





22nd SESSION: INTERNATIONAL POPLAR COMMISSION The Contribution of Poplars and Willows to Sustainable Forestry and Rural Development Santiago, Chile, 28 November to 9 December, 2004 SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Background: The International Poplar Commission (IPC) is a statutory body of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations that supports the study of the scientific, technical, social and economic aspects of poplar and willow cultivation and promotes the research and the exchange of ideas among the researchers, producers and users to translate policies and science into implementation. Poplars and Willows are used extensviely in combating desertification, rehabilitating degraded lands, providing carbon sinks and producing wood products in forestry and integrated forestry-agricultural landuse systems. Working Parties reflect the principal issues about the cultivation and utilization of Salicaceae; Conservation and Improvement; Diseases; Insects and other Animal Pests; Production Systems; Logging, Utilization and Environmental Uses. There is also a Subcommittee on Poplar and Willow Nomenclature.

IPC 22nd Session, 2004: The 22nd Session of the IPC, which meets every four years, will be held at the Diego Portales Convention Centre, Avenida Libertador Bernardo O' Higgins 233, Santiago, Chile, 28 November - 2 December. The Session and Working Parties will address topical policy and technical issues and follow up recommended actions related to the theme *The Contribution of Poplars and Willows to Sustainable Forestry and Rural Development.* Associated Study Tours will be held in Chile (3-4 December) and Argentina (5-9 December) to support the theme. The official website of the IPC 22nd Session is http://www.fao.org/forestry/ipc2004

The joint hosts include:

- · International Poplar Commission, Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations (FAO), Rome, Italy http://www.fao.org/forestry/ipc
- · Comisión Nacional del Álamo, Corporación Nacional Forestal (CONAF), Chile http://www.conaf.cl
- · Comisión Nacional del Álamo, Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca y Alimentos (SAGPyA), Argentina http://www.sagpya.minproduccion.gov.ar

Participation: The meeting is suitable for policy makers, forest managers, forest scientists and academics, from public and private institutions, landowners, indigenous peoples and students with an interest in growing and using Poplars and Willows.

Preliminary Programme: The Preliminary Programme for the Plenary, Concurrent and Individual Working Party meetings and study tours in Chile and Argentina are available. A final programme will be based upon the paper submissions on topical issues and the theme.

Study Tours: Chile Study Tours (3-4 December) and Argentina Study Tours (6-9 December) will demonstrate the diversity of social, environmental and economic application of Poplars and Willows for sustainable forestry and rural development. Visit the website to view study tour features and the spectacular landscapes on the Santiago-Mendoza drive from Chile to Argentina through the Andes.

Registration: Registration is now due for participation in the 22nd Session and study tour options. The Registration Form, which is available on line should be emailed immediately to Mr Santiago Barros – sbarros@conaf.cl

Call for Paper and Poster Summaries: The *deadline for paper summaries* has been extended to *20 June, 2004*. Authors should conform to Guidelines for Paper Summaries and the Sample Format. Please send paper summaries to Graciela Andrade, International Poplar Commission, Forestry Department, FAO, Rome, Italy; E-mail: Graciela.Andrade@fao.org. The Scientific Committee will select oral contributions based upon relevance to the theme and scientific merit, whilst others will be presented as written papers and/or posters. All paper summaries will be available to participants in a Book of Abstracts.

Languages: The languages of the Plenary Sessions will be in the official languages of the IPC (English, French and Spanish). Working Party meetings will be conducted in English and Spanish.

Accommodation: Participants are responsible for securing their own accommodation. A list of Hotels and Prices in Santiago are available on-line.

Developing Country Support: Support to Developing Country participants to attend the meeting is being pursued. Participants seeking support through this facility, please send Applications (forms available on line) to Ms Graciela Andrade, E-mail: Graciela.Andrade@fao.org

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