



Second 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

Background: The International Poplar Commission (IPC), a technical statutory body of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations serves members through their National Poplar Commissions, Working Parties and every four years through full Sessions.

The full Sessions of the IPC are held for the poplar and willow community to exchange and share the progress and advances in research, silviculture, management, forest industries and markets. These Sessions bring together Government officers, researchers, producers, industry engineers, traders and users aiming to apply scientific knowledge and technology into policies, plans and practices for development and to improve ecological conditions and people's livelihoods.

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 have been expanding and contributing significantly to the fast-growing economy of China and to improving people's welfare. The Session and Working Parties 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.

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.

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 annex1 in electronic format in conformity with the Guidelines available in the IPC 2008 web site (<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.

Pre-Session Study Tours: Associated to the main Session two alternative pre-Session study tours will also be held , from 23 to 25 October to:

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

or to

- *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>).

Post-Session Study Tour: A post-Session study tour (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/43754/en/link.jsp>) is also organised 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

Registration: Registration for participation in both the 23rd Session and study tour options can be done directly through IPC 2008 web site – China (http://www.ipc2008bj.com.cn/register_en.asp) or by downloading the available registration form, in IPC 2008 web site (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/static/data/planted-forests/IPC-23meeting/RegistrationForm.doc>).

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>). 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.

Languages

The 44th Executive Committee Meeting will be conducted in English.

The 23rd Session (opening and closing plenary sessions on days 1 and 4) will have simultaneous interpretation services in English, French and Spanish. The concurrent and individual Working Groups meetings will be conducted in English only.

Paper and poster abstracts have to be written in English.

Accommodation: Participants are responsible for securing their own accommodation. Booking can be done directly through IPC 2008 web site – China (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 will be soon available on line.

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 by the Nanjing Forestry University, from 21 to 24 October 2008. (Details in <http://www.fao.org/forestry/webview/pageview.jsp?pageld=55052&geold=-1&langld=1>)

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