



SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

International Plantation Certification Symposium 2007

“Impact of Certification on Plantation Forestry”

18 – 21 September 2007

Department of Forest and Wood Science, Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa

<http://www.sun.ac.za/forestry/Symposium2007/Symp2007.html>



Stellenbosch University



Southern African Institute of Forestry



Yale University



Pennsylvania State University



University of Tasmania



International Union of Forestry Research Organisations

About the Symposium

The FAO¹ defines plantations as “*forests of introduced species and in some cases native species, established through planting or seeding, with few species, even spacing and/or even-aged stands*”. There are approximately 109 million ha of plantations in the world that serve as important sources of wood and fibre to timber, pulp and paper processors. While these man made resources contribute significantly to the global forest industry they are often criticized for their impact on the natural environment.

Plantations are included in global forest certification efforts and to date more than 7 million ha of plantations have been certified by the Forestry Stewardship Council² alone. More than 80% of South Africa's 1.3 million ha of plantations have for instance been certified³. Limited information, however, exists on the effect of certification on the sustainability and environmental impact of plantation forest operations.

The Department of Forest and Wood Science, **Stellenbosch University** and the **Southern African Institute of Forestry**, in collaboration with the Program on Forest Policy and Governance, **Yale University**; the School of Forest Resources, **Pennsylvania State University**; the School of Government, **University of Tasmania**; and the **International Union of Forest Research Organisations** (IUFRO) Divisions 1 (Silviculture) and 5 (Forest Products), are proud to announce the presentation of an international ***Plantation Certification Symposium 2007*** in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The aim of this symposium is to reflect on the effect that forest certification has had during the past ten years on plantations, in terms of their social, operation (including environmental) and economic sustainability.

Symposium Themes

The symposium will address the following themes:

- Impact of certification on the social aspects of plantations
- Impact of certification on plantation operations
- Impact of certification on plantation economics and markets

¹ FAO, 2006. Global Forest Resource Assessment 2005, Progress towards sustainable forest management. FAO Forestry Paper 147.

² FSC, 2007. Plantation Review. <http://www.fsc.org/plantations/>

³ FSA, 2003. The South African Forestry and Forest Products Industry 2002. <http://www.forestry.co.za>.

Call for papers and posters

Persons interested in the certification of plantations are invited to present papers and posters on the above-mentioned themes. These papers and posters will be published in symposium proceedings.

If you are interested in presenting a paper or poster please submit an abstract to Cori Ham (coriham@mweb.co.za) before 30 April 2007. The scientific review panel will evaluate these abstracts and notify you of acceptance of your paper or poster by 31 May 2007. Information about the format of abstracts is available on the symposium website.

Scientific committee/ Review committee

Pierre Ackerman	University of Stellenbosch
Cori Ham	University of Stellenbosch
Mike Jacobson	Pennsylvania State University
Ben Cashore	Yale University
Fred Gale	University of Tasmania
Berty van Hensbergen	Wild Horus Consultants

Dates and Deadlines

January 2007	Second announcement and registration forms
30 April 2007	Deadline for submission of poster/paper abstracts
31 May 2007	Notification of acceptance of poster/paper abstracts
31 July 2007	Early registration deadline
15 August 2007	Submission of full paper/poster
10 September 2007	Late registration deadline
17 September 2007	Pre-conference social excursion
18 – 21 September 2007	Symposium

Venue

The symposium will be hosted in Stellenbosch at the Oude Libertas Conference centre (<http://www.oudelibertas.net/>). Stellenbosch, located approximately 50 km from Cape Town, is the second oldest town in South Africa, founded by Simon van der Stel in 1679 and renowned for its Cape Dutch buildings, university and wines. It lies in a fertile valley surrounded by vineyards, orchards and mountains. Stellenbosch is a haven for tourists who have time to walk around and savour the atmosphere of this unique town with oak-lined streets and water furrows. Open-air restaurants and cosy coffee shops line the shady streets and secluded lanes, inviting people to linger and observe the everyday activities of this bustling village.

A century-long tradition of quality teaching and research has ensured Stellenbosch University's place among the finest academic institutions in Africa. Stellenbosch has from very early on had a significant involvement in the history of education in South Africa. The history of the University dates back to the

opening of the Stellenbosch Gymnasium in 1866 and the establishment of the Arts Department, which became the Stellenbosch College in 1881. In 1887, the jubilee year of Queen Victoria's reign, this name was changed to the Victoria College, which acquired university status in 1918 to become Stellenbosch University.

