

IUFRO MELIACEAE MEETING, June 25-26, 2012, Nairobi, Kenya.

The first meeting of the IUFRO working party 1.02.04 – Sustainable management and genetic resources in Meliaceae – will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 25 and 26, 2012 in Nairobi, Kenya. The purpose is to share the latest in research and applications for a global perspective on solutions for the tropical timber species of the Meliaceae (subfamily Swietenioideae).

This meeting will be held in conjunction with the IUFRO-FORNESSA Regional Congress in Africa (IUFRO = International Union of Forest Research Organizations; FORNESSA = Forestry Research Network of Sub-Saharan Africa). We are also investigating a field trip on the Meliaceae for Wednesday June 27.

Likely sessions for the Meliaceae sub-meeting include:

- Advances on the shoot borer
- Conservation and use of Meliaceae genetic resources (genetics, conservation, germplasm production etc)
- Population genetics of natural populations
- Management of Meliaceae plantations
- Meliaceae ecology and biogeography
- Meliaceae management in natural forests (including multiple use management)

If you would like to chair one of these sessions, please contact Dr. Sheila Ward (mahoganyforthefuture@gmail.com). These sessions will be coordinated with those of the African Regional Congress.

If you wish to submit a paper or a poster, please send the abstract to: Dr. Sheila Ward (Deputy Coordinator; IUFRO Meliaceae Working Party; mahoganyforthefuture@gmail.com) AND Dr. Joe Cobbinah (chair, Africa Regional Congress Scientific Committee; joe.cobbinah@ymail.com; iufroform_2012@yahoo.com). The deadline for abstracts has been extended to 31 December, 2011.

The abstract should include: (1) title, list of authors with full names, addresses, and e-mail address of the corresponding author, and (2) clear descriptions (300-350 words) of the research objectives, major findings and conclusions.

Please indicate in which of the above sessions the abstract would best, and the theme(s) of the African Regional Congress it addresses. Presenters that address the Congress themes (as well as the Meliaceae meeting themes) may be eligible to receive partial or complete coverage of costs for attending the meeting. Information on the Regional Congress and its themes can be found at: <http://fornis.net/content/first-iufro-fornessa-regional-congress>. Please indicate in the message accompanying your abstract whether you would prefer either a poster or oral presentation, or no preference.

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