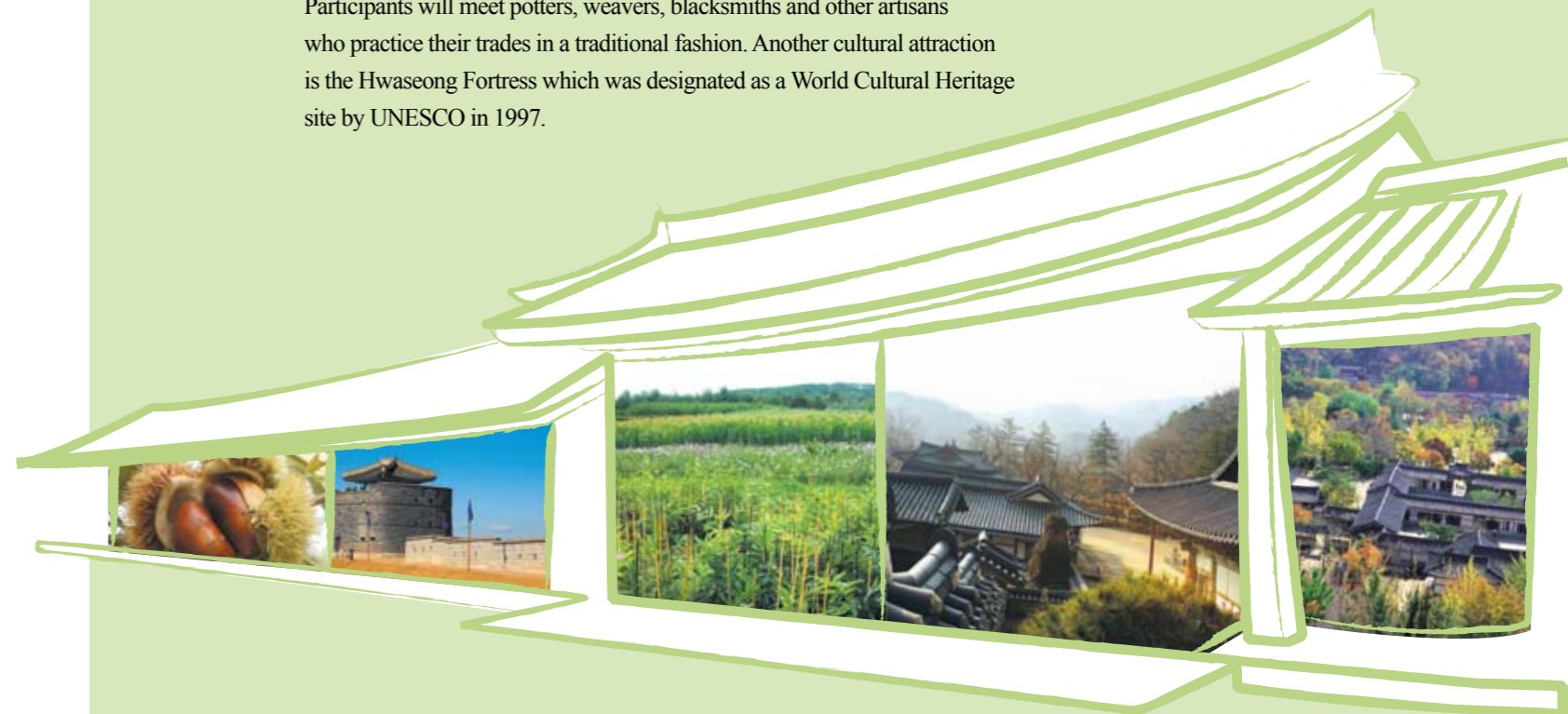
The focus of the tour is on forest landscape restoration in the Daegwallyeong area, in the northeastern part of South Korea. The forest in this area was totally devastated mainly by slash-and-burn farming in the 1960s. The government's strong will and active public participation accomplished forest restoration in this harsh environment. Baekdudaegan is the longest mountain range forming the backbone of the Korean Peninsula that extends about 1,400 km from Mt. Baekdu in North Korea to Mt. Jiri in the southern part of South Korea. Participants will have a chance to visit Mt. Balwang, a part of Baekdudaegan and observe a typical sub-alpine forest in Korea. A nearby cultural attraction is the Mok-A museum. Participants can enjoy over 6,000 Buddhist works including sutras, wooden, stone and bronze objects, paintings and calligraphy works.

Route 3. Non-Timber Forest Products

Chestnut is one of the most important income sources for farmers in Korea. The Korea Forest Research Institute established a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Irae Chestnut Farm and has provided the farm with newly developed chestnut tree varieties bearing large and sweet nuts, and labor-saving cultivation systems. Participants will have an opportunity to observe how governmental Research and Development (R&D) meets customer demands in the field, and taste delicious chestnuts. The Gongju National Museum will give participants a chance to enjoy sophisticated and splendid cultural relics of the Baekje Kingdom (B.C. 18 – A.D. 660), one of the ancient kingdoms in Korea. Participants will also visit Magoksa Temple which was built in 643.

Route 4. Conservation and Utilization of Forest Genetic Resources

The tour is designed to show participants a wide range of softwood/hardwood tree improvement programs. In Korea, tree breeding programs started in 1956 when the Institute of Forest Genetics, the predecessor of the Department of Forest Resources Development of KFRI, was established. Participants will have a guided tour of seed orchards, clonal archives of plus trees, and cultivar collections of chestnut, walnut and hibiscus. The tour will take participants to the Korean Folk Village, where visitors can see and experience centuries-old tradition and lifestyle. Participants will meet potters, weavers, blacksmiths and other artisans who practice their trades in a traditional fashion. Another cultural attraction is the Hwaseong Fortress which was designated as a World Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO in 1997.



