



International Symposium on Sustainable Forest Management in the Context of Global Change (ISSFM-CGC)

First Announcement

Hosts: Northeast Forestry University

International Union of Forest Research Organizations

Ecological Society of China

Organizer: College of Forestry, NEFU

State Key Laboratory of Tree Genetics and Breeding (NEFU)

Heilongjiang Maershan Forest Ecosystem National Research Station

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1. Background

Forest ecosystems, as one of the most important terrestrial ecosystems, play a very significant role in global ecosystems. Over the past few centuries, global changes resulting from human activities have increasingly influenced the climate, environment and ecosystems and severely damaged ecosystem services. Facing the deterioration of their environment, people realize that forests function far beyond supplying wood for economic products; they also contribute ecological services such as water conservation, soil conservation, carbon fixation and oxygen release that are vital for sustaining life.

Since the last century, the excessive use of forest resources in most areas of the world has led to the transformation of vast expansive forests into large-scale secondary forests, plantations and low-quality forests, and the productivity, ecological function and sustainable development capacity of the forests have been greatly reduced. Although the Natural Forest Protection Project that began at the end of the last century has slowed forest degradation, the Earth is still facing extremely critical, imminent threats to ecological security, and restoring forest resources, enhancing the ecological functions of existing forests and sustainably managing forest ecosystems in the background of global climate change are international environmental issues that must be resolved.

Internationally, researchers must deeply investigate and discuss the structure and function of forest ecosystems and the responses, adaptations and feedback mechanisms to global changes. Forestry is based on coping with environmental change, maintaining national ecological security and achieving harmony between humans, nature and sustainable socioecological development. Long-term stable capital investments and policy platforms at the national level can greatly promote research progress among disciplines related to forest ecosystems around the world and could also provide effective protection toward developing "forward-looking" and "active" forest ecosystem management policies and enhance the role of forests in sustainable socioecological development.

Against this background, the College of Forestry at Northeast Forestry University will host an International Symposium on Sustainable Forest Management in the Context of Global Change (ISSFM-CGC) to:

(1) Thoroughly review and discuss cutting-edge research, hot topics and new achievements and developments in sustainable forest management in the context of international and domestic changes.

(2) Explore practical problems hindering sustainable forest management, clarify future developmental goals and directions, and discuss key scientific problems, research methods and components of restoration and reconstruction, sustainable management and service function of forest ecosystems in the context of global change. Strategies to serve national development while also strengthening theoretical research will be emphasized.

(3) Strengthen international exchange and cooperation for the study of sustainable forest management and enhance international influence on sustainable forest management research of forests in the world (especially the northern forests).

(4) Strengthen international forest sustainable management research, motivate the

growth of young talents in this field, and promote cross-disciplinary and multidisciplinary integration.

2. Topics

- (1) Restoration and reconstruction of forest ecosystems in the context of global change
- (2) Sustainable management of forest ecosystems in the context of global change
- (3) Service functions of forest ecosystems in the context of global change

3. Organizing and Scientific Committee

Chairs: Chuanping Yang and Shirong Liu

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4. Programme

August 1, 2017: Arrival, Registration, ice-breaker

August 2, 2017: Opening ceremony and sessions

Morning of August 2, 2017:

- (1) Opening ceremony
- (2) Keynote speaker 1
- (3) Keynote speaker 2
- (4) Keynote speaker 3

Afternoon of August 2, 2017:

- (1) Oral Sessions
- (2) Closing ceremony

August 3, 2017:

Departure

A detailed program will be available after registration closes.

5. Application and registration fee

(1) Please make sure to submit the application form before July 1st, 2017 to the symposium committee to arrange venue and accommodation and other related matters.

(2) Registration fee: Free of charge. The organizer will cover the registration fee including the conference materials, coffee breaks, lunches and dinners during the two conference days.

6. Important Dates

April 20, 2017: First announcement (Application and abstract submission begin)

May 31, 2017: Deadline for abstract submission

June 10, 2017: Notice of accepted abstracts

June 30, 2017: Second notice (Symposium agenda and presentations are announced.)

August 1, 2017: Registration

August 2, 2017: Symposium

August 3, 2017: Departure

7. Venue and Accommodation

The conference will be held in Harbin, the capital and largest city of Heilongjiang Province in northeastern China. Holding sub-provincial administrative status, Harbin has direct jurisdiction over nine metropolitan districts, two county-level cities and seven counties. It is the eighth most populous Chinese city and the most populous city in Northeast China. According to the 2010 census, the main city had 5,282,093 inhabitants, while the total population of the sub-provincial city was 10,635,971. Harbin serves as a key political, economic, scientific, cultural, and communication hub in Northeast China and as an important industrial base of the nation.

Harbin, which was originally a Manchu word meaning “a place for drying fishing nets”, started as a small rural settlement on the Songhua River. Founded in 1898 with the coming of the Chinese Eastern Railway, the city first prospered as a region inhabited primarily by immigrants from the Russian Empire.

Having the most bitterly cold winters among major Chinese cities, Harbin is heralded as the Ice City for its well-known winter tourism and recreations and is noted for its beautiful annual ice sculpture festival in January. Continuing its historical Russian legacy, the city serves as an important gateway for Sino-Russian trade today and is home to a sizable population of Russian diaspora. In the 1920s, the city was considered China’s fashion capital since new designs from Paris and Moscow reached Harbin before Shanghai. The city was voted a “China Excellent Tourism Cities” by the China National Tourism Administration in 2004. Then in 2010, Harbin was appointed a “City of Music” by the UN.

The conference sessions and accompanying events will take place at the Expert Hotel of Northeast Forestry University.

All participants will need to arrange their own accommodation at the Expert Hotel of Northeast Forestry University on the campus of Northeast Forestry University. Rooms will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. The price per room per night is about \$70. Book your accommodation by sending an e-mail to [littles0747@sina.com](mailto:little0747@sina.com).

8. Airport arrival and transport

We will arrange a shuttle to pick you up at the Harbin Taiping International Airport between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm on August 1, 2017. If you do not arrive within this period, you can take the No. 2 public shuttles for each flight from the airport to Lesong Square, which is 1 km from Northeast Forestry University. Taxis from the Airport to the University are also available for about USD \$20–25. Please copy and take the address “Northeast Forestry University (东北林业大学), 26 Hexing Road, Xiangfang District, Harbin 150040 (哈尔滨市香坊区和兴路 26 号)” with you to show to the taxi driver, so they can understand you easily.

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Symposium Committee
April 6, 2017

Application Form (International)

Name		Gender		Age		Nationality	
Title			Institute				
Address						Zip code	
Contact		Cellphone			E-mail		
Accommodation requirements	Suite () ; Standard room living alone () ; Standard room sharing ()					Please mark the preferred option by “√”.	
Would you like to give a presentation?	Yes () ; No ()						
Presentation title							
Abstract							

Note: Please submit this application form to little0747@sina.com before June 30, 2017.