

2013 Fellowships awarded

Twenty-five fellowships totaling almost \$150 000 were awarded to nationals of 16 countries (including 13 female applicants) as listed below by the International Tropical Timber Organization in the 2013 Spring Cycle.

Mr. Allotey, Abraham Addo-Ansah (Ghana), to undertake the '2nd International Biochar Training Course' at Nanjing Agricultural University in Nanjing, China; **Mr. Aminou (Cameroon)**, to undertake the Postgraduate Program in 'Agronomy and Agricultural Science' at University of Dchang in Dchang, Cameroon; **Ms. Asumang-Yeboah, Doreen (Ghana)**, to undertake a Short Course on 'Climate Change Governance: Adaptation and Mitigation as Institutional Change Process' at Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation in Wageningen, Netherlands; **Ms. Azefer, Asah Nangah (Cameroon)**, to undertake a Post Graduate Diploma Program in 'Development and Natural Resource Management' at Pan African Institute for Development West Africa in Buea, Cameroon; **Ms. Beltran, Ana María (Colombia)**, to undertake a Short Training Course on 'Tropical Plant Systematics' at Organization for Tropical Studies in San Jose, Costa Rica; **Ms. Bihi, Bekebang Confort (Cameroon)**, to carry out Master's Research on 'Understanding the Socio-Economic Implications of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) for Forest Dependent Communities along the Dja Biosphere Reserve in Cameroon' at the University of Buea in Buea, Cameroon; **Ms. Cerrato Gevawer, Amparo Sarahi (Honduras)**, to undertake an International Course on 'Governance of Forests and Landscapes' at World Agroforestry Center and CIFOR in Bogor, Indonesia; **Dr. Dasgupta, Modhumita (India)**, to participate in a Hands-on Training on 'Molecular Cytogenetic Techniques' at Texas A&M University in Texas, U.S.A.; **Mr. Guevara Torres, Jorge Iván (Colombia)**, to undertake the XXV International Intensive Course on 'Diversified Management of Tropical Natural Forests' at CATIE, Turrialba, Costa Rica; **Mr. Haro-Carrión, Gonzalo Xavier (Ecuador)**, to undertake an International Course on 'Landscape Functions and People: Strategic Approaches for Climate Smart, Sustainable and Productive Landscapes' at Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation in Bangkok, Thailand; **Mr. Houetchegnon, Towanou Olivier (Benin)**, to carry out Ph.D. Research on 'Ecological Study of *Prosopis africana* (Guill., Perrott., and Rich.) Taub (Fabaceae) in Benin, West Africa' at the University of Parakou in Parakou, Benin; **Ing. Jiménez Torres, Alexandra del Cisne (Ecuador)**, to undertake the XXV International Intensive Course on 'Diversified Management of Tropical Natural Forests' at CATIE, Turrialba, Costa Rica; **Mr. Khaung, Ye (Myanmar)**, to undertake a Master's Programme in 'Natural Resources and Peace' at United Nations Mandated University for Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica; **Mr. Konan, Djézou (Côte d'Ivoire)**, to carry out Ph.D. Research on 'Study of the Dynamics, Floristic, Structural and Germination Potential of the Seed Ground of the Forest of Yapo Abbot: Contribution to the Sustainable Management of Forests in Côte d'Ivoire' at the University of Abobo-Adjamé in Côte d'Ivoire; **Ms. López Solis, Harie Elizabeth (Guatemala)**, to undertake the XXV International Intensive Course on 'Diversified Management of Tropical Natural Forests' at CATIE, Turrialba, Costa Rica; **Dr. Midha, Neha (India)**, to undertake an International Course on 'Landscape Functions and People: Strategic Approaches for Climate Smart, Sustainable and Productive Landscapes' at Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation in Bangkok, Thailand; **Mr. Montefrio, Marvin Joseph Fonacier (Philippines)**, to prepare a Publication 'Manual for Conflict Management Involving Peoples' Organization in Community-Based Forest Management Areas in the Philippines'; **Ms. Moussavou Boussougou, Inès Nelly (Gabon)**, to carry out Ph.D. Research on 'Wood Degradation of Aleppo (*Desbordesia glaucescens*), Sorro (*Scyphocephalum ochocoa*) and Beli (*Paraberlinia bifoliolata*) by Fungi Responsible for Decay' at Laval University in Quebec, Canada; **Ms. Muñoz Valadez, Lucia (Mexico)**, to undertake a Study Tour on 'Forest Management and Study of the Structure and Composition of the Rainforest Habitat of Black Howler Monkey (*Alouatta pigra*) in One Area of Terrestrial Priority: Lower River Usumacinta' in Emiliano Zapata, Tabasco, Mexico; **Mr. Namuene, Kato Samuel (Cameroon)**, to undertake Ph.D. Research on 'Monitoring and Evaluation of Timber Exploitation in Forest Management Units in South-Western Cameroon: A Forest Informatics Approach' at the University of Buea in Buea, Cameroon; **Mr. Reátegui Moscoso, Alfonso José (Peru)**, to prepare a Technical Document on 'Contribution to the Knowledge and Control of Pests of Forest Plantations with Native Species'; **Ms. Sau, Andi Adriana We Tenri (Indonesia)**, to participate in the IUFOR 2013 Joint Conference of 3.08 & 6.08: 'Future Directions of Small-Scale and Community-Based Forestry' in Fukuoka, Japan; **Mr. Tondjo, Kodjo (Togo)**, to undertake Ph.D. Research on 'Modeling of Structure-Function Relationships in the *Tectona grandis* (Teak) Plantation to Estimate and Optimize the Quality of the Wood' at the University of Lome in Lome, Togo; **Mr. Visoni Xitumul, Francisco Iván (Guatemala)**, to undertake the XIV International Intensive Course on 'Economic Bases for Management and Valuation of Environmental Services' at CATIE, Turrialba, Costa Rica; and **Ms. Widawati, Emila (Indonesia)**, to undertake Master's Research on 'Forest Land Tenure in REDD+ Implementation in Indonesia: Issues and Challenges' at Seoul National University in Seoul, Korea.