Route 5. Forest and Human Health

Taking a stroll in a forest, or "forest bathing," is becoming very popular in Korea because forests can help reduce stress and make people feel at ease. Scientific evidence has shown that forests and trees have relaxing effects on mental health and can strengthen the immune system. Participants will visit the Saneum Recreation Forest and take part in various "forest therapy" programs including medical checkups, aromatherapy, hydrotherapy and guided walks in the forest. A neighboring cultural attraction is Yongmunsa Temple which was built in 802. Particularly, the temple is famous for Korea's tallest ginkgo tree. Participants will also have a chance to visit Semiwon, a specialized botanical garden for lotus and aquatic plants.

Route 6. SFM and the Ecosystem Approach

The ecosystem approach is a strategy for the integrated management of land, water and living resources that promotes conservation and sustainable use. The ecosystem approach is based on the application of appropriate scientific methodologies focused on levels of biological organization which encompass the essential processes, functions and interactions among organisms and their environment. It is also the primary framework for action under the Convention of Biological Diversity. KFRI has established a research site in a Korean pine plantation to develop technologies for the ecosystem approach in forest management. The tour will guide participants to the research sites. Participants will also visit the Chuncheon office of the Korea Forest Seed and Variety Center to take a look around a Korean pine provenance test stand and clone banks of medicinal trees. A cultural attraction is Nami Island, one of the most popular resort areas in Korea. The island is famous for a beautiful street lined with metasequoia trees.



Route 7. Old-aged Natural Forests and Landfill Restoration

Gwangneung is a royal tomb where King Sejo (1417 – 1468) and his queen are buried. Korea has a tradition to protect forests attached to the royal tombs. A total of 2,240 ha of the Gwangneung Forest has been well-preserved for more than 500 years and the forest is a reservoir of biological diversity. KFRI has established Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) sites in the forest to monitor ecosystem dynamics and to develop a strategy for the conservation of biological diversity. Participants will have an opportunity to visit one of the LTER sites and the National Arboretum. The National Arboretum is located in the Gwangneung Forest and comprises 15 special gardens and the Forest Museum. Participants will also visit the World Cup Park which is located in Nanji Island, which was once a beautiful island filled with orchids and various kinds of wild flowers. However, the island was converted into a landfill in 1978. From that time to 1993, 92 million tons of garbage were dumped on the island, resulting in two massive mountains of trash with over 90 meters in height. In 1993, the Seoul government launched a project to transform the island into an environment-friendly park. The World Cup Park is the stunning result of the city and Seoulites' efforts.

Route 8. Wood Processing Industry

Incheon City where the Incheon International Airport is located is a gateway to Korea and has a huge wood industrial complex. Participants will make a visit to several factories which manufacture wood products such as plywood, flooring, furniture, windows and doors, boards and music instruments. This tour also provides a chance to visit the World Cup Park.



Post-Congress Tours

Korea, a mountainous country with 65 percent of its land covered by forests, has a long history of its people living in a close relationship with forests. Additionally, Korea is very diverse not only in its geography, climate and culture, but also in its flora and forest vegetation. The Congress Organizing Committee is planning to offer a wide range of Post-Congress Tours, through which participants can experience this diversity. These tours will include visits to technical sites and tourist attractions in various regions throughout Korea and neighboring countries. The final range of tours, together with detailed itineraries and costs will be published in the Registration Package in December 2009. We would be grateful if you could indicate your intention to take part in any of the tours listed below by filling out your preferences on the enclosed Expression of Interest Form. Based on the feedback received by mid-2009, the COC will finalize the tour courses.

General

The tour options summarized below are provided on the following basis:

- All costs are in US Dollars and are estimates only;
- 1 USD = KRW 1,350 as of April 2009;
- Final costs will be announced in the Registration Package in December 2009;
- All costs are based on a minimum number of participants; and
- All tours include daily meals.

Route 1. Gyeongju/Andong, Historic Sites (August 29 – 31, 2 nights / 3 days)

This tour takes you to Gyeongju and Andong, the two most popular destinations in the traditional sphere of Korean tourism, which are located southeast of Korea. The historic cities are a 5-hour drive away from Seoul. The capital of the Silla Kingdom for almost a thousand years, Gyeongju in many ways still maintains a variety of significant historical heritage sites. Highlights of this tour include the visits to the Gyeongju National Museum as well as Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto, both of which are UNESCO-designated World Heritage sites. This tour also includes visits to the Andong Hahoe Village, preserving the housing architecture and village structure of the Joseon Dynasty, and the Andong Folk Museum, the home of Confucianism. The Seonghwangnim Forest, representing the Korean forests of the temperate zone, is also visited.

Estimated cost: USD 486 per person

Route 2. Seorak National Park (August 29 – 31, 2 nights / 3 days)

This tour features the spectacular scenery of the Seorak Mountain National Park with a size of 398,539 km² and nearby cities and the ocean. The National Park offers amazing scenic views throughout all four seasons. Daecheongbong (1,708 m) is the highest peak in the park and the third highest peak in Korea. Due to irregular climate and low temperatures, it is home to various high mountain plants as well as a variety of wild birds. Daecheongbong offers expansive views of Mt. Seorak. On your way back from the Seorak Mountain National Park, you will visit the famous coastal city of Sokcho. You will go to Naksansa Temple boasting a 1,300-year long history and Sokcho Beach displaying the beautiful view of its clear water, white sand and pine forest. On the return journey you will visit the Goseong Unification Observatory, the closest location to North Korea, where you can have a glimpse of various peaks of Mt. Geumgang.

