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Teachers, Natural Resource Professionals Convene for International Educators Institute (IEI)



The IEI Class of 2005 brought participants from 9 states and 7 countries. From left: Angie DiSalvo (WFI staff), Peggy Herbert (New Hampshire), Rick Zenn (WFC staff), Caroline Gonzales (Oregon), Harriet Crawford (New Mexico), Rosa Flores (Chile), Caroline Alston (Washington DC), Knut Monnsen (Norway), Melinda Burbank (Connecticut), Mary Cutler (Indiana), David Hamilton (Australia), Linda Desai (California), Larry Kowalski (South Carolina), Leon Mays (Florida), Patrice Ngalla (Cameroon), Darcy Vickers (Australia), Bill Wood (WFC staff), Jesus Delgado (Brazil), Tony Scherl (Australia) and Xiaoli Wang (China).

During this weeklong study tour, the dramatic Pacific Northwest landscape provided the background for exploring sustainability issues. IEI aims to bring together a diverse group of award-winning environmental educators and natural resource professionals to exchange best practices in forestry education, while providing a variety of perspectives on global issues. Each day a different theme led participants to examine topics related to the Montreal Process, including research, protection, communities, disturbance, and management. Throughout the tour, participants met with local resource professionals at public and private lands in Oregon and Washington. The International Educators Institute is coordinated by the World Forestry Center's award winning Education Department and the World Forest Institute.







From left: Caroline Gonzalez, WFC's Oregon Teacher on Summer Assignment, on board a Weyerhaeuser helicopter over Mt. St. Helens;, Darcy Vickers and David Hamilton, from Tasmania, Australia, at US Forest Service's Trillium Lake; and Patrice Ngalla, Cameroon, at the Wind River Canopy Crane.

Chinese Fellow to Complete Nursery Study

This September the World Forest Institute welcomes Dr. Yanping Zhang, Director of the Resources and Environment Department at the Research Institute of Resource Insects in China. Dr. Zhang will join WFI for 6 months and is the first Chinese Fellow to come through a joint-cooperation agreement with Director Lu Wenming, Director of the Division of International Cooperation at the Chinese Academy of Forestry.

Dr. Zhang's primary project at WFI will be to focus on the seedling industry and current technolog. China has ambitious plans to reforest and afforest large areas for both commercial wood products and soil protection.

Dr. Zhang will gather information on the current advances in theory and technique of seedling culture in North America, including bare-root and container seedling development, vegetative propagation, and the application of biological agents. The results of his time here will include a report on *Seedling Production and Nursery Management in North America.*



Oregon was the first state to require regeneration after harvest. Today many forestry companies, such as Weyerhaeuser, provide seedlings for reforestation using the latest culturing techniques.

First Indian Fellow Arrives for 12-month Fellowship



Jasjit Singh Walia arrived in August and is the first Indian Fellow at WFI.

The first Indian to participate in WFI's Fellowship program, Jasjit Singh Walia, arrived on the Indian Independence Day of August 15. Jasjit will complete a one–year Fellowship while on leave from the Indian Forest Service where he is the Chief Conservator of Forests for his region.

Jasjit is interested in environmental services, which he feels holds great promise for his Himalayan State of Himachal Pradesh in northern India. In Himachal, there has been a distinct shift in forestry policy to give priority to water and watershed management. Surprisingly, 90% of the rural populace in Himachal are totally dependent on the forests for day to day sustenance. Jasjit's study will also encompass the commercial viability of ecotourism, biodiversity, and carbon credits, as these areas may provide additional income for his home state.

WFI Reunion and Conference Brings Back 20 Alums

More than 20 WFI alumni, current fellows and spouses will return to Portland for WFI's first Alumni Reunion during the week of September 12-16. Alumni from Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, and Norway will attend.

The reunion provides a unique opportunity to organize a public event on international forestry. WFI Director Sara Wu explains, "We've always talked about doing a reunion down the line but we wanted to do something that would also allow the public to share in the collective experience of our alumni, who have gone on to various forestry positions around the world. Given the enormous changes in the forestry sector, much of it due to increasing global competition, it made sense to call upon the valuable experiences of our alumni."

The ***International Perspectives on Forestry*** conference runs September 12-13 at the World Forestry Center, and will focus on how globalization has impacted the forestry sector. Eight of the sessions--on topics ranging from fiber sourcing to plantation investments to the changing role of government in forest management--will be presented by WFI alumni and current fellows. A closing panel session will examine how PNW companies are responding to the globalization's challenges. Registrations are open online at: http://wfi.worldforestry.org/ipf.htm.

The conference is being sponsored by: Forest Capital Partners, Green Diamond Resource Company, Hancock Bond & Corporate Finance Group, The Harry A. Merlo Foundation, Port Blakely Tree Farms, Rimbunan Hijau, Stimson Lumber Company, Stoel Rives, USAID Natural Resource Management Office - Forestry Team, and Weyerhaeuser.



The September events will allow WFI Alumni and Board Members to view the renovated museum. Xiaoli Wang (China) waves from one of the new exhibits on global forestry.