EVENT CALENDAR

2015
15-19 June: Community Bamboo Plantations. China
Session on intensification during WWF New Generation Plantation (NGP) study tour

6-9 July: COP21 Scientific Conference Our Common Future under Climate Change. France
Session 2216: Climate smart forestry: integrating adaptation and mitigation into sustainable development

8 Sept: World Forestry Congress. South Africa
Side event: Plantations for sustainable productive landscapes

2-6 Nov: Plantations in Grasslands. Argentina/Uruguay
Session during the WWF NGP study tour

2016
1-5 March: Sustainable Intensification. Brazil
Session during the WWF NGP study tour

2 June: IUFRO Genomics and Forest Tree Genetics Conference. France
Side Event: Sustainable intensification of planted forests: potential and limits

13 June: International Scientific Seminar, Sustainable Intensification of Planted Forests: How Far Can We Go?

Session on designing mixed planted forests.

25-26 Oct: IUFRO Regional Congress for Asia and Oceania. China
Session on planted forests
The Task Force addresses research needs within emerging issues, such as vulnerability and risk management, sustainable intensification, governance and socio-economic viability, ecosystem services and landscape restoration.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, the 3rd International Congress on Planted Forests was held to discuss the current state of knowledge on planted forests globally and regionally.

The congress noted that the planted forest area is continuing to increase and that the goods and services it provides are becoming increasingly diverse.

A global analysis indicated the importance of planted forests for their economic, environmental and social values, and also the complementary nature of planted forests to natural forests. The interaction of planted forests with other land uses within resilient landscapes and their contribution to poverty alleviation and food security was identified.

Risks to planted forests from climate change and socio-economic pressures, and responses to these risks, were seen as important.

Among several recommendations, the congress called for increased international scientific cooperation to strengthen the commitment to research and development and it considered such efforts as being critical to the sustainable management of planted forests.

OUTCOMES & ACTIVITIES

In its first term (2015-2017), the Task Force is focusing on key issues related to sustainable intensification, in order to meet the increasing demands for forest and wood products arising from growing populations and green economies.

The overall outcomes of the task force are:

- An enduring multidisciplinary platform for international and pan IUFRO scientific collaborations based on the task force themes.
- An improved interface between IUFRO science activities and the wider society and policy initiatives related to planted forests.
- Internationally coordinated research programmes which will take forward the research needs regarding the sustainability of planted forests.

The Task Force activities include:

1. Networking through the organisation of specific sessions in scientific events.
2. Enhancing science and research collaboration through the publication of joint papers.
3. Fostering science: improving the society/policy interface through specific workshops and side-events in international congresses.

Find out more about the ICPF 2013 and read the summary report, Planted forests are a vital resource for future green economies at www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events?bid=1494