Estimated cost: USD 452 per person

Route 3. Jeju Island, Paradise in the North Pacific (August 29 – 31, 2 nights / 3 days)

Fly 1 hour from Seoul to Jeju, Korea's largest island. Created by volcanic eruptions, the Island is considered the most popular travel destination among tourists from abroad. It has a temperate climate, warmer than the inland of Korea. This tour includes visits to Cheonjeyeon Waterfalls, named 'the pond of God,' and Jusangjeolli Cliff, stone pillars piled up along the coast. Day 2 includes a visit to the Bijarim Forest with a natural population of about 2,570 nutmeg-yew trees (*Torreya nucifera*) aged between 300 and 800 years. Then you will go to the lava tunnel of the Manjang Cave and Jeju Stone Park, where you can learn about the volcanic/geological history of the Island. Day 3 includes Seongsan Ilchulbong (Peak), one of the most fascinating tourist spots of the Island. Seongsan Ilchulbong rose from under the sea in a volcanic eruption over 100,000 years ago. You will see a huge crater – 600 m in diameter and 90 m in height – at the top of the Peak. Jeju's natural environment has been preserved in excellent condition. The fantastically shaped rocks decorating the seashores, the hundreds of Oreums (secondary volcanoes) and the rarest species of flora around the Island are all treasures waiting to be discovered by visitors.

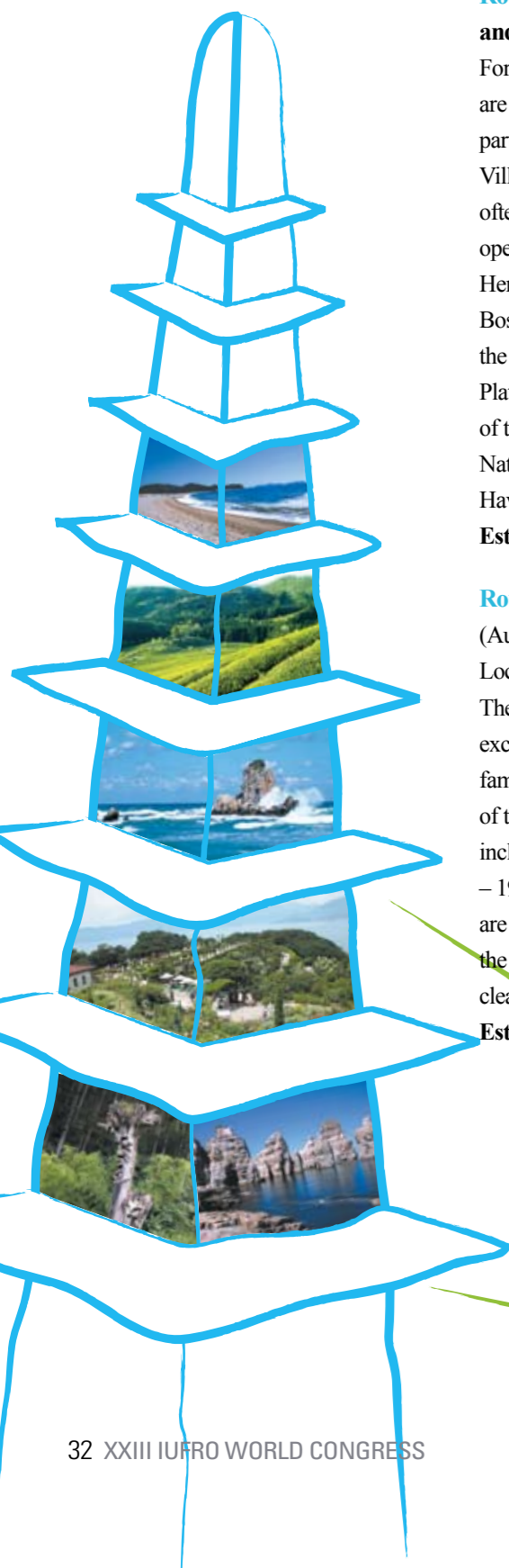
Estimated cost: USD 673 per person including flights.

Route 4. Namhae Treasure Island (August 29 – 31, 2 nights / 3 days)

A 5-hour drive from Seoul leads visitors to a quaint place known as Namhae. Namhae, which literally means the "South Sea" in Korean, has approximately 3,200 islands. A ferry ride gets you to the various islands around Namhae, such as Somaemul and Oedo as well as Korea's second largest island of Geoje. Oedo is a marine botanical garden located in Hallyeo Maritime National Park, where you can enjoy a beautiful view of the crystal blue South Sea. The tour also includes Haegeumgang Islets and Hakdong Pebble Beach.

Estimated cost: USD 486 per person





Route 5. Bosong/Haenam, Delight of Korean Cuisine and Coastal Landscape (August 29 – 31, 2 nights / 3 days)

For those interested in Korean folk customs and delicious Korean cuisine, we are offering the opportunity to visit Bosong and Haenam located in the southwest part of Korea. The first highlight of the tour is a visit to the Naganeupseong Folk Village containing a town castle that is over 59,400 m² in size. This folk village is often used as a filming location for popular Korean historic movies and soap operas. You will also visit Hwasun Dolmen designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site, Unjusa Temple, often referred to as a mysterious temple, and the Boseong Green Tea Plantation creating some of the most picturesque views on the Korean Peninsula. Another highlight of the tour is the Ttangkkeut Observation Platform in Haenam. Ttangkkeut means the end of land located at the southern tip of the Korean Peninsula. Observe the beautiful scenery of the Dadohae Maritime National Park covering many small and large islands and various shapes of rocks. Have the extra excitement of tasting delicious Korean cuisine on this tour.

