

Improving Supply Chain Management in the Forest Sector to Develop Local Economy

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The international symposium on "Supply Chain Management for the Forest Sector and its Contribution to Local Economy", which was held at Utsunomiya University in Japan on March 29, 2012, brought together over 70 participants from various prefectures of Japan as well as from overseas.

According to the forestry reactivating program recommended by the Forestry Agency in Japan, the effective use of forest resources must be addressed to stimulate local economic activities. However, due to the large number of small-scale forest owners in Japan, the efficiency of forest management is difficult to improve. This international symposium was able to gather forest scientists, government officials and private sector representatives from around Japan, as well as experts from other continents, to facilitate a dialogue on solutions to overcome the current problems through the improvement of supply chain management in the Japanese forest sector.

The symposium featured five invited keynote speeches. Mikael Rönqvist gave a presentation on supply chain management in the Swedish forest industry as a successful example of supply chain management. Sophie D'Amours from the Université Laval, Canada, presented the necessity of value chain optimization in improving the efficiency of the supply chain in the forest sector. Woodam Chung gave a presentation on the recent research effort in the USA to improve the efficiency of the woody biomass supply chain, as the third keynote speaker. The last two keynote speakers presented the current issues and potential solutions regarding forest



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supply chain management in Japan. Katsuhiko Takata discussed the use of renewable forest resources, the balance issue in demand and supply, and development need for environment-friendly forest industry in Japan. Nobuyoshi Muto presented the current issues in supply chain management in Japan and potential approaches to resolve them. One of his suggestions was to reconstruct Japan's forest industry so that it can reflect past achievements, adapt the current attempts, and meet future expectations. These keynote speeches were followed by open discussion and social events. Participants certainly benefited from the exchange of ideas, experience, and solutions.

Organizers and Sponsors:

Japan Society of Forest Planning; Risk Analysis Research Center, ISM; Tohoku University, Ecosystem Adaptability GCOE; IUFRO, International Union of Forest Research Organizations (RG 3.04); Wood Utilization Systems Forum

Publications

Asia and the Pacific Workshop: Multinational and Transboundary Conservation of Valuable and Endangered Forest Tree Species

IUFRO World Series Vol. 30

Editors: Sim Heok-Choh, Syuqiyah Abdul Hamid, Li Mei
Extended abstracts from the workshop held in Guangzhou, China, 5-7 December 2011, jointly organized by APAFRI and RITF-CAF, in association with IUFRO, FRIM and KFRI. Download at: <http://www.iufro.org/publications/series/world-series/>

Peatlands – Guidance for Climate Change Mitigation by Conservation, Rehabilitation and Sustainable Use

By Hans Joosten, Marja-Liisa Tapio-Biström & Susanna Tol (eds.)

This publication informs on management and finance options to achieve emissions reductions and enhance other vital ecosystem services from peatlands. Download the report at <http://www.fao.org/climatechange/micca> and at <http://www.wetlands.org>

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10th International Christmas Tree Research & Extension Conference: <http://www.iufro.org/download/file/8663/5065/20209-ctre-proceedings-11.pdf>

Forests and Climate Change Working Paper 11 Forest Management and Climate Change: Stakeholder Perceptions

FAO, Rome 2012: Results of a survey conducted in order to facilitate the development of guidelines to assist forest managers to effectively respond to climate change challenges and opportunities. <http://www.fao.org/docrep/015/md510e/md510e00.pdf>

Landscape and Urban Planning Journal Seeks Proposals for Special Issues

The journal *Landscape and Urban Planning* is currently soliciting proposals for Special Issues. Submit proposals by email attachment on or before 1 July 2012 to Ms. Ying Chen, [yingchen1029\(at\)live.cn](mailto:yingchen1029(at)live.cn). Send inquiries to Paul Gobster, [pgobster\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:pgobster(at)gmail.com) <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/landscape-and-urban-planning/>

