Selected eucalypts are some of the fastest growing forest plantation species in the world. Today the global plantation area of such eucalypts totals nearly 20 million hectares, occupying around 15% of the world’s total forest plantation estate. Eucalypts are also some of China’s most important forest plantation species, with their current area estimated to be over 4.0 million hectares in this country.

Recognising the substantial importance of eucalypts in both China and many other countries, the Chinese Society of Forestry will be hosting an IUFRO Eucalupt Conference in Nanning, Guangxi Province, in October 2015. The objectives of this meeting are to improve the international scientific communication and cooperation regarding eucalypts, provide an opportunity for eucalupt professionals from around the world to see and understand China’s eucalypt plantation industry and help advance China’s technological advancement and innovation.

Conference Theme
This will be a conference for IUFRO Working Group 2.08.03 – Improvement and culture of eucalypts. It will focus on benefits, issues, and technologies associated with developing, growing and managing eucalypt plantations. Conference topics will include: evaluating ecological and social benefits; genetics and new technologies to facilitate breeding; silviculture and management; forest health and nutrition; and wood technology.

Technical Program
The program will include invited keynote speakers, voluntary presentations, and poster sessions with ample time in between formal sessions allowed for networking and discussions.

Who should attend
The 2015 conference will be of immense relevance and interest to researchers, managers, practitioners, policy makers and university students.

Field Trips
The main conference program will include a one day field trip to visit eucalypt plantations, field trials and wood processing plants utilizing the local eucalypt resource.

An optional post-conference tour through Guangxi, Guangdong and Hainan provinces will provide opportunities to visit a more diverse range of eucalypt plantations, management practices, nurseries, harvesting operations, processing industries ranging from local, small scale veneer plants to large scale, world class pulp mills and meet many local professionals. Along the way, participants will also be able to experience Chinese landscapes, culture and of course, a superb range of Chinese cuisine.

Location
The conference will be held in the city of Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Guangxi is a picturesque province on China’s southern coast and borders the Chinese provinces of Yunnan, Guizhou, Hunan and Guangdong and also borders Vietnam in the southwest. Nanning is now a modern, vibrant city with convenient transportation links and great business facilities.

Guangxi is China’s leading province by area of eucalypt plantations with over 2.0 M ha. Associated with this resource is a substantial wood processing industry and a substantial supporting network of educational institutes providing forestry education, forest research institutes and more. The province also has a colourful and fascinating local culture being home to over 14 million Zhuang people, Zhuang being the largest minority ethnicity of China. It is also home to over 30 other ethnic groups including people of the Yao, Hui, Miao, Dong, and Man minorities.

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