Hotel Accommodations/Meeting Site

A block of guest rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn University Center for a special rate of $69 plus 9% tax for single or double occupancy. To receive tax exempt status, payment must be made in the form of a government issued check or credit card and be accompanied by a Florida sales tax exemption certificate presented at check-in.

In order to receive this rate, reservations must be made prior to January 10, 2005. Traditionally the block of guest rooms fills before the deadline, therefore we encourage you to make your reservation at your earliest convenience. After January 10, the discounted rate is not guaranteed. Please contact the hotel directly at (352) 376-1661 to make a reservation.

Any room reservation canceled within five (5) days of arrival will be charged one night’s room deposit.

The hotel check-in time is 3:00pm and check out is 12:00 noon.

Overview of Field Tour

We will commence this tour of some of the ecosystems of Florida with a visit to the well-maintained longleaf pine savannas, slash pine flatwoods, and a cypress dome (with boardwalk) in Morningside Nature Center. Despite the presence of pines dating back to the Second Seminole Indian War, bayheads are long hydroperiod wetlands dominated by broadleaved evergreens. Field clothes are recommended including shoes that can get wet if water levels are high or you seek adventures with large reptiles.

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 conference.ifas.ufl.edu/tropics/
Overview and Invitation

Efforts to promote conservation and management of tropical forests are profoundly influenced by a wide range of public policies and an equally diverse variety of markets. The influence of extra-sectoral policies on forest conservation and management may overwhelm that of even the most well intended forest sector policies, particularly where other sectors such as agriculture are more dominant economically and politically.

Similarly, the ebb and flow of market demand for agricultural commodities may have a larger impact on tropical forests than markets for forest products. Policies and markets can affect conservation and management efforts at local, state, national and international levels. As formal recognition of the land and resource rights of indigenous peoples and other rural communities increases, their roles as stakeholders in discussions of public policies and market access have grown. This conference was developed as a forum to examine impacts of public policies and markets on tropical forests and the people who live in them, and to identify policy initiatives and market-based incentives that may be useful for promoting forest conservation and management.

Purpose

The purpose of this conference is to provide an interdisciplinary forum for sharing and synthesis of information about tropical forest conservation and management. The conference will also offer networking opportunities for participants.

Conference Structure

Oral sessions have been organized around four primary topics. Each session will include invited and contributed papers selected by the session moderator in consultation with the steering committee. David Kaimowitz, Ph.D., Director General of the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and Adalberto Veríssimo, M.Sc., Instituto do Homem e Meio Ambiente da Amazônia (IMAZON), will give keynote addresses. Mercio Gomés, Ph.D., President of the Fundação Nacional do Índio (FUNAI), Brazil will present a special session.

In addition to oral sessions, there will be a poster session open to submissions on any aspect of tropical forest conservation, economics, management or policy.

Primary Conference Topics

   (Moderator: Janaki R.R. Alavalapati)
   Increasing globalization is linking tropical forests and forest stakeholders with the rest of the world at a greater pace than ever before. This session will examine the impact of global trade on tropical forest conservation and development.

2. Agricultural and Infrastructure Development vs. Tropical Forest Conservation: Winners and Losers When Sectoral Policies Conflict
   (Moderator: Georgia Carvalho)
   Public policy directives have often stimulated land use changes in tropical forest regions, especially those related to infrastructure and agricultural development. This session will explore the linkages between sectoral policies and their unintended effects on tropical forests as keys to formulating better policies and sound forest conservation strategies.

3. Community Development, Forest Conservation and Market Penetration: A Clash of Cultures
   (Moderator: Marianne Schmink)
   Devolution of control over resources, and growing interest in community-based conservation, have led many conservationists and donors to promote community-market linkages as a strategy for conservation and sustainable development.
   This session will critically assess markets as a means to promote community-based conservation and development initiatives.

4. Working Forests in Indigenous Landscapes
   (Moderators: Michael Heckenberger and J. Richard Stepp)
   Indigenous peoples have been shaping and transforming tropical forest landscapes for millennia. This session explores the connections between indigenous peoples and working forests, with a focus on indigenous peoples as stakeholders in ecological, economic, and political discourses related to forest conservation and management.

Who Should Attend

This conference is designed to bring together academic and non-academic researchers and professionals (national and international agencies, NGO and private sector) and students interested in tropical forest, conservation, management, economics, and policy.

Call for Abstracts

All individuals involved in tropical forest conservation, ecology, management or policy are strongly encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration as an oral or poster presentation.

Oral presentations must address the session themes, and the number selected will be limited by time constraints of the sessions.

Poster presentations are open to any area within tropical forestry, broadly defined. A special poster session/reception will be held, and posters will be on display during both of the conference days.

All abstracts will be published in the conference book of abstracts and posted on the website of the School of Forest Resources & Conservation (www.sfrc.ufl.edu) following the conference.

If you wish to make an oral presentation or present a poster, please submit an abstract no later than October 15, 2004. Abstracts must be submitted electronically at www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/tropics/

Preliminary Agenda

Sunday, February 13, 2005
8:00am-9:00am Registration Open at the Holiday Inn University Center Hotel
9:00am Depart on Field Trip from the Holiday Inn University Center
5:00pm-7:00pm Welcome Hospitality Room/Networking
Monday, February 14, 2005
7:00am-5:00pm Registration Open at Reitz Union
8:30am-8:40am Welcome and Introductions
8:40am-9:30am Opening Keynote
9:30am-10:00am AM Break
10:00am-12:00pm Session I - Global Market Impacts
12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch on Your Own
1:30pm-3:00pm Session II - Sectoral Policy Conflicts
3:00pm-3:30pm PM Break
3:30pm-5:00pm Session II - Sectoral Policy Conflicts
5:30pm-7:30pm Poster Session & Networking Social

Tuesday, February 15, 2005
7:00am-5:00pm Registration Desk Open at the Reitz Union
8:30am-10:00am Session III - Community Conservation & Markets
10:00am-10:30am AM Break
10:30am-12:00pm Session III - Community Conservation & Markets
12:30pm Lunch on Your Own
12:30pm Special Session
1:30pm-3:30pm Session IV - Working Forests in Indigenous Landscapes
3:30pm-4:30pm PM Break
4:00pm-5:00pm Closing Keynote
7:00pm-11:00pm Closing Dinner Banquet

Confirmed Speakers

Andrea Cattaneo, Ph.D., USDA, Economic Research Service
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