Estimated cost: USD 486 per person

Route 6. Buan/Damyang, Harmony of Mountain and Sea (August 29 – 30, 1 night / 2 days)

Located on the southern coast of Korea, Buan offers numerous natural attractions. The highlight of this tour is a visit to the Byeonsanbando National Park that boasts excellent harmony between mountain and sea. You will also visit Naesosa Temple famous for a fir-tree tunnel extending 600 m. After enjoying the smell and scenery of the fir trees, you will walk through a row of cherry blossom trees. The tour includes the Soswaewon Garden, a private garden from the Joseon Dynasty (1392 – 1910) where you can still enjoy traditional Korean beauty in its full glory. There are two pavilions, a bamboo grove, pine trees, zelkova trees and maple trees inside the garden. Various kinds of trees and grass planted on either side of the stream and clear water flowing down the garden walls create a serene ambience.

Estimated cost: USD 296 per person

Route 7. Anmeyon, Island of Pine Trees (August 29 – 30, 1 night / 2 days)

Located in midwest Korea, Anmyeon Island is the sixth biggest island in Korea. The island's coast is lined with 14 beaches as well as abundant *Pinus densiflora* trees. One of the highlights of the tour is a visit to the Anmyeon Natural Forest. What makes the Forest unique is that it features a beach and a lush wooded area ideal for a stroll. The tour also includes nearby cities. You will visit Sudeoksa Temple located in the Deoksung Mountains and Oeam-ri Folk Village featuring traditional Korean housing architecture represented by giwa (tile-roofed) houses and straw-thatched houses.

Estimated cost: USD 296 per person

Route 8. Gangneung/Gyeongju, Hwangjangmok & Historic Sites (August 29 – 31, 2 nights / 3 days)

This tour is a great option for participants who wish to expand their mountainous experience in Gangneung and Samchoek on top of cultural and technical experiences in Gyeongju. The tour starts from Gangneung where you can bask in the beauty of the East Sea at Gyeongpodae Beach. You will also visit the Seongyojang House, a 18-century upper class residence in Gangneung, which is regarded as one of the top 10 well-preserved original dwellings in Korea. The House was built 300 years ago. Day 2 will take you to Jungyeongmyo which is the tomb of General Yangmu, the 5th Grandfather of King Taejo who founded the Joseon Dynasty. To access the tomb, you must walk through Korea's most beautiful Japanese red pine (*Pinus densiflora*) forest. The forest has been strictly preserved because pines in this forest were used for making coffins of the royal family in the Joseon Dynasty. These pine trees used for making coffins are called Hwangjangmok in Korean. The tour also includes a visit to Hyundai Heavy Industries, the world's leading shipbuilder and to Gyeongju, a historic city preserving abundant heritage assets. We will also visit UNESCO World Heritage sites such as Bulguksa Temple, Seokguram Grotto and the Gyeongju National Museum.

Estimated cost: USD 486 per person



Route 9. Yeongju/Hapcheon, Wooden Architecture (August 29 – 31, 2 nights / 3 days)

This tour is designed for those who are interested in Korea's wooden structures. The tour will first take you to Yeongju blessed with the natural beauty of Mt. Sobaek and dozens of valleys. The city tour includes a visit to Buseoksa Temple. Built in 676, Buseoksa is the oldest wooden temple in Korea and has great value as Buddhist architecture. It differentiates itself from other temples in particular by its huge size and you will also take a look at a diverse array of designated National Treasures inside the temple. You will stop over in Andong and Gyeongju, the two most popular historic cities in Korea. A tour of Andong includes a visit to the Andong Hohoe Village that preserves the housing architecture and village structure from the Joseon Dynasty and the Andong Folk Museum, the home of Confucianism. You will also visit the Gyeongju National Museum as well as Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto, both of which are UNESCO-designated World Heritage sites. The final destination of the tour is Hapcheon, renowned for Haeinsa Temple, where the Tripitaka Koreana is enshrined. The Tripitaka Koreana (woodblocks) is a comprehensive collection of Buddhist scriptures including doctrines of Buddhism.

Estimated cost: USD 485 per person

Route 10. Paju/Pyeongchang/Uljin, Forest Health (August 29 – 31, 2 nights / 3 days)

This tour is an excellent option for participants who have interest in insect pests and diseases control. The tour will first take you to a natural *Quercus mongolica* forest that has been damaged by the Korea Oak Wilt disease (*Raffaelea quercimongolicae*). The second technical site will be a *Pinus densiflora* forest damaged by the pine needle gall midge (*Thecodiplosis japonensis*). Participants will have a chance to share their knowledge and experiences in controlling those insect pests and diseases. On the East Coastal Highways with a fantastic ocean view, participants will travel to Bulyeongsa, an old Buddhist temple which was built in 651. The temple is also famous for a majestic *Pinus densiflora* stand that surrounds the site. The tour also includes a visit to Buseoksa Temple that is well-known for having one of the oldest wooden buildings in Korea. On their way back to Seoul, participants will visit Seonbi-chon preserving the housing and village structure of Joseon Dynasty's scholar class and Danyang Palgyeong being noted for its picturesque peaks and rocks.

Estimated cost: USD 460 per person

Route 11. China (August 29 – September 1, 3 nights / 4 days)

It takes only a 90-minute flight from Seoul to Beijing, the capital of China. Enjoy both the historical and technical aspects of Beijing. The tour will first take you to a theater to enjoy Shaolin Kung Fu, the famous Chinese martial arts. Then, you will visit the Forbidden City, home of the Emperor of China for almost five centuries, and the Summer Palace declared by UNESCO as a masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design. You will also visit the Great Wall of China. The tour will include a visit to the Badaling Forest Farm located at the foot of the famous Badaling Great Wall, one of the preeminent World Cultural Heritage sites. This tour also features unique forest resources in Beijing.

