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INVITATION

Dear Friends,

Most of the world's closed forests, covering approximately 2800 million hectares, are found in the northern hemisphere and in the tropical region. The deforestation pressures exerted by the rising human population on uninhabited forest areas are cause of great concern. Natural forests are being destroyed permanently at a rate of 8-10 million hectares per year in the tropics. Appropriate and effective technologies have to be developed for the sustainable management of the forests and plantations.

Trees outside forests play a very important role in maintaining the city-based habitat of the rural population and hence in achieving the objective of this conference. Suitable strategies to develop the genetic improvement of the tree species for enhancing production in order to meet the needs of increasing populations. Nonetheless, medicinal plants are also one of the most important areas where by developing sustainable use of collection, propagation, and harvesting, appropriate techniques we can always add significantly to the income generation of rural poor.

The need for sound scientific information in the development of management strategies for forests and plantations at various levels has grown significantly in recent years. Despite rapid advances in information technology, communication, and interaction it is often inadequate between the researchers and the end users of the information they generate. Recognizing this gap, this international conference aims to bring together scientists, foresters, and all stakeholders and to evaluate the biodiversity status, monitoring & assessment techniques, genetic improvement, and management of forests, trees, and medicinal plants.

We consider it a privilege to extend your warm invitation for your active participation in the conference, we sincerely hope that your participation in this conference would help effectively address the topical issues of forestry sector. Looking forward to meet you at beautiful campus of HRFI situated in the Queen of Hills.

Dr. V.P. Tewari
Chairman
Organizing Committee
& Director, HRFI

BACKGROUND

Forests and trees provide various valuable biological resources such as timber, fuelwood, gums, resin, fruits, fodder, products of medicinal use and a variety of chemical constituents. They are an intricate part of rural life in many regions of the world. The objective of the conference is to bring together scientists, foresters and other stakeholders to evaluate biodiversity status and state of art in monitoring & assessment techniques, genetic improvement, and management of forests & stands. The conference aims to offer the interdisciplinary plenary sessions with invited papers and parallel sessions in different sections on special topics. The conference open for all interested in or working on the management and improvement in forestry species including trees and plants of medicinal values. Important topics to be discussed are:

- Management of forests and tree stands
- Conservation, cultivation and management practices for medicinal plants
- Trees outside Forests (trees on agricultural lands, in urban and settlement areas, along roads, in home gardens, in hedges, rows scattered in the landscape and on pasture and ringlands)
- Forests and climate change
- Biodiversity conservation and assessment
- Improvement strategies with special emphasis on tree genetics

PROGRAMME

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ACCOMMODATION

Good hotels including star accommodations are available in Shimla with tariff starting from Rs. 2500 in ordinary hotels and Rs. 7500 in star hotels. Limited accommodation is also available at HRFI's own Guest House and other Guest houses with minimum facilities.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

The range of topics to be covered in the conference is broad covering a variety of issues related to the management and improvement strategies for trees and stands. Studies related to issues of special interest such as management and genetic improvement including medicinal plants; utilization of traditional knowledge for forest management in the tropical and temperate regions; role of NGOs and voluntary agencies in sustainable management of forests; Trees in urban environment; soil, water & nutrient management; managing forests through joint forest management (JFM) and other participatory approaches; management of forest & trees against diseases and pests; Trees outside forests, which are now recognized as a valuable tool in sustainable development and in enhancing livelihoods, etc. are encouraged. One author can submit a maximum of three abstracts.

One page of abstract (500 words) including the title, authors name, affiliation and key words should be submitted to the conference secretariat by 31st August 2016, through email. The abstract should be in Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 spacing. Title should be in bold while names and affiliation should be in italic. The Conference Scientific Committee will review submitted abstracts as an oral or poster presentation. Acceptance criteria will be:

- Relevance to the conference theme and session topics
- Timely receipt of draft and abstract

A CD with paper and poster abstracts will be given to delegates.

IMPORTANT DATES

- First Announcement: 15th July 2016
- Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: 31st August 2016
- Notification of Acceptance: 15th September 2016
- Deadline for Registration: 30th September 2016
- Submission of full manuscript: 15th October 2016

REGISTRATION

Registration form duly filled-in should be sent to the conference secretariat. The fee may be deposited through Bank Draft or Cash or through bank transfer in account no. 30650010010061033, IFSC Code: UNIB0585056, Union Bank of India, The Mall, Shimla. Draft should be made in favor of "Director HRFI National Conference on Forestry" payable at Shimla. Registration will be confirmed only after the receipt of the fee.

Additional charges (Rs. 2000) have to be paid for accompanying persons for excursion and meals.

EXHIBITION

The conference will feature an excellent opportunity for organizations to display educational and informative materials (including products, equipment and books) to a broad range of participants.

- Exhibits/display space is limited and will be assigned on first-come, first-served basis.
- Each display must be accompanied by a fully paid registration stall charge will be Rs. 5000. All interested are requested to please contact the Conference Secretariat to make arrangements.

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

A cultural programme on Indian folk music/dance will be organized for all the delegates on the evening of 15th November 2016.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City: Shimla is the capital city of Himachal Pradesh and is known as 'The Queen of Hills.' It is known for its touristic & scenic beauty, Forested landscapes, Himalaya culture and foods. The city has 360 km from New Delhi and 135 km from Chandigarh and is well connected through road and rail.

Venue: HRFI is situated on the Shoghi-Mehair bypass, about 10 km from the railway station and 8 km from the bus stand, and has all the necessary facilities, including guesthouse and conference halls with multimedia facilities.

Climate: The weather during November is normally pleasant but heavy clothes are required. The temperature ranges normally between 15-20°C during day times in the normal year, but sometimes can be as low as 10°C in the nights.