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Greetings from the new officers

New leadership, new members and new beginning

The working party members have met at XXIV IUFRO World Congress in Salt Lake city, USA (Oct 5-Oct 11, 2014). Let's meet our new officers.

Coordinator, Zuomin Wen

is a professor of Ecological Economics and Forest Economics at College of Economics and Management, Nanjing Forestry University, China. He is also a director of key Research Base for Philosophy and Social Sciences in Jiangsu. Dr. Wen's research has been focused on (1) The mixed economic instruments for forest carbon credit market; (2) forest ecosystem management; (3) forest ecological accounting; (4) forest ecological taxations.

Deputy-coordinator,

Armando González-Cabán, is a Research Economist, Pacific Southwestern Research Station, US Forest Service, USA. His research has focused on evaluating the economic impacts of wildland fires on natural resources, including ecosystem services, measuring nonmarket values, economics of fire management, fire management risk modeling, decision making

processes in large wildfires situations, and economic implications of climate change on resources management.

Deputy-coordinator,

Yeon-Su Kim is a professor of ecological economics at the School of Forestry, Northern Arizona University, in Flagstaff, Arizona USA. Her research has been focused on promoting ecosystem health while enhancing the viability of human communities in the landscape. Her recent research topics include REDD+ in Indonesia, and economic rationale for ecological restoration in American southwest.

Communication officer,

José Sánchez, is a Research Statistician, Pacific Southwestern Research Station, US Forest Service, USA. His research has focused on nonmarket valuation of ecosystem services and the impact of wildfires on natural resources. His recent research focuses on determining the landscape values of San Jacinto wilderness (southern California) and how the values are impacted due to wildfires.

Upcoming Events/Meetings

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"Linking Ecosystem Services to Livelihood of Rural Communities"

Tentative dates:

Oct. 13- 16, 2015

Venue: Seoul National University and Pyeongchang, South Korea

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2016: Wildfire Economics Symposium

Venue: Costa Rica

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2017: Global Forestry Forum for Ecological Economics

Venue: Nanjing, China

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IUFRO is the global network for forest science cooperation. Our working party strives for promoting interdisciplinary international collaborative research and education, and strengthening IUFRO's work at the science-policy interface.

What is a working party and what it is for?

It is what we make it to be.

If you are wondering what a working party is for, you are not alone. We had to look up the definition of “working party” because we felt uneasy about being the leadership of this “working party”. By the way, a working party is a group of subject-matter experts working together to achieve shared goals.

Welcome, our fellow fence-sitters and identity doubters. If you see all five thematic areas of IUFRO are directly relevant to economic science, thus ecological economics is one of the cross-cutting principles across all; this is the working party for you.

In case you forgot, here are the five thematic areas: 1) Forests for People; 2) Forests and Climate Change; 3) Forest and Forest-

based Products for a Greener Future; 4) Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services and Biological Invasions; 5) Forest, Soil and Water Interactions. In addition to broadly discussed topics, such as carbon accounting, ecosystem management, and payments for ecosystem services, we also bring special attention to the needs to think about natural disturbances of forest ecosystem, such as wildland fires, from economic and social perspectives.

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In addition to organizing scientific meetings, we would like to facilitate joint publications among our members and organize special issues in academic journals. We will also facilitate opportunities for offering joint field courses for international faculty and student exchanges. These are just some of the ideas discussed in our meeting at Salt Lake City this month.

Please send in any initiative that you would like to propose!

From your officers, Zuomin Wen, Yeon-Su Kim, Armando González-Cabán and José Sánchez

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