1ST WORLD CONGRESS OF AGROFORESTRY

Working Together for Sustainable Land-use Systems

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AGROFORESTRY began to attain prominence in the late 1970s, when the international scientific community realized its potentials in the tropics and recognized it as a practice in search of science. During the 1990s, the relevance of agroforestry for solving problems related to deterioration of family farms, increased soil erosion, surface and ground water pollution, and decreased biodiversity was recognized in the industrialized nations too. Thus, agroforestry is now receiving increasing attention as a sustainable land-management option the world over because of its ecological, economic, and social attributes.

Agroforestry research and development are, however, at a crossroads. The potential of the practices has been amply illustrated, but the investment in a science base has not reached a level that can meet the demand for technology delivery. It is time, therefore, to evaluate progress, assess available options, and design strategies for the future.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Academicians
- Development Professionals
- Environmental Consultants
- Extension Specialists
- Farmers/Land Owners
- Government Officials
- Land Managers/Consultants
- Natural Resource and Forestry Professionals
- Non-Government and Private- Voluntary Organizations
- Policy Makers
- Private Sector Representatives
- Scientists
- Students
The official language of the Congress shall be English. Congress deliberations and communications will be handled in English only. All monetary figures are in US dollars.

The overall congress theme “Working Together for Sustainable Land-use Systems”, will be developed throughout the congress in plenary, sub-plenary, concurrent, and poster sessions. World leaders in research and development of natural resources will speak on different aspects of this theme during the inaugural, plenary, and sub-plenary functions.

### PLENARY SESSIONS
The congress deliberations will focus on five major topics.

- Improvement of Rural Livelihoods
- Enhancement of the Environment and Landscape
- Agroforestry Science and Education
- Policy, Social, and Institutional Issues
- Agroforestry: The Next 25 Years

### SUB-PLENARY SYMPOSIA
There will be eight symposia, two simultaneously each day, on the following topics.

- Biodiversity
- Eco-agriculture
- Ecological Basis of North American Agroforestry
- Environmental Benefits and Carbon Sequestration
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Technology Transfer
- Trees and Markets
- Water Issues

### ORAL (CONCURRENT) AND POSTER SESSIONS
Invited and voluntary contributions will be presented in more than 20 oral sessions, up to six of them concurrently, and two poster sessions, under the following themes.

- Agroforestry (AF) Adoption
- AF, Carbon Sequestration, and Landscape Ecology in Western Europe
- AF Education
- AF for Health and Nutrition (AIDS/HIV)
- AF in Semi-arid Regions
- Biodiversity for Controlling Pests in AF
- Biophysical Interactions
- Carbon Sequestration and Environmental Benefits
- Climate Change
- Economic Analysis
- Forest Tenure and Management Policies
- Gender and AF Adoption in Africa
- Land Owners' Session
- Managing Genetic Diversity
- Mechanization in AF
- Medicinal and Aromatic Plants
- Scaling up of AF Benefits
- Short-rotation Woody Crops, Phytoremediation
- Small Farm Soil Fertility Management Strategies
- Tree Domestication
- Tropical Homegardens
- Valuation of Environmental Benefits
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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

All individuals who wish to present their work in any aspect of agroforestry are invited and encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration as an oral or poster presentation at the congress. Oral presentations of accepted submissions will be scheduled for one of the concurrent sessions. Suggested themes for different sessions are listed under the section “oral (concurrent) and poster sessions.” Authors may indicate their session preference in which they wish to present their work. All abstracts, both oral and poster, will be published in the book of abstracts to be distributed at the congress and posted on the web site following the congress. Special issues of relevant international scientific journals will feature selected presentations from the congress. Following the congress, authors of such presentations will be invited to develop and submit full manuscripts for consideration as peer-reviewed journal papers.

Abstracts will be accepted until 30 September 2003 and are to be submitted electronically. Hard copies of abstracts may be considered only under exceptional circumstances such as the authors having no access to electronic-submission facilities. Detailed instructions on how to submit an abstract are provided on the web site. Please follow the instructions carefully to ensure that your submission is received and recorded.

All foreign nationals who wish to attend the congress and need a visa for entry into the USA are strongly encouraged to start their visa application process as soon as possible as the application process could take up to six months. Travel reservations should also be made sufficiently in advance as more than 40 million people visit Orlando’s world-renowned attractions annually.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Thanks to the support of various organizations, agencies and companies, a limited amount of financial aid might be available to selected individuals to help them attend the congress. Preference will be given to young scientists and researchers from developing countries. Assistance may include partial or full coverage of the following congress-related expenses: registration fee, accommodation, international travel and meals. Special funds are also being sought from donor agencies to support the travel and participation of students from the US and overseas. Details of financial assistance and application forms will be available on the web site by 01 July 2003. It is strongly recommended, once again, that the process for obtaining travel documents required to visit the USA be initiated and followed through in advance.
Two concurrent workshops both focusing on temperate-zone agroforestry will be organized from 9:00am to 12:00pm Sunday, 27 June 2004. The workshops will be held at the congress site, the Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, Florida.