ITTO Fellowship Program

ITTO offers fellowships through the Freezailah Fellowship Fund to promote human resource development and to strengthen professional tropical forestry and related expertise in member countries. The goal is to promote the sustainable management of tropical forests, the efficient use and processing of tropical timber, and better economic information about the international trade in tropical timber.

The next deadline for applications is 23 August 2013. Fellowship activities should begin not earlier than 1 February 2014.

Please apply on-line at www.itto.int. Further details are available at www.itto.int or from Dr. Chisato Aoki, Fellowship Program, ITTO; fellowship@itto.int; Fax 81 45 223 1111 (see page 2 for ITTO's postal address)

Courses

Scholarships of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for the MSc programme 'Tropical and International Forestry'

Location: University of Goettingen, Germany

Cost: Semester fee is about 740 Euros; scholarships provide about 20 000 Euros to cover all costs of the MSc course.

Application deadline: 15th September 2013

Scholarships are being offered for the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) MSc programme 'Tropical and International Forestry' at the University of Goettingen (Germany). The DAAD annually provides several scholarships for talented students from developing countries. The scholarship covers living costs, study fees, health insurance, travel costs and German language courses for the whole course (24 months). The MSc programme 'Tropical and International Forestry' (TIF) is fully taught in English and includes courses such as Tropical Forest Ecology and Management, Soil Science, Forest Economy, an interdisciplinary Students' Project abroad, and a research-based master's thesis. About 60% of students in the programme are international. In 2011, an international student survey awarded Goettingen University the top place among German universities.

Contact: www.econsort.ugent.be/index.asp?p=1305&a=1305 or write to the international students' tutor Ray Wollenzien (tiftut@uni-goettingen.de)

Online Course on Climate Change Diplomacy: 'Negotiating Effectively Under UNFCCC'

Cost: 800 USD

Application deadline: 6 September 2013 (course runs 16 September – 10 November 2013)

This online course developed by the UN will develop participants' understanding of the climate change policy framework by building an appreciation of the science, causes and impacts of climate change, the history of the policy making process and the UNFCCC framework. It will also consider the pertinent challenges currently facing climate change negotiators in making progress with what is currently on the negotiating table. The course will take a close look at the negotiations to-date and will consider the hot topics for negotiators as we move towards establishing a new global agreement on climate change by 2015. The course will highlight the role of gender in the negotiations and also the specific interests of parties who are most vulnerable to impacts of climate change.

Contact: www.unitar.org/event/climate-change-diplomacy-2

World Forest Institute International Fellowship Program

Location: Portland, Oregon, USA

Cost: Twelve-month Fellowships cost US \$20 000. Shorter terms are prorated. Hence, a six-month Fellowship would cost US \$10 000. See link below for details.

Application deadline: Applications accepted year-round; 6 to 12 month programs available

The WFI Fellowship Program brings forestry and forest products professionals from around the world to work at the World Forest Institute for 6 to 12 months. Over 100 Fellows from 30 countries have participated in the program. The Fellowship Program offers participants many opportunities, such as: conducting studies in the Pacific Northwest related to forestry, meeting with many different forestry organizations and corporations, building a network of forestry contacts, and promoting the dissemination and exchange of information regarding global forest resources and their utilization.

Contact: www.wfi.worldforestry.org/index/international-fellowship.html