
Forestry Education and Global Sustainable Forestry

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International Symposium on Forestry Education and
1st Training Forum on Forestry Education in China

About the Beijing 2008 Symposium

Forestry education around the world is facing serious challenges related to declining enrolment in forestry schools, curricula issues, and often times outdated qualifications of forestry graduates. Notwithstanding difficulties in the forestry sector as a whole, serious national and global challenges have been identified pertaining to gaps in global forestry and forest products education and international collaboration to address these problems. We as forestry educators are responsible for overhauling forestry education in order to respond to these huge societal challenges. Our response will determine how well we are able to educate internationally-orientated professionals with the vision and abilities to address the challenges forestry and related sectors face, and to do so in cooperation with the societies in which they work. The importance of this has been recognized in various international fora, with a clear message emerging that greater and more effective collaboration between forestry education institutions is necessary.

The China Education Association of Forestry, the Beijing Forestry University, the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Forestry and the International Partnership for Forestry Education (IPFE) are jointly organizing "**Olympic Forestry Education Symposia for 2008 and 2010**" in Beijing and Vancouver respectively. These symposia will bring together senior level administrators of Chinese and Canadian forestry education institutions, and representatives from other international organizations concerned with forestry education. Our aim is to discuss problems facing post-secondary forestry education, issues of mutual interest, venues for potential collaboration among universities and possibilities to share our combined expertise through new web-based learning technologies.

The Beijing symposium with the theme "**Forestry Education and Global Sustainable Forestry**", will take place in December 2008. The China State Forestry Administration will also be hosting its 1st Training Forum on Forestry Education in China in collaboration with this symposium. The objectives of the Beijing symposium are to:

- Develop a shared understanding of challenges in forestry and forestry related sectors, and how these challenges impact forestry education;
- Develop ideas for a strategy on integration of current and projected future societal needs for forestry education and inter-institutional collaboration;
- Develop recommendations for implementing the proposed strategy globally, regionally and nationally.

The follow-up symposium will be held in Vancouver in May 2010.

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When and Where

Time: December 7th -11th, 2008:

The 3-day symposium will consist of two full conference days and one day visit in the Beijing Forestry University and the Chinese Academy of Forestry. For those who would like to stay one additional day, a selection of sight-seeing packages will be available.

Location: XiJiao Hotel (www.xijiao-hotel.com.cn/en/)
No.18 Wangzhuang Road, Haidian District, Beijing.

Registration: The symposium fee of USD\$380 covers the admission to all sessions, simultaneous translation, coffee during the breaks and meals (lunch and dinner) during the three symposium days (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday). Please complete the attached forms and return to the International Relations Office, Beijing Forestry University before September 15th, 2008 by email or fax to:

Fax: +86 10 62310316

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The symposium registration fee payment must be received by September 15th 2008 through a bank transfer (see details in the registration forms). After receipt of the symposium fee payment, confirmation and visa application (for foreign participants) will be sent to the registered participants.

Presentations: Presentations (20 min) are invited for sessions 2; Current Issues in Higher Forestry Education and 3; Professional and Extension Training. Please send a proposed title with 150 word abstract by **August 20th, 2008** to organizers:

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Selected presenters will be notified within two weeks. Full text of accepted presentations will be required by **October 1st 2008**.

Workshop Languages:

English and Chinese with simultaneous translation will be provided during the workshop.

Program*

Sunday, December 7

Whole day **Registration**

Monday, December 8

8:00 – 8:30 **Early morning registration**

8:30 – 9:00 **Opening ceremonies**

Session 1

9:00 – 13:30 **Regional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for Forestry Education.**

Presentations and moderated panel by representatives of forestry education institutes and networks from China, Canada, USA, Asia-Pacific, Africa, Europe and South America.

Session 2

14:00 – 17:00 **Current issues in higher forestry education (undergraduate and graduate level).**

Invited speakers and moderated panel discussion covering current issues and topics in forestry education (curricula, enrolment in forestry programs, new programs, institutional networking, e-learning, Global Forestry Information Service (GFIS).

18:00 – 20:00 **Dinner Banquet**

Hosted by the Chinese Forestry Education Association and the Beijing Forestry University.

Tuesday, December 9

Session 3

9:00 – 13:00 **Professional and extension training**

Invited speakers and moderated panel discussing developments in professional and extension training (Training needs, Course-Based Masters Degrees, new approaches teaching at the post-graduate level and continuing education).

Session 4

14:00 – 17:30 **Strategies, cooperation, actions**

Moderated discussion about concrete strategies, cooperation and action which will direct collaborative efforts leading to Vancouver 2010 Symposium

18:00 – 21:00 **Concluding session and dinner.**

* Details of presenters and presentation topics will be announced by September 30, 2008

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Wednesday, December 10

Tour

9:00 – 12:00 Visit to the Beijing Forestry University
13:00 – 16:00 Visit to the Chinese Academy of Forestry

Thursday, December 11

Sight-seeing tours

8:30 – 16:30 **Optional sight-seeing tours**
The Great Wall and Ming Tombs
or
Forbidden City

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