

## 2008 Training Course on Bamboo Technologies for Developing Countries

1 June–30 July 2008  
Hangzhou, China

The objectives of the course, sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOCOM) and hosted by the China National Bamboo Research Center (CBRC), are to inform participants about the current situation in the bamboo industries of China and the rest of the world, to master basic theories and principles associated with bamboo technology and to create a platform for productive collaboration to broaden awareness and capacity of integrated development in the bamboo industry. Topics covered in the course include bamboo cultivation, processing, utilization, marketing, and policy making. Field visits to Zhejiang, Yunnan and Sichuan Provinces are scheduled. International participants are welcome. Support to cover tuition, travel and living expenses for participants is available on request.

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## ProForest Summer Training Programme

21–25 July 2008  
Oxford, UK

Application deadline: July 6 2008

The following short courses will be offered by ProForest this summer:

1. Understanding forest certification
2. Responsible purchasing and production of agricultural commodities
3. Responsible purchasing of forest products including product tracing and chain of custody
4. The high conservation value concept: an introduction
5. Identifying and managing high conservation values within natural resource production systems
6. Forest governance and illegal logging: an introduction
7. Forests and climate change: an introduction
8. Understanding social requirements within certification: an introduction

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## International seminar on protected area management

4–22 August 2008  
Missoula, Montana, USA  
Cost: US\$5400

Invited participants for this US Forest Service-supported course are selected to reflect the widest possible geographic distribution and diversity of experience. Program activities will take advantage of the experience of the participants, as well as the unique heritage of the Rocky Mountain field locations included in the seminar. The program is designed for English-speaking senior natural

resource management professionals who desire to improve their managerial capabilities and administrative skills.

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## Environmental Management International Training

4–22 September 2008  
Nahalal, Israel  
Cost: 2250 € (Euro)  
Application deadline: 15 July 2008

This course will assist participants in overcoming the present challenges in the area of environmental management by providing in-depth training aimed at acquiring new methodologies for approaching and dealing with difficulties involving the establishment and maintenance of efficient, cost-effective and economically safe environments.

The duration of the program is 19 days and is comprised of 150 academic hours. Requirements for participants are that they hold a first degree from a university – BA or BSc, are proficient in English and hold a managerial position in the field of environment or environment-related profession.

The program is conducted twice a year, usually at the beginning of the year and towards the end of the year. Participants may qualify for a tuition scholarship valued at 2250 € upon acceptance to the course and will need only to cover airfare to and from Israel and living expenses.

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## World Forest Institute international fellowships

Portland, Oregon, USA

The World Forest Institute Fellowship Program brings forestry and natural resources professionals from around the world to work at the World Forest Institute for six to 12 month periods. Fellows conduct an independent research project developed in conjunction with his/her sponsor. Projects are typically either policy or marketing studies, and may have an environmental, social or economic focus. Activities involve information gathering through interviews, meeting with forestry organizations, and taking organized field trips. Fellows typically summarize their projects in a report and poster published by the WFI. A large component of the program involves traveling and visiting with professionals in the Pacific Northwest forest sector. Fellows visit forestlands, research sites, manufacturing facilities, and NGOs. Additionally, Fellows gain valuable cultural experience and English language skills. Proposals are now being accepted, with a matching grant available to cover up to half of the Fellowship fee.

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should demonstrate that the development of forestry activities can actually contribute to forestry conservation. I know that this information is available in your institutions, however, I think that it should be released not in the form of scientific papers, but in a language that allows those not knowledgeable in the subject to understand.

For example, excessive bureaucracy and unstable rules in Brazil have, indirectly, contributed to illegal logging and conversion of forest areas to other uses. In fact, in Brazil it is much easier to engage in agricultural activities than forestry activities. This serves as a disincentive to the development

of forestry activities and even pushes people to promote unsustainable forestry activities. My suggestion is that this and other related points should be presented to society in order to contribute to demystifying forestry activities and to promote sustainable forestry.

Warmest regards,

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