Estimated cost: USD 704 per person including flights

Route 12. Japan (August 29 – September 1, 3 nights / 4 days)

For those hoping to expand their oriental experience, we are offering the chance to enjoy the unique Japanese culture and natural landscape. You will fly directly from Seoul to Narita. After arriving in Narita, you will first go to Naritasan Shinshoji Temple and then visit the luxurious and elaborate Toshogu Shrine at Ueno Park in Tokyo. The shrine is selected as a technical site and as a cultural and historic spot for its endless Japanese cedar-lined road and centuries-old wooden buildings. A Tokyo City Tour is also included in this journey, providing you with a chance to visit some of the most popular tourist spots of Tokyo, such as Meiji Shrine, Edo-Tokyo Museum, Ueno Onshi Park and Odaiba Artificial Island.

Estimated cost: USD 1,237 per person including flights



Accompanying Persons' Program

A wide range of day tours escorted by professional tour guides will be offered to registered accompanying persons. The costs will be determined based on a minimum number of participants and include entry fees, transportation and meals. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, an alternative tour will be offered or a complete refund will be made. Tours will be allocated in order of receipt of bookings. More details will be available in the Registration Package and on the Congress website.

Into the Royal Family's Life

Take a rare chance to learn about the Korean royal family's life. As the capital of Korea for over 600 years, Seoul preserves a number of palaces and temples along with traditional markets. This tour will take you to the city's two most famous palaces, a temple and a traditional market.

Korean Pottery

Have fun making Korean traditional ceramics at Icheon Ceramics Village. The village was the center of traditional Korean pottery during the Joseon Dynasty. There are currently about 80 ceramic workshops congregated at the village. Make your own Korean ceramics and take them with you as a souvenir.

Deep into Seoul

Enjoy the old and the new Seoul. Learn about Korea's history at the National Museum of Korea and the traditional Korean houses at Namsan Hanok Village. After familiarizing yourself with Korean history, you will move to the modern tourist spots. Enjoy the city view from the Seoul Tower, go on a shopping spree at the Dongdaemun Market and get some rest by the Cheonggyecheon Stream.



DIY Korean Culture

Bring yourself one step closer to Korean culture by making Kimchi and wearing traditional Korean clothing – Hanbok. Kimchi, fermented vegetables that are considered by many to be Korea's "national food," has earned praise for its amazing health properties. Meanwhile, Hanbok has recently been gaining huge popularity worldwide. The French call it "color of mystique" or "fantasy." Eat Kimchi you just made, and wear the beautiful Hanbok yourself.

Streets of Seoul

Spend a day in Samcheong-dong Street and Itaewon Street to experience totally different features. Every street and area in Seoul has a completely different atmosphere. The Samcheong-dong area is lined with famous art galleries, renowned for unique architectural design. Seeing such uniquely designed buildings can be an enjoyable experience. Itaewon Street is the most exotic place in Seoul where you will spend your time on shopping, dining, and hanging out.



Official Events

Opening Ceremony

Participants will be welcomed by invited dignitaries including government representatives and the IUFRO President. Participants will also experience a unique Korean welcoming ceremony.

Closing Ceremony

All delegates are kindly invited to participate in the official closing ceremony. New IUFRO Board members who will serve during the next Board period from August 2010 to August 2014 will be made known and the next Congress hosting country will be announced.

Tree Planting Ceremony

A tree planting ceremony will be held on Sunday 22 August starting at 13:30 hours. Further details will be given in the Registration Package to be published in December 2009.

Congress Introductory Session

IUFRO-SPDC and the Congress Organizing Committee will provide a Congress introductory session for those who attend a IUFRO World Congress for the first time. The session will be held at COEX from 17:00 to 18:00 hours on Sunday 22 August.

Welcome Reception

The welcome reception will be held for all Congress participants in the evening of 23 August from 18:30 to 20:30 hours. Come and join this "ice-breaking" event. This is an informal opportunity for delegates to renew old ties and make new friends while they enjoy Korean cuisine, music and dance.

Farewell Gala Event

Following the official closing ceremony, all participants are invited to join in a celebration of all good things in Korea. A wide range of entertainment, food and drinks will be offered. Participants will be entertained at this memorable event to bid farewell to old and new friends. Traditional costume is welcome!



Registration

For greater efficiency and expediency, on-line registration is highly recommended. On-line registration will open on **1 February 2010** at the Congress website (<http://www.iufro2010.com>). However, in case of genuine difficulties, you may download a registration form from the website to be filled out and returned to the Congress Registration Office by fax or e-mail. Information on final registration fees, along with the registration form and detailed payment guidelines, will be included in the Registration Package and posted on the Congress website.

For your reference, we are pleased to inform you that there will be a reduced early-bird registration fee of approximately USD 650. Subsidized registration fees will be offered to delegates from developing countries and full-time students. An additional USD 50 will be charged to delegates from non-IUFRO member organizations.

The registration includes:

- Admission to all sessions including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies;
- Entry to the Welcome Reception and Farewell Gala event;
- Refreshments;
- In-Congress Tour;
- Entry to the Trade & Exhibition Area; and
- Congress kit.

Registration Office

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Accommodation

The COC is currently negotiating with hotels and other accommodation to obtain special rates for Congress participants. Different levels of accommodation (from five star to budget hotels) will be offered. Some hotels are within walking distance from the Congress venue, others are accessible by shuttle bus, public bus, taxi or subway (Seoul has a well-organized public transport system that provides tourists from abroad with cheap and easy access to all parts of the city). The full list of hotels and final room rates will be available in the Registration Package and on the Congress website.