The Society of American Foresters will offer 2.5 hours of continuing forestry education credits (CFE). Interested individuals may register for one of the workshops at a nominal fee. Advance registration is advised, as space is limited for both. Registration for the workshops will be available on the web site by 01 July 2003.

Workshop A - Silvopastoral Practices: Design considerations, establishment, management challenges, and ecological and economic sustainability.

Workshop B - Decision Support Systems in Agroforestry: A hands-on training on SEADSS, the Southeastern Agroforestry Decision Support System, an online application developed at the Center for Subtropical Agroforestry (http://cstaf.ifas.ufl.edu/), University of Florida, for tree and shrub selection and agroforestry decision making.
The tour, which will leave from and return to Orlando, follows an itinerary that showcases various agroforestry practices in Florida. Tour stops will include organic farming, hardwood and conifer silvopastoral systems, pine straw production, pine and pecan alley cropping, Christmas tree farming, short rotation biomass plantations, and wildlife food plots. A tour of the University of Florida main campus in Gainesville and an evening at the Pensacola beach will be included. Buses will leave Orlando at 2:00pm on Friday, 2 July, and return to Orlando at about 7:00pm on Sunday, 4 July 2004.

The total cost including meals, hotel accommodation for two nights, and bus transportation will be approximately $400 per person; we are now (April 2003) negotiating this with the transportation company; the actual amount will depend on the outcome of these negotiations, and also on the participant’s preference to single versus shared (two per room) occupancy of hotel room; a more definite amount will be available on the web site by 01 July 2003. Please bookmark and visit the web site for updates.
CONGRESS ROOM RATE

Sleeping rooms have been set aside at the Hilton for congress attendees at a reduced congress rate. The rooms and reduced rate are limited so we encourage participants to begin travel preparations now and reserve accommodations as soon as possible. The special room rate is as follows:

- **One or two people in a room** - $125 per room per day plus state and local taxes, currently at 11.5%.
- **Three people in a room** - $135 per room per day plus state and local taxes, currently at 11.5%.
- **Four people in a room** - $145 per room per day plus state and local taxes, currently at 11.5%.

**NOTE:** As this is a discounted group rate, it is non-commissionable to travel agents, and Frequent Traveler Points do not apply.

OPTIONAL RESORT FEE

Hotel guests have the option of purchasing a $6 per room per day resort fee (plus sales tax, currently at 6.5%) upon check-in at the Hilton. The optional resort fee includes:

- Admission to the Health Club (currently $6 per day).
- Complimentary local and 800 number telephone calls up to a total of 60 minutes (currently $1.10 per minute).
- Late check-out up to 1:00pm. Subject to availability (currently $35).

U.S. GOVERNMENT PER DIEM RATE

A very limited number of the sleeping rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the 2004 government per diem rate for U.S. Government congress attendees. To receive the special rate, U.S. government officials must present proper identification upon check-in and payment must be made in the form of a government issued check, credit card or purchase order.

**ALL THE ABOVE GROUP RATES WILL BE HONORED FROM 24 JUNE 2004 THROUGH 04 JULY 2004 (BASED UPON AVAILABILITY)**

HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Sleeping room reservations can be made in one of the following ways. Be certain to state that you are attending the 1st World Congress of Agroforestry (WCA) to receive the special reduced congress rates.

1) **By telephone:** From the U.S. or Canada dial the toll-free telephone number: 1-800-782-4414. Outside the U.S. and Canada please dial the hotel directly at 1-407-827-4000.

2) **By fax:** Available on congress web site, complete and fax the hotel reservation form to 1-407-827-3890.

3) **By mail:** Available on congress web site, complete and mail the hotel reservation form to address on the form.

RESERVATION DEADLINE AND DEPOSIT GUARANTEE

All hotel reservations must be made by Monday, 17 May 2004. After this date, the discounted group rate (which is considerably lower than the regular rate) will not be applicable even if rooms are available. Please be aware that the rooms will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis, and the block of guest rooms may fill before the deadline; therefore we urge you to make your reservation at your earliest convenience. To guarantee the reservation, the hotel will require a first night’s deposit, refundable up to five (5) days before your arrival date. All credit cards used to guarantee a reservation will be charged immediately for one night’s lodging.

ADDITIONAL HOTEL INFORMATION

**Early Departure Fee**

Be certain to advise the Hilton at or before check-in of any change in your planned length of stay to avoid an early checkout fee. The hotel will add an early checkout fee of $50 to your account if they are not notified in advance.

