

# **INTERNATIONAL POPLAR COMMISSION (IPC)**

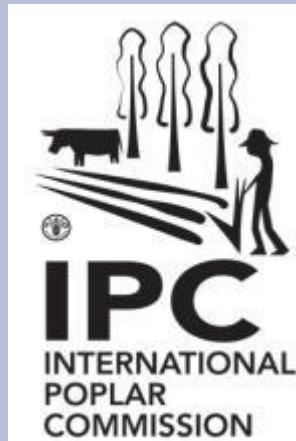
## ***WORKING PARTY (WP) ON HARVESTING AND UTILIZATION OF POPLAR & WILLOW WOOD***

**Report 2008-2014**

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**Action plan 2012-2016**

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# IPC WP H&U – Report 2008-2014

## ***Networking***

Based on all input received by the end of 2008 a renewed network for both experts on harvesting and utilisation and experts on wood processing and products of poplar/willow was initiated. Furthermore it is important to interact with industrial networks being set up, example case Europe (see Pro-Populus).



# IPC WP H&U – Report 2008-2014

## ***Regional network managers***

A new WP executive was installed linked to the 44<sup>th</sup> Executive meeting in Beijing, China, 2008, consisting of a Chair, four Vice-Chairs and one Technical Secretary. The reason for the Vice-Chairs was to accommodate global participation and to share the workload. The WP Executive (chair, vice-chairs, technical secretary) was redefined as a group of *regional network managers*.

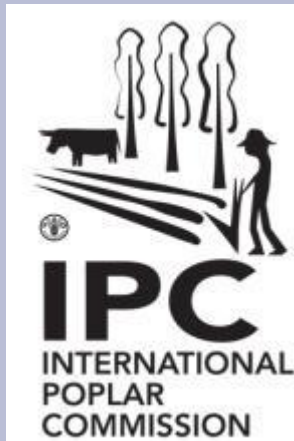


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- Prof. Joris VAN ACKER (Chair, Belgium)
- Prof. Yukun HUA (China)
- Mr. Pedro GARNICA (Spain) - *resigned*
- Dr. Ahmed KOUBAA (Canada)
- Mr. Raúl SUÁREZ (Argentina)

*Vice-chairs with appointed secretary*

- Mr. Lieven DE BOEVER (Technical Secretary)



# IPC WP H&U – Report 2008-20124

## ***Organising meetings/workshops/conferences***

Reference to Nanjing conference (21-24 October 2008).

## ***State of the art data base***

A data base dealing with publications related to harvesting, utilization and product properties is being created using Zotero.



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## ***Initiate new research, R&D***

This topic will evolve from the improved networking and might need a boost from young scientists who could be motivated by a specific state of the art data base.

## ***Support young scientists***

There remains a need for a support system for young scientists (PhD and young post docs), e.g. grants for short term scientific missions (STSM), support for conference participation.



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## ***Compiling country based information***

Focus on work related to compile country dedicated reports also intended to complement the chapter 10 information with addenda allowing for adequate updating .



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## STRENGTHS

*Oldest working party*

*Diversity of products for society development*

*Sound expertise/experience*

## WEAKNESSES

*Very low input*

*Missing link to young scientists*

*Insufficient networking*





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## OPPORTUNITIES

*Industry more aware*

*New innovative opportunities*

## THREATS

*Lower interest, e.g. in Europe in plantations*

*Biomass for energy as an opportunity?*

*Low international knowledge investigation*

*The economic crisis*



# IPC WP H&U – Future 2014-2016

Through regional networking create addenda to chapter 10 of the FAO/IPC Book “*Poplars and Willows in the World*” Chapter 10: *Properties, processing and utilization*



# IPC WP H&U – Future 2014-2016

Since 2008 the renewed network for the WP has been initiated and for many of the 37 member countries key persons were identified who will need to function through regional networking.



# IPC WP H&U – Future 2014-2016

To improve network interaction each vice-chair persons indicated a personal secretary within their organisation. Improved communication will allow to start or to proceed with all of the ambitious tasks more efficiently. A proposal in this respect is to schedule a telephone conference meeting once or twice a year on regular basis between all vice-chairs.



# IPC WP H&U – Future 2014-2016

The different topics are ranked according the following priority list:

- (1) *Networking,*
- (2) *State of the art data base,*
- (3) *Compiling country based information,*
- (4) *Support young scientists,*
- (5) *Organising workshops/conferences,*
- (6) *Initiate new research, R&D.*



# IPC WP H&U – Strategy

Material utilisation:  
Construction – EWP

Biomass for energy:  
2<sup>nd</sup> generation biofuels + ...

Resource competition

Cascade use

