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Merry Christmas!



Happy New Year!

Fellows learned the art of choosing the perfect Christmas tree with the Hayes family at their Timber, Oregon, tree farm. From left: Xiaoli Wang, Yanping Zhang, Angie DiSalvo, Michele Docy, and Jasjit Walia.

2006 Brings Fellows from New Countries

In 2006 the World Forest Institute will welcome several new Fellows to its international fellowship program.

Mr. Kyungtae Park of Korea will be arriving in early January for a six-month fellowship. Kyungtae is being co-sponsored by his employer, World Forestry Center Director Mr. Young-Ju Park of Eagon Industrial Company. Kyungtae currently works at Eagon Industrial's

Research and Development Center. He will be researching US wood supply to the Korean wood market during his time at WFI.

John Turland from Australia will arrive in April to begin a 12-month WFI Fellowship, sponsored by the Gottstein Trust and Forest & Wood Products Research & Development Corporation. John is currently a Senior Resource Analyst with Forests New South Wales based in

Sydney. He is largely involved in quantitative forest resource modeling and analysis. During his year at WFI, John will be examining growth modeling and harvest scheduling in uneven-aged mixed species forests.

Other Fellows in 2006 will include a Lithuanian Fellow sponsored by the Shelk Foundation, and a South or Central American sponsored by the Chiles Foundation.

WFI Presents Asian Forest Slideshows

In order to share the unique experiences of the international Fellows with the Portland community, WFI is hosting a series of presentations at the World Forestry Center. Thus far, these talks have focused on forest issues in the world's two most populous countries: India and China.

In December, Indian Fellow Jasjit Walia discussed sustainable forestry issues in his home region of Himachal Pradesh, India. The Himachal Pradesh forests are a storehouse of rich biodiversity and play a vital role in preserving the fragile Himalayan ecosystem, yet these forests are also the primary livelihood source for 90% of the predominately rural population.

On January 18, Xiaoli Wang will present "Who Owns China's Forests? Exploring Alternatives in Forestland Tenure." Forestland owner-

ship has a profound influence on forest management. As China moves toward a market economy, the country is rethinking forestland tenure and drafting new regulations to move China into the 21st century. Xiaoli is an attorney with China's State Forestry Administration and she will share her experiences on how China's forestlands are owned and managed.

On February 15, Dr. Yanping Zhang will present "The Struggle to Reforest: Restoring Arid Land in Southwest China." Degraded land in Yunnan is one of the most difficult areas to reforest. Bordered by Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar (Burma), this southwestern province in China is very mountainous and arid for much of the year. Planting trees along the dry steep hills present special challenges. Yanping is a forester from the Research Institute



Xiaoli Wang will be the next Fellow to present and will discuss China's land tenure system.

of Resource Insects, and he will share his work in afforestation efforts in this remote and beautiful area.

Presentations are open to the public and held in the WFC Discovery Museum in the Mt. Hood room. The talks begin at 4 pm and are followed by a reception. Additionally, Fellows regularly present at seminars at Oregon State University and at local Society of American Foresters chapter meetings.

WFI Bids Farewell to Australian and Cameroonian

After 18 months in Oregon, Tony Scherl completed a project comparing Australian and US fire management policy. In December Tony returned to his post at Forests New South Wales in Sydney, and is currently enjoying the beautiful summer weather down under. Tony's Fellowship was sponsored by the Gottstein Trust and the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation.

WFI's first Fellow from Africa, Patrice Taah Ngalla, completed his six-month Fellowship in November.

During his time at WFI Patrice researched practical methods for integrating GIS technology with forest inventories. He is currently with his family in Bamenda,

Cameroon. Patrice's Fellowship was sponsored by the Tropical Forest Trust. Both Fellows were also co-sponsored by the Harry Merlo Foundation.



Tony Scherl, in eastern Oregon, and Patrice Ngalla, at Crater Lake.



Yanping Zhang examined seedlings for root quality at DL Phipps in Elkton.

Fellows Explore Seed Orchards and Nurseries

With the arrival of Chinese Fellow Dr. Yanping Zhang, Fellows have visited several seed orchards and nurseries. Yanping's work in Yunnan province involves afforesting degraded areas, and he is interested in learning methods for growing improved seedling stock via bareroot and container methods. Recent site visits included trips to the Oregon Department of Forestry's DL Phipps Nursery, Mason Seed Orchard run by Cascade Timber Consulting, Bureau of Land Management's Horning Seed Orchard, North American Plants, and the Weyerhaeuser Jefferson Nursery.



Howard Dew of Cascade Timber Consulting explained progeny testing at their seed orchard in Sweet Home.



Fellows compared seedling growth among various container sizes at the Weyerhaeuser Jefferson nursery.