# 3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement & Call for Abstracts

A reminder that the deadline for submission of Abstracts has been extended to July 10th 2015, and that online registration and payment system is open for <u>IUFRO Eucalypt Conference 2015</u> "Scientific cultivation and green development to enhance the sustainability of eucalypt plantations" | October 21 - 24, 2015 | Zhanjiang City, Guangdong, CHINA

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 improving the development, growth and management of eucalypt plantations.

This conference to be held in Zhanjiang, Guangdong Province, China, from 21-24 October 2015 (suggested day for arrival & registration is 20 October 2015). It will bring together world experts, practitioners, managers and policy makers involved with the growing and utilization of eucalypts.

# Invited Speakers & Key Topics

Prof Mike Wingfield - FABI in South Africa: to be advised

**Prof Yaojian Xie -** China Eucalypt Research Center: *The main advancement of Eucalypt research in China* 

**Prof Jolanda Roux** - FABI in South Africa: *One step forward, two steps back: Managing Eucalypt pests for sustainable forestry* 

Prof Richard Harper - Murdoch University in Australia: Eucalypts, carbon mitigation and water

**Dr. Kevin Harding** - University of Sunshine Coast and Guangxi Forest Research Institute: to be advised

**Dr. Siming Gan** - Research Institute of Tropical Forestry in China: *Towards genomic dissection of economic and adaptive traits in Eucalyptus* 

**Prof. Bernard Dell** - Murdoch University in Australia: *Abiotic and biotic stressors constraining productivity of eucalypt plantations in the Asia-Pacific region* 

**Dr Tammy Swain** - Institute for Commercial Forestry Research (ICFR) in South Africa: *Differences between breeding temperate and tropical/sub-tropical eucalypts* –a South African learning experience

**Prof. José Leonardo de Moraes Gonçalves** - University of Sao Paolo in Brazil: *Management of forest plantations under abiotic and biotic stresses in a perspective of climate change* 

For various reasons, the conference venue has been changed from Nanning in Guangxi Province, to Zhanjiang in Guangdong Province. Zhanjiang will be tremendous venue for this meeting, being surrounded by multitudes of thriving businesses involved in the whole chain of the Eucalypt Plantation Industry here in China.

### The key conference topics include:

- Ecological and Social Sustainability of Eucalypt Plantations
- Genetics and Breeding Technologies
- Silviculture and Management
- Forest Health and Nutrition
- Wood Technology and Utilization

### **Field Tours**

The main conference program will include a one day field trip to visit eucalypt plantations, forest tree nurseries, plantation R&D field trials and plantation harvesting around Beihai, near Zhanjiang.

There will also be an optional 3 day Post-Conference Field Tour immediately following the Conference. This field tour will visit a range of prime eucalypt plantation regions of Guangdong and Guangxi provinces to see a diverse range of plantations, management operations, eucalypt nurseries, R&D field trials and processing industries. It will also provide opportunities to interact with many local researchers, professionals and growers. Full details of this tour will soon be available on the Conference website.

# Abstract Submission Deadline: 10 July 2015

Following some requests, the organizing committee has decided to extend the deadline for submission of Abstracts until July 10th 2015(07/10/2015). Online Abstract submission is still open will continue to remain so until July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please register and submit your Abstract online: <a href="http://www.euciufro2015.com/user/en\_user\_login.asp">http://www.euciufro2015.com/user/en\_user\_login.asp</a>

If you have problems with the online submission system, please send your Abstract to the organizers at: service@euciufro2015.com by email.

## **Registration & Payment**

Registration Fees are as follows:

Early-Bird Registration (before July 31, 2015) – USD\$500

Regular Registration (after August 1, 2015) – USD\$600

Full-time Student – USD\$200

Accompanying Person – USD\$300

Registration payments can be made via the online system using a credit card or by international bank transfer (wire transfer). Please Register and complete the payment online: <a href="http://www.euciufro2015.com/user/en\_user\_login.asp">http://www.euciufro2015.com/user/en\_user\_login.asp</a>

Questions regarding online payment should be directed to: service@euciufro2015.com

#### Conference Venue

The Conference will be held at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Zhanjiang City, Guangdong Province, China. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is located in Zhanjiang's economic development district. The hotel is just 7km from Zhanjiang Airport and a similar distance from Zhanjiang Railway Station and the Long Distance Bus Station.

# **Accommodation**

<u>Bookings – Zhanjiang Crowne Plaza Hotel (the Conference Venue)</u>

For your convenience, the conference organizing committee recommends accommodation at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Zhanjiang. We are able to offer a special preferential conference rate and guaranteed reservation service as part of the conference registration process.

To make a reservation, please register online then choose the room type under Accommodation column and pay online.

If you encounter any problems with reserving the Crowne Plaza Hotel online as part of the Conference registration process, please contact the organizing committee –E-mail: service@euciufro2015.com

Bookings – Other Hotels (nearby the Conference Venue)

If you wish to choose different accommodation, a number of Hotels within walking distance of the conference venue are listed on the website.

#### **Preliminary Conference Program**

Program details will soon be available on the Conference Website.

#### Other Information

We look forward to hearing from all researchers/ workers involved with eucalypts. Please feel free to forward this email to any of your colleagues and/or associates who might also be interested in attending.

if you have any queries or need any additional information, please contact the Organizing Committee (E-mail:service@euciufro2015.com)

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