Emerging Forestry Leadership

A global summit for student leaders & young scholars in Asia-Pacific region
In Asia-Pacific region:

- Lack of networking event for graduate students and young forestry scholars;
- Growing needs in identifying, recruiting, and cultivating future forestry leaders;
- Opportunities to explore and support innovative researches and entrepreneurs;
- Enhance mentorship and leadership in sustainable forest management and green industry.
Missions

The “POPLAR” Approach:

P - Prepare future forestry leaders in research institutes, government, and forest industries
O - Offer networking opportunities to connect young researchers and leaders within AP region
P - Provide funding and support for innovative research and technology
L - Link excellent individuals with scientists and industrial professionals
A - Adapt network vision to the changing needs of forest management from younger generations
R - Recruit interested individuals to APFNet network and joint business and universities
Topics

• Future forestry--- a sunrise business (Innovative forestry)
• Community forestry and livelihoods
• Forests, carbon and climate change
• Urban Forestry and health
• Technology and innovation in the forest sector
• Forests products, biomass and bioenergy
• Forest biodiversity and ecosystem services
• Forests and water resources
• Forest economics and policy
• Forestry education
• .....
GLOBAL SELECTION

Promote Youth summit global through government, business, university, research institute and NGO

- Select the best candidates/projects through competition
- Establish “Shark Pool”- leaders, entrepreneurs and leading scientists
- Develop the summit funding and award mechanism
Inspiration

TED Talks -- Shubhendu Sharma: How to grow a tiny forest anywhere

The Shark Tank show
Key Activities

Showcase

- Presentation - Pecha Kucha 20x20 (6mins)
  Q&A with the audience (4mins)
- Proposal to the “Sharks” (2mins)
  Negotiation & Feedbacks (6mins)
- Offers from the “Sharks” include knowledge, technology, or financial support, such as:
  - Providing free consultation on project;
  - Sharing research labs and networks;
  - Offering scholarships or funding
Key Activities

BIG idea demo
Networking, and
Future Careers

- Introduction of professionals
- Ice breaker activities
- Sharing opportunities & opinions
Key Activities: workshops & field trips

Workshops: professional development
- Scientific writing training;
- How to negotiate;
- Presentation skills

Field Trips: exploring forestry in AP region
- Depending on the location of the venues;
- Great opportunity for participants to explore natural resources in the region,
- meet with local communicates, and enjoy the recreational value of the forest
Financial Support

Travel Funding (for summit presenters):
covers: airfare, accommodations, and meals

Awards (based on the performance during the summit):
• Research funding
• field work travel awards
• regional/international conference awards

Scholarships (long-term tuition support)
• top 2 outstanding individuals
• 2-3 years tuition support
• help pursue/complete postgraduate degrees or post-doc experiences
Work in progress…

• Form summit planning committee;
• Decide dates and location for the summit;
• Spread the word (e.g. social media, promotion via international conferences, mailing list at partner universities/institutes);
• Collect proposals/presentations;
• Recruit experts (“sharks”) for review and select excellent applicants, and join the panel during the event;
• Process travel funds and scholarships;
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