

Third Announcement and Call for Papers and Abstracts

**23rd Session, International Poplar Commission (IPC)
October 26-30, 2008, Beijing, P. R. China**

Theme: Poplars, Willows and People's Wellbeing

**The official website of the 23rd Session of IPC 2008 is
<http://www.fao.org/forestry/ipc2008>**

IPC 23rd Session, 2008:

The 23rd Session of the IPC will be held in Beijing, China, at XiJiao Hotel (<http://www.xijiao-hotel.com.cn/en>) No.18 Wangzhuang Road, Haidian District, from 26 to 30 October. The area, technology and social, environmental and economic impacts of poplars and willows are contributing to the fast-growing economy of China. The Plenary and Working Sessions will address topical policy and technical issues and follow-up recommended actions related to the theme ***“Poplars, Willows and People's Wellbeing”***.

Participation:

The Session will be 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 for social, environmental and economic benefits. We sincerely welcome the people who are interested in the application of poplars and willows in restoring landscapes and contributing to livelihood needs of people in China. We encourage you to participate in the activities of the 23rd Session of the IPC.

Call for Paper and Poster Summaries:

The deadline is **30 June 2008**. Authors should conform to Guidelines for Paper Summaries and the Sample Format available on the IPC 2008 web site (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/43743/en>).

Paper and poster abstracts have to be written in English. Please send paper summaries to IPC Secretariat, International Poplar Commission, Forestry Department, FAO, Rome, Italy; E-mail: IPC-Secretariat@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.

Country Progress Reports:

Country reports prepared by National Poplar Commissions in each member country detail progress in knowledge, technology and techniques in Poplar and Willow culture,

production and utilization. Chairs of National Poplar Commissions are urged to complete both the country report and Annex 1 in electronic format in conformity with the Guidelines available in the IPC 2008 website (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/43749/en>) and submit them to IPC-Secretariat@fao.org.

The deadline for National Poplar Commissions to submit Country Progress Reports to the IPC is **30 June**. These are urgently needed to allow preparation of a Global Synthesis for presentation at the 23rd Session.

Registration and payment details:

Pre-Registration deadline is 30 June for participation in the 23rd Session and Study tour options. The Registration Form, which is available on the IPC 2008 website, should be e-mailed as soon as possible to the following address: ipc2008@bjfu.edu.cn, or sent by fax or post as follows:

No. 35, Qinghua Donglu, Haidian District,
Beijing Forestry University Mailbox 6, Beijing 100083, P.R. China.
Tel: 0086-10-62338095 Fax: 0086-10-62310316.

Corresponding payment should be made according to instructions appearing on the Registration Form.

Preliminary Programme:

The Preliminary Programme for the Plenary, Concurrent and Individual Working Party meetings is available at <http://www.fao.org/forestry/ipc2008>. A final Programme will be based upon the paper submissions on topical issues and the theme. The final Programme will be finalized as soon as possible and posted on the website.

Study tours

Two possibilities are available for a pre-session Study Tour:

- Tongliao, Inner Mongolia (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/43754/en/link.jsp>) to visit Chinese poplar genetic resources

or

- Beijing, to visit Europe-American poplar plantations, white poplar plantations, urban forestry and poplar wood processing mill (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/43754/en/link.jsp>)

A post-session Study Tour (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/43754/en/link.jsp>) is also organized from 31 October to 4 November to Puyang (Henan Province), Siyang (Jiangsu Province) and to Nanjing to see the different aspects of poplars and willows in China.

Languages

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

Accommodation:

Participants are responsible for securing their own accommodation.

Booking can be done directly through IPC 2008 website–China at the following address: http://www.ipc2008bj.com.cn/register_en.asp, or by downloading the available registration form available on the IPC 2008 web site (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/static/data/planted-forests/IPC-23meeting/RegistrationForm.doc>).

Support to Developing Countries:

Support to a limited number of participants from Developing Countries to attend the meeting is being pursued. Application form is available on line on IPC 2008 website, as well on IPC 2008 website–China.

Conference of Working Party on Harvesting and Utilization of Poplar and Willow Wood:

The working party will meet in Nanjing, China, for a Conference, on **“Engineered Wood Products Based on Poplar/Willow Wood”**, organized from 21 to 24 October 2008 by the Nanjing Forestry University. (Details in <http://www.fao.org/forestry/webview/pageview.jsp?pageld=55052&geold=-1&langld=1>)

Exhibitors:

Should your organization wish to have an exhibition displayed during the IPC 2008, please liaise with the Organizing Committee.

Spouse Tours:

The Organizing Committee Coordinators are working on alternative spouse tours whilst in Beijing. Please monitor the IPC 2008 website for this release.

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