The conference was announced in the 2004-08 program and is a great opportunity to step forward in the technical and scientific issues of the working party, before the 23rd IPC meeting. The conference will be held in Nanjing China, with our Vice-Chair, Professor Hua Yukun and his team, as the distinguished host of this meeting. The high level laboratories and team are a significant place to understand the huge and effective Chinese poplar market integrated in a "poplar" country. The region covers more than 6 million ha of hybrids plantations and many industrial poplar products are produced. Their experience has an industrial background, where applied science took place to understand and answer to the wood market demands.

The conference is organized back to back with the IPC 23rd full session in Beijing scheduled October 26th-30th 2008. The IPC Working party on Harvesting and Utilization of Poplar and Willow Wood organizes this separate conference to initiate a renewed network on the topics of this group and intends to involve especially industry to stimulate future networking. All abstracts of this conference in Nanjing are intended to be included in the formal Book of Abstracts being prepared for the IPC 23rd Session in Beijing. All participants to the Nanjing conference are also encouraged to take part in the 23rd Session in Beijing.

The Conference is organised by
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The conference in Nanjing is scheduled as follows:

- Registration, October 21st
- Conference, October 22nd-23rd
- Field mill tour, October 24th
- Travel to Beijing, October 25th

Conference fees
Participant fee: USD 300

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Proceedings (approx. 150 pages) included.

Registration
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The conference will be held at Nanlin Hotel of Nanjing Forestry University. This hotel offers all the facilities for a conference, rooms, and foods as well. The standard guests room charges about 40 to 50 US dollars per night.
The International Poplar Commission (IPC), an FAO technical statutory body on forestry, aims to promote the cultivation, conservation and utilization of members of the family Salicaceae, which includes poplars and willows.

Scientific and technical problems related to poplars and willows are investigated by six working parties of the International Poplar Commission (IPC) dealing with: genetics, conservation and improvement; production systems; environmental applications; insect pests; diseases; harvesting and utilization of wood.

The Working Party on Harvesting and Utilization of Poplar and Willow Wood is specifically dedicated to the poplar/willow forestry-wood industry chain and has taken the initiative to organize this conference in Nanjing organized back to back immediately prior to the 23rd IPC meeting in Beijing.

Papers were invited on the following topics:

**Technology of structural plywood, laminated veneer lumber, glulam and OSB products;**

**Glue bonding and impact on product performance;**

**The use of coatings;**

**Suitability of wood preservation and wood quality improvements.**

Proceedings and the conference in Nanjing will be in English.