

## ***'Precision Forestry in Advance' Symposium – In association with AUSTimber 2012***

### **Context:**

A Symposium titled 'Precision Forestry in Advance' has been scheduled to occur on the two days preceding the AUSTimber Conference, that is the 27 & 28 March 2012.

This Symposium is one of a sequence that is held every couple of years in different international locations. Recent Symposia have been held at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa and have attracted an international audience of precision forestry practitioners, academics and providers. The Precision Forestry in Advance theme combines the looking forward into new precision forestry developments with a link to some operational methods.

The session theme topics cover software tools and decision support systems; monitoring systems to control wood supply chains; data analysis and integration to make better decisions; and planning systems to better manage wood supply chains. The conference program will consist of five plenary sessions with an in-conference field-tour.

No doubt attendees at the Precision Forestry in Advance Symposium will want to stay on and take advantage of the special deals that are offered as part of the whole AUSTimber 2012 package.

### **Program Structure:**

Session 1: Sensors and measurement tools to increase values from forests

Session 2: Data analysis and integration to take better decisions

Session 3: Monitoring systems to control wood supply chains

Session 4: Planning systems to manage wood supply chains

### **Organising/Scientific Committee:**

Pierre Ackerman, University of Stellenbosch

Antti Asikainen, Finnish Forest Research Institute

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**Date:** 2 days – Tuesday 27 – Wednesday 28 March 2011

**Location:** Mount Gambier, South Australia, Australia

**Venue:** Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

**Important Dates:** 1 March 2011 – Release of 1st Conference Announcement consisting of (1) call for presentations; (2) draft program, and (3) costs and logistics details.

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