**Individuals Participating in Pre- or Post-Congress Events**

If you plan to participate in events prior to, or after the congress, be certain to incorporate them when finalizing travel plans and reserving sleeping accommodations.

**Check-In/Check-Out Times**

Check-in time is 3:00pm and check-out is by 11:00am. All guests arriving before 3:00pm will be accommodated as rooms become available. The Hilton bell desk can arrange to check baggage for those arriving early and for guests attending functions on their departure day.
PLEASE NOTE: If you require a visa to enter the United States, we urge you to begin the visa application process now to secure an approved travel visa. Visa application forms are available from the US Embassy in your country. Registration will be available by 01 July 2003.

CONGRESS REGISTRATION FEE
The registration fee will entitle each registrant to receive a printed copy and CD-ROM of the abstract book, additional congress materials including a canvas tote bag, and full participation in the congress including Wednesday’s (30 June 2004) half-day field trip and Thursday’s (01 July 2004) SeaWorld excursion.

The registration fee also includes hors d’oeuvres and refreshments at the Sunday evening welcome reception, boxed lunch on Monday, and a morning coffee and an afternoon non-alcoholic beverage daily. *All monetary figures are in US dollars.*

**Early Registration (By 31 December 2003)**
- Regular Participant: $450
- Student Participant: $225

**Regular Registration (By 31 March 2004)**
- Regular Participant: $500
- Student Participant: $250

**Late/On-site Registration (After 31 March 2004)**
- Regular Participant: $550
- Student Participant: $275

*Student registration will be limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Valid student identification required.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS
Accompanying persons who do not register for the full congress will be able to register for the Sunday Welcome Reception, and the Thursday evening event at SeaWorld separately or register for both events at a reduced cost. The evening event at SeaWorld includes transportation, free time in park, and an ending reception. Adult Registration for SeaWorld is considered ages 10 and above. Registration closes on 11 June 2004.

**Early Registration (By 31 December 2003)**
- Sunday Welcome Reception: $50
- Thursday Evening SeaWorld Excursion (Ages 10 and above): $80
- Reduced rate to register for both events (Sunday Reception and Thursday SeaWorld): $120
- Child Registration for Thursday evening SeaWorld (Ages 3-9): $60

**Regular/Late Registration (After 31 March 2004 through 11 June 2004)**
- Sunday Welcome Reception: $60
- Thursday Evening SeaWorld Excursion (Ages 10 and above): $90
- Reduced rate to register for both events (Sunday Reception and Thursday SeaWorld): $140
- Child Registration for Thursday evening SeaWorld (Ages 3-9): $70

**Special Needs:** Special needs (such as visual, hearing or walking impairments) of registered participants can be reasonably accommodated if they contact the congress secretariat (the Office of Conferences & Institutes), no later than 10 June 2004. We can be reached by phone at 1-352-392-5930, by fax at 1-352-392-9734, by email at mrpadgett@ifas.ufl.edu. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) can be reach at 1-800-955-8771. The TDD number can only be accessed from within the State of Florida.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

For participants arriving with small children: The congress organizers appreciate the importance of Orlando tourist attractions, especially to young children, but regrettably cannot make any arrangements for children. Since the Wednesday half-day field trip is part of the congress participant registration, accompanying persons are not allowed to participate, unless registering for the entire congress.

Registration Confirmation: An email notice acknowledging your registration submission will be sent within three business days. Formal written confirmation and a hard copy of your receipt will be mailed to you within three weeks of receiving your completed registration form and appropriate payment.

Refund Policy: Requests for refunds will be honored if a written notification of cancellation is received at the congress secretariat (the Office of Conferences & Institutes, IFAS, University of Florida) by 7 May 2004. A processing fee of $50 will be deducted from all congress registration refunds. A $10 fee will be deducted from all workshop refunds. A $15 fee will be deducted from all accompanying persons registration refunds. No refunds will be honored for cancellations after 7 May 2004.
GLOBAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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The congress is being organized as a collaborative effort by a diverse group of institutions worldwide. Current sponsors as of April 2003 are recognized below. If you are interested in becoming involved in this effort or providing financial assistance in support of the congress, please contact P. K. Nair (see contact information below).

- Center for Subtropical Agroforestry (CSTAF)
- Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
- Mars, Incorporated
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
- University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry
- United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS)
- United States Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (USDA-CSREES)
- USDA Forest Service, International Programs (IP)
- USDA National Agroforestry Center (NAC)
- World Agroforestry Centre/International Centre for Research in Agroforestry, Kenya
- ZEF, University of Bonn, Germany

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- Dr. Shibu Jose, University of Florida/IFAS, Milton, FL, USA

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