Indicative room rates are as follows: (1 USD = 1,350 Korean Won as of April 2009)

Rating	Rates in USD per night
5 star hotel	215 – 133
4 star hotel	199 – 81
3 star hotel	81 – 59
2 star hotel	59
Serviced residence	96 – 63

* Please, refer to the travel websites (<http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/> and <http://www.visitseoul.net>) for further information on a variety of travel and accommodation options.



Hotels

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COEX Intercontinental	Venue Hotel
Grand Intercontinental	Venue Hotel
Imperial Palace	15/20-minute drive

★★★★ 4-star

Novotel Ambassado	15/20-minute drive
Riviera	10-minute drive
Ramada Seoul	5-minute drive
Ellui	10/15-minute drive
Seoul Olympic Parktel	25-minute drive

★★★ 3-star

Samjung	10/15-minute drive
Ibis	5-minute drive
Itaewon Hotel	40-minute drive
Itaewon Crown	40-minute drive
Hamilton	40-minute drive

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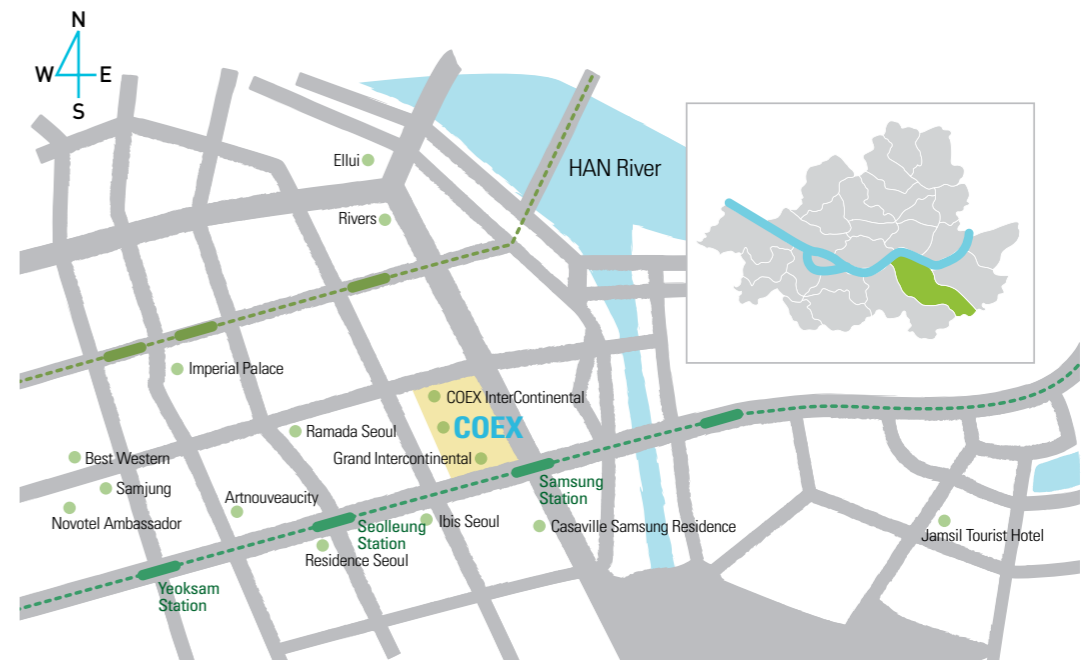
Jamsil Tourist Hotel	25-minute drive
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Serviced Residence

Seoul Residence	10-minute drive
Casaville	7-minute walk
Best Western	10/15-minute walk
Artnouveauicity	10/15-minute walk
Coatel	15-minute drive

* Serviced Residence: Condominium-style hotel including a kitchen

Map of Hotels



* Shuttle service between the venue and some hotels will be available.

* Shuttle bus schedule will be announced.

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Participants can access Seoul through Incheon International Airport or Gimpo International Airport. Located at the heart of the Asia Pacific region, there are many direct flights to Seoul from major nearby cities. Over 30 major international airlines provide regular air connections between Seoul and other major cities worldwide with over 850 flights per week. Please visit the Korean Airport Corporation website at <http://www.airport.co.kr> for further information.

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Limousine buses are regarded as the most convenient and economical way to get from Incheon International Airport to COEX, the Congress venue. A ticket for the limousine bus to the venue costs KRW 14,000 (USD 10 depending on the exchange rate). Buses depart regularly between 05:10 hours and 22:20 hours from bus stations at Incheon International Airport. It takes approximately 80 minutes to reach COEX from Incheon International Airport. For further information, please see <http://www.airport.kr/eng/>.

