Teak Resources for a Sustainable Future

As part of the IUFRO All Division 5 Conference 2017, we are organizing a Technical Session under IUFRO Division 5.06 on "Teak Resources for a Sustainable Future", co-sponsored by International Teak Information Network (TEAKNET) and am currently soliciting presenters. For session description please see the link http://www.iufrodiv5-2017.ca/submissions/technical-special-sessions/. The IUFRO All Division 5 (Forest Products) Conference is being organised once in every 5 years. The immediate previous conference was held in 2012 at Lisbon, Portugal. We request your wholehearted cooperation to submit abstracts and pass on this information to your colleagues who are interested in submitting a presentation or poster on this topic, the Call for Abstracts is now open (Deadline October 31, 2016)!

Dr. P. K. Thulasidas & Dr. Henri Bailleres
Technical Session Coordinators

Organizers of the Session

IUFRO Div 5.06.02 –Utilisation of Planted Teak &
International Teak Information Network (TEAKNET), India

Session Description:

Teak is the most valuable, high quality tropical hardwood in the world timber market because of its medium density and strength, golden brown color, workability and water repellent properties, and resistance to decay fungi and insects. As the area of natural teak forests has decreased drastically in the past two decades and log exports from some of the countries with these natural teak forests have been banned, the flow of natural teak to the world market has declined sharply and the price of teak round wood has correspondingly increased. Anticipation of unprecedented price increases for teakwood in the near future has led to increased interest and investments in establishing and managing teak plantations. It is certain that in near future, the world’s supply of teakwood will come from short rotation plantations. This session will examine the current international situation with respect to the supply of quality plantation teakwood that can meet the rising demand for hardwood. Other areas of interest include how the marketing of teakwood can be further facilitated through production of genetically...
improved planting stock, adoption of enhanced processing technologies, value addition of small
dimensional timber products, and appropriate trading policies and standards.

**IUFRO Strategy Theme:** Forests and Forest-based Products for a Greener Future

**Session Organizers:** Dr. P. K. Thulasidas, Coordinator,
IUFRO Div 5.06.02- Utilisation of Planted Teak
Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi 680653, India
Email: thulasidas@kfri.org

&
Dr. Henri Baillieres, Dy. Coordinator,
IUFRO Div 5.06.02- Utilisation of Planted Teak
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Agri-Science Queensland, Horticulture & Forestry Science
50 Evans Road, Salisbury 4107, Queensland
Australia
Email: henri.baillieres@bigpond.com

**Co-organiser (Co-sponsor) of the Session:**

Dr. P. K. Thulasidas. TEAKNET Coordinator,
International Teak Information Network (TEAKNET)
Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi 680653, India
Email: coordinator@teaknet.org

**Plenary Session:** Innovations in Forest Products and Services

**If other, plenary session:**
Division 5 Research Group/ Working Party: IUFRO Div 5.06.02 - Utilisation Planted Teak

**Proposed Speakers:** Speakers not decided, will be intimated later.

**Joint Organization:** Yes

**Please state organization (s):** International Teak Information Network (TEAKNET), India

**Other information / comments:** The moderator and speakers of the Technical Session will be decided after getting consent from teak researchers from across the globe. 5-6 oral presentations are expected and few posters as well.