Provisional programme

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
2007	17 September	18 September	19 September	20 September	21 September	
08h00	Social excursions	Registration	Keynote speakers	Field excursion to observe the impact of certification on MTO plantations in and around Cape Town	Keynote speakers	
08h30		Opening				Theme 2: Operational impact of certification
09h00			Keynote speakers		Tea	
09h30		Theme 1: Social impact of certification				Theme 2: Operational impact of certification
10h00			Lunch		Lunch	
10h30		Theme 1: Social impact of certification				Theme 2: Operational impact of certification
11h00			Tea		Tea	
11h30		Theme 1: Social impact of certification				Theme 2: Operational impact of certification
12h00			Lunch		Lunch	
12h30		Theme 1: Social impact of certification				Theme 2: Operational impact of certification
13h00			Tea		Tea	
13h30		Theme 1: Social impact of certification				Theme 2: Operational impact of certification
14h00			Registration and putting up posters		Theme 1: Social impact of certification	
14h30		Tea				Tea
15h00	Theme 1: Social impact of certification		Theme 2: Operational impact of certification	Theme 3: Economic and market impact of certification		
15h30		Poster session*			Poster session	
16h00	Welcoming reception		Symposium dinner			
16h30						
17h00						
17h30						
Evening						

* Posters will also be on display during tea and lunch breaks

Social programme

We realise that during a symposium enough time should be allowed for interaction, networking and enjoyment. Therefore we are organising a welcoming reception on the first evening of the symposium and a symposium dinner on the evening of 20 September 2007. The costs for these events are included in the registration fees.

We are also organising social excursions for the day preceding the symposium (17 September 2007) at R 500 per person. Delegates can choose from four excursions in and around the City of Cape Town and the Cape Winelands. Special excursions for accompanying persons can also be arranged. The costs associated with these excursions are excluded from the registration fees. Please see the symposium website for more information.

Accommodation

Stellenbosch offers a variety of accommodation options, from cosy guesthouses to upmarket hotels. For more information on accommodation please see the symposium website. The symposium organisers can facilitate the process of finding suitable accommodation but all arrangements will be between the symposium delegates and the respective accommodation establishments.

Transport

The closest airport to Stellenbosch is Cape Town International Airport (CPT), which is approximately 35 km from Stellenbosch.

Options available to travel to and from the airport include taxis, shuttle busses and car rentals. More information on these options will be available on the website at a later date.

Registration information

Fees

The following registration fees apply to the symposium:

Category	Early registration (Before 31 July 2007)	Late registration (Before 10 September 2007)
Delegates	ZAR 2 800.00	ZAR 3 200.00
Students	ZAR 1 400.00	ZAR 1 600.00
Accompanying persons	ZAR 1 600.00	ZAR 1 800.00

The fees for delegates and students include conference proceedings, a conference bag, the welcoming reception, symposium dinner, lunches and teas and the field excursion

The fees for accompanying persons include a conference bag, the welcoming reception, symposium dinner and the field excursion.

Registration and payment

Registration fees are payable in South African Rands (ZAR) and should be paid according to the instructions on the registration form included in this announcement.

Please complete the registration form and e-mail or fax it to Ms. Poppie Gordon at mgor@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 3603.

Cancellation of registration

For cancellations before 1 August 2007 the full amount less an administration fee of ZAR 200 will be refunded. For cancellations made after 1 August 2007, a refund of 50% will be made. No refunds will be made after 10 September 2007.



Registration Form
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Please complete and return this form along with payment to the Symposium manager, Mrs Poppie Gordon at either:

*Department of Forest and Wood Science, Private Bag X1, Matieland. 7602 or Fax: +27 21-808 3603
or E-mail: mgor@sun.ac.za*

REGISTRATION FORM

1. DELEGATE CONTACT DETAILS

Last Name:		Title (e.g. Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Prof):	
First Name:			
Name on Name Tag:			
Organisation:			
Position:			
Mailing address:			
Suburb/Town:			
Country/State:			
Telephone (business):		Facsimile:	
Telephone(mobile):		Email:	

2. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Please note any specific dietary or other requirements (e.g. vegetarian meals or wheelchair access)

3. TRAVEL COMPANION

Name:	Title:
First name:	

4. SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

Categories (Cost per person)	Accompanying person (ZAR)	Student (ZAR)	Delegate (ZAR)	Cost (ZAR)
Early Registration	1 600	1 400	2 800	
Late Registration Fee	1 800	1 600	3 200	
Social Excursion	500			
Total:				

PAYMENT DETAILS

Please deposit amount payable into the following accounts (please note that there are separate accounts for South Africa - domestic- bank transfers and international bank transfers) and fax remittance to Mrs Poppie Gordon

	<u><i>South African bank transfers</i></u>	<u><i>International bank transfers</i></u>
Account name:	University of Stellenbosch	University of Stellenbosch
Bank:	Standard Bank, Stellenbosch Branch	First National Bank, Cape Town Branch
Branch code:	050610	204109
Account number:	073006955	621 0717 7083
Swift Code:		FIRNZAJJ796
Amount paid:		Date paid:
Method of Payment:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque payment <input type="checkbox"/> Money order or bank draft <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card		

Credit Card Payment	
Date (DDMMYY):	
Initials and surname:	
Identity number / Passport number:	
Type of card (e.g. Diners, VISA):	
Credit card number:	
CVC (Additional 3 digits at the back of the card):	
Expiry date (MMYY):	
Date: _____	Signature: _____

I _____, the undersigned wish to register for the Plantation Certification Symposium, 2007 in Stellenbosch, and understand the registration terms and conditions as outlined on the Symposium's web page (<http://www.sun.ac.za/forestry/Symposium2007/Symp2007.html>) and in the Second Announcement.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Invoice Issued	Confirmed Receipt of Payment	Confirmed Registration