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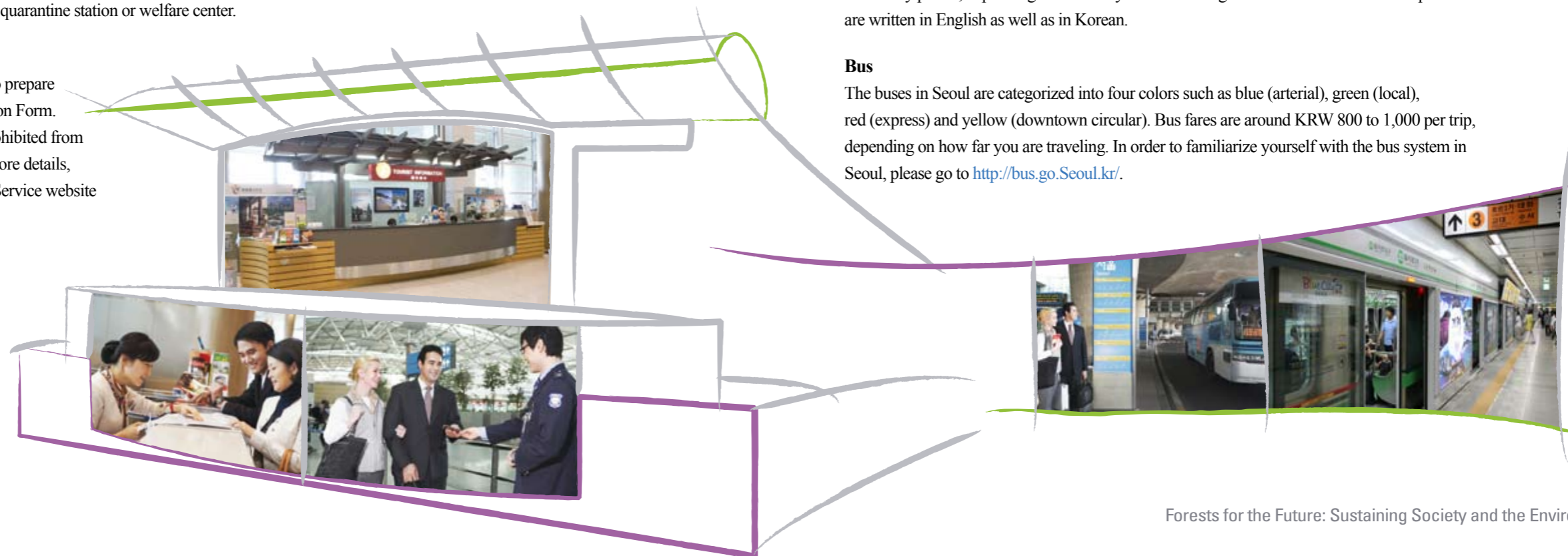
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

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- Deadline for the Congress Registration of Accepted Paper & Poster Presenters: 30 April 2010
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- Release of Final Programs of the Congress: 30 June 2010

APPENDIX I

Congress Themes & Technical Sessions

Forests and Climate Change

- A-01 Climate change in the boreal forest zone: impacts and interactions
- A-02 Biodiversity and climate change: direct and indirect linkages in adaptation and mitigation
- A-03 Can forestry and forest sector activities contribute to mitigating climate change?
- A-04 Competing roles of forests in climate change mitigation
- A-05 Plantation forestry under marginal conditions: water use and water use efficiency in a changing climate
- A-06 Assessment of forest management strategies for facilitating adaptation and mitigation in rapidly changing forest systems
- A-07 Is climate change leading to global increases in drought-induced forest dieback?
- A-08 Strategies for linking climate change mitigation and adaptation in tropical forestry
- A-09 Implications of changing fire regimes
- A-10 Adapting to future wildland fire regimes
- A-11 Fire and sustainable management of future forests
- A-12 Adaptation of temperate and boreal forests to climate change - what experimental trial system is needed?
- A-13 Climatic gradients in mountains: opportunities for studying forests facing climate change
- A-14 Quality wood from forests in a changing climate
- A-15 Silviculture and global change: managing forests for ecosystem resiliency and carbon storage
- A-16 Integrating climate change mitigation strategies with enhancing livelihood options through CDM and REDD mechanisms

Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Resource

- B-01 New perspectives in landscape patterns - changes in edges, connectors, and landscape matrix
- B-02 Aquatic biodiversity conservation in forests
- B-03 Improving livelihoods through research and action in biodiversity-rich tropical forest landscapes
- B-04 Uneven-aged silviculture in temperate and tropical forests: towards paradigm expansion

- B-05 Bushmeat in Central Africa: beyond the ecological crisis
- B-06 Reporting on sustainability of temperate and boreal forests using criteria and indicators: Part 1
- B-07 Reporting on sustainability of temperate and boreal forests using criteria and indicators: Part 2
- B-08 Conservation of arthropods on forested landscapes
- B-09 Scientific theory and practical realities in sustainable forestry
- B-10 Conservation and sustainable use of forest genetic resources
- B-11 The contribution of science to the fight against illegal logging
- B-12 Sustaining tropical timber species: is science making a difference?
- B-13 Speaking with one voice – scientists and stakeholders in forestry
- B-14 Multiple-use management and sustained use of tropical production forests
- B-15 Silvicultural systems for tropical forests: challenges and progress
- B-16 Sustainable forest recreation management: a discussion on social criteria and indicators
- B-17 Evaluating management effectiveness of protected areas
- B-18 Identifying and monitoring old growth forests in boreal, temperate and Mediterranean environments
- B-19 Statistical methods in biodiversity assessment and biodiversity responses to silviculture
- B-20 Analysing the "translation" of global discourses on forest governance to regional, national and local levels
- B-21 Assessing the effects of forest management on biodiversity over large landscapes: tools, trends and implications for conservation
- B-22 Forest biodiversity – the key to healthy and resilient forests
- B-23 Traditional forest related knowledge in Africa - challenges and opportunities

Forest Environmental Services

- C-01 Stand structure: a key issue in managing forests for timber, wildlife, water, and NTFP resources
- C-02 Integrating forest products with environmental services
- C-03 The use of quantitative forest sector modeling in environmental policy analysis
- C-04 The role of institutions and institutional economics in sustainable forest management
- C-05 Short rotation forestry for livelihood security, energy and carbon sequestration
- C-06 Forest carbon credit markets and the forest sector
- C-07 To what extent can payments for forest environmental services be pro-poor?
- C-08 New frontiers of forest economics

