

Adapting to Change:

Managing Tree Seed in an Uncertain Climate

November 14-15, 2007

Holiday Inn, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

This conference is designed for forest managers and researchers who are concerned about the effects of climate change on managing tree seed resources. The conference will focus on:

- seed movement and seed movement regulation tools (guidelines/zones)
- the science behind identifying and predicting patterns of adaptive variation response to climate change
- the need to revise seed movement decision-making in light of scenarios of future climate

Conference goals:

1. To build awareness about climate change and its potential impacts on the deployment of forest genetic resources, for example, seed transfer guidelines, seed source bulking, seed banking, and tree improvement strategies
2. To open a debate among those concerned about impacts of climate change on forest genetic resources
3. To develop a roadmap for future actions promoting adaptation of forests to future climate

Confirmed speakers include:

- Sally Aitken, University of British Columbia
- Brian Barber, British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Tree Improvement Branch
- Judy Loo, Natural Resources Canada-Atlantic Forestry Centre
- Dan McKenney, Natural Resources Canada-Great Lakes Forestry Centre
- Greg O'Neill, British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Research Branch
- Bill Parker, Lakehead University
- Jack Woods, Forest Genetics Council of British Columbia

Preliminary Agenda

14 November

1 pm	Registration
1:30-5 pm	Plenary sessions

15 November

8:30-10 am	Panel discussion
10-2:30 pm	Interactive sessions
2:45 – 4 pm	Panel discussions and wrap up

On November 16, CONFORGEN will convene another session to bring together the CONFORGEN steering and standing technical committees to develop plans for work on forest gene conservation issues across Canada. For more information about CONFORGEN, contact Judy Loo at Natural Resources Canada-Atlantic Forestry Centre, jloo@nrcan.gc.ca.

Registration

Register at <http://www.fgo.ca> so we can reach you if the agenda changes. There is no registration fee.

Accommodations

The Holiday Inn is holding a block of rooms at the conference rate of \$92 per night. Call (705)949-0611 and ask for the Forest Genetics Ontario meeting.

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