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REDD+ Coordinator

Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) seeks a REDD+ coordinator. The position involves extensive international travel, including to Latin America, Asia and Africa.
Deadline for applications is: 8 June 2012. [Noticeboard](#)

Senior Researcher for the IIED Forest Team

The International Institute for Environment and Development has posted a vacancy announcement at:
<http://www.iied.org/senior-researcher-forest-team>.
The duty station will be Central London, UK.
Deadline for applications is: 9am Friday 8 June 2012.
Contact: hr(at)iied.org

Post Doctoral Scientist: Landscape Modeling

The International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), a member of the CGIAR Consortium, is looking for a landscape modeler to work on integrating a variety of data and information into a coherent set of analytical landscapes by applying a unified methodology across a range of study sites. [Noticeboard](#)
Closing date for applications: 15 June 2012.

Director of the "Optimisation of use of tropical lignocellulosic biomass" Research Unit

Cirad is currently seeking the future director of a new research unit. Location: Montpellier, France.
Application deadline: 21 June 2012.
For more information, contact:
André Rouzière, andre.rouziere(at)cirad.fr
or visit: <http://www.cirad.fr/en/jobs/vacancies/researchers/director-of-the-optimisation-of-use-of-tropical-lignocellulosic-biomass-research-unit>

Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in Forest Policy & Management

Fenner School of Environment & Society
The Australian National University, Canberra
<http://jobs.anu.edu.au/PositionDetail.aspx?p=2716>
Closing date: 24 June 2012

ELTI Program Director

The Environmental Leadership and Training Initiative (ELTI) seeks a program director located in New Haven, CT, USA. ELTI is an initiative of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.
<http://www.environment.yale.edu/elti/en/media/jobs/elti-program-director>

Head of Program Development

The World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) in Nairobi, Kenya, invites applications from candidates who have at least 15 years of experience in developing fundraising relationships with key donors. [Noticeboard](#)
Deadline: 30 June 2012.

Senior Research Fellow

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a Postdoctoral/Research Fellow for its policy research and strategy support program (PRSSP) in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
<http://sj.tbe.taleo.net/SJ1/ats/careers/jobSearch.jsp?org=IFPRI&cws=1>

Future Forests Fellowship

UBC Forestry offers the Future Forests Fellowship, which will enable an outstanding graduate student to undertake doctoral research focused on British Columbia
<http://future.forestry.ubc.ca/>.
Application deadline: 1 November 2012

WFI International Fellowship Program

The WFI Fellowship brings professionals in natural resources to conduct a practical research project at the World Forestry Center in Portland, Oregon, USA.
<http://wfi.worldforestry.org/index/international-fellowship.html>

TerreWEB Funding Opportunities

The NSERC-CREATE funded initiative TerreWEB (Terrestrial Research on Ecosystem & World-wide Education & Broadcast), at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, has funding opportunities for Masters, PhD and post-doctoral fellows available.
Deadlines are bi-annual (May 1, and December 1st).
<http://www.terreweb.ubc.ca>

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25-30 Jun 2012

First IUFRO-FORNESSA Regional Congress: Forests and Trees Serving the People of Africa and the World

Nairobi, Kenya

IUFRO, FORNESSA, <https://www.fornis.net/>

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<https://www.fornis.net/congress/en/homepage>

8-13 Jul 2012

IUFRO All-Division 5 Forest Products Conference

Lisbon, Portugal

IUFRO 5.00.00

Contact: Pekka Saranpää, Pekka.Saranpaa(at)metla.fi
<http://www.iufro2012.org/>

28-31 Aug 2012

Biodiversity in Forest Ecosystems and Landscapes

Cork, Ireland

IUFRO 8.02.00, 8.02.01, 8.02.06

Contact: Anne Oxbrough,
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<http://www.ucc.ie/en/iufro2012/>

5-7 Sep 2012

Trees Beyond the Wood - An Exploration of Concepts of Woods, Forests and Trees

Sheffield, United Kingdom

IUFRO 9.03.00; 9.03.01