- C-09 Economic valuation of forest ecosystem services
- C-10 Impact of global environmental change on forest ecosystem services
- C-11 New developments in forest management accounting and reporting to ensure sustainability
- C-12 Energy forests – social impacts and environmental services

Asia's Forests for the Future

- D-01 Recreation management in protected areas: Asian perspectives
- D-02 Sustainable management of mangrove forest ecosystems in Asia: focus on economic valuation
- D-03 Keep Asia Green: rehabilitating and restoring forest ecosystems in Asia
- D-04 Pollution and climate change impacts in Asia
- D-05 Managing Asian bamboo forest in a changing world
- D-06 Challenges and issues of forest management and utilization in Asian countries
- D-07 The future of forest plantation health in Asia
- D-08 Role of trees outside forests in Asia's changing forestry environment
- D-09 Changes in climate and air pollution – new directions in forest monitoring, research and modeling
- D-10 Mountain forestry in a changing world – challenges for research and education in continental Asia
- D-11 Trends in Asian forest fire: effects on carbon, nutrient cycling and regeneration
- D-12 Forest ecosystem restoration for poverty reduction and environmental conservation in Southeast Asia
- D-13 Biology and ecological functions of forested peatlands
- D-14 A comparative analysis of forest sustainability transitions in developed and developing countries
- D-15 Biology, ecology and management of *Pinus koraiensis* in East Asia

Forest Products and Production Processes for a Greener Future

- E-01 Green forest products marketing and business management
- E-02 Value chain optimization in the forestry industry context
- E-03 Utilization of forest biomass as raw materials for green biofuels and chemicals
- E-04 Integrating engineered biocomposites from wood and other bio-based materials to promote sustainability
- E-05 Sustainability impact assessment of the forest-based sector
- E-06 Properties and utilization of plantation timbers
- E-07 Sensing wood properties and allocation of round wood with respect to product requirements

- E-08 Surface processing and treatment technologies for wood and wood based materials to enhance durability and performance

Emerging Technologies in the Forest Sector

- F-01 Scientific forest monitoring – the basis for political decision making
- F-02 Contemporary frontiers in forest inventory and assessment using successive remotely sensed data
- F-03 Opportunities for nanotechnology in wood products industries
- F-04 Achievements in seed orchards, somatic embryogenesis and seed science for forest productivity and conservation
- F-05 Advances in handling missing data in sustainable forest management
- F-06 Remote sensing in carbon balance evaluation and monitoring
- F-07 Forest monitoring and inventories by means of LIDAR, photogrammetry and HR satellite data
- F-08 Innovation in the forest sector – maximizing the sector's competitiveness
- F-09 Forest biomass utilization for bio-energy: technology, economics and environment
- F-10 Managing the data deluge: the challenge of emerging technologies
- F-11 Detecting, monitoring and modeling forest fire and carbon emission using remote sensing and GIS

Frontiers in Forest and Tree Health

- G-01 Forest health in a changing environment
- G-02 New insights into roles of ophiostomatoid fungi in bark beetle-fungus symbioses
- G-03 Effect of multiple ecosystem stressors on tree and forest ecosystem health
- G-04 The growing threat of Australian insect pests to world eucalyptus plantation forestry
- G-05 Synergy in forest threats: symbiotic interactions and invasives
- G-06 Alien invasive pathogens: threats to forest ecosystem integrity and services
- G-07 Impacts of interacting disturbances on forest health in the boreal zone
- G-08 Invasive alien species: economic and environmental impacts on forest ecosystems
- G-09 Semiochemical based monitoring of forest health
- G-10 Trends in wood and bark borer invasions and effects of policy
- G-11 Molecular ecological and evolutionary perspectives on changing populations of forest insects and their symbionts
- G-12 Oak decline in the world
- G-13 Advances in exotic forest pest surveillance and monitoring

- G-14 Ecology and management of pine wood nematode in the face of climate change
- G-15 Cork Oak forest degradation causes and sustainable development in western Mediterranean countries
- G-16 Climate factors and tree susceptibility/resistance to insects and pathogens
- G-17 Managing cone and seed insects to preserve the regeneration of future forests
- G-18 Diseases and insects in pines threatening global forest health in the 21st century
- G-19 Forest dieback caused by novel ambrosia beetle/Raffaelea pest complexes

Forests, Communities and Cultures

- H-01 Income from smallholder forestry – can it be a driver of poverty alleviation?
- H-02 Promoting urban forest services in partnership between scientists and communities
- H-03 Global comparative analysis of local incomes from the forests
- H-04 Linking forest based enterprises, collective action, and livelihoods in the African dry forests
- H-05 Can forest tenure reforms help achieve sustainable forest management and poverty alleviation?
- H-06 Human dimension solutions to difficult forest problems
- H-07 International developments in the administration of publicly-funded forest research: challenges and opportunities.
- H-08 Contribution of political theory to policies for sustainable use of forest resources
- H-09 Future of forests – responding to global changes
- H-10 Wood and forest culture: yesterday's lessons and today's impact
- H-11 Improving forestry education: innovative views of students and teaching staff
- H-12 Cultural values and sustainable forest management: strategies and actions
- H-13 An honest conversation about decentralization and forest livelihoods in a globalized world
- H-14 Forest ethics and conflict

Forests, Human Health and Environmental Security

- I-01 Healthy urban forests: healthy people
- I-02 Health benefits of forests
- I-03 Health risks of forests
- I-04 Knowledge systems, societal participation and sustainable forestry for human wellbeing
- I-05 Non-timber forest resources and human welfare
- I-06 Healthy forests, healthy people – gender perspectives on climate change



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