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ALBURY NSW AUSTRALIA
MARCH 29 – APRIL 3 2004

Call for Papers

"Adding Value to Farm Forestry"

New and innovative practices and products for growing, harvesting and processing timber products on farms

A new feature of AusTimber in 2004 will be a seminar focusing on farm forestry. The half-day seminar acknowledges the significance of the developing farm forestry sector and will focus on the practical opportunities for adding value to the farm forest. It will also look at ways of overcoming the disadvantages of small scale operations.

AusTimber is an international exhibition and conference for the forest industries which is held every four years. AusTimber will next be held in Albury NSW from the 29th March to the 3rd April 2004.

This half day seminar is part of a two day "package" to be held during the AusTimber week – Friday 2nd April and Saturday 3rd April, 2004. This package will also include:

- a half day visit to the AusTimber exhibition site in Albury, where there will be a wide range of forest equipment on display including several working portable sawmills.
- a half day visit to the AusTimber in-forest demonstrations at Koetong (about an hour from Albury). Over 50 machines are expected to be working on-site.
- a half day visit to a nearby farm where farm forestry is being practised.

For the half day seminar we are looking for presentations from hands on practitioners and people closely associated with farm forestry with speakers to address a range of issues including the following topics:

- New approaches to adding value to farm forests in the wider sense:
 - landscape, shelter, bio-diversity, farm income
 - the use of on-farm skills, labour and equipment
 - ideas for adding commercial value to the farm forest (e.g. planting, design, management regimes, tree improvement, new species/products etc)
 - opportunities for growers and contractors to get involved (e.g. superannuation, catchment management programs etc)
- New and innovative equipment and products for establishment and maintenance of plantations and native forest on farms (e.g. hand tools, herbicides, fertilizers, adaptation of on farm equipment as well as new equipment etc)
- New and innovative equipment for small-scale harvesting.
- New and innovative processing equipment to add value to the farm forest products (e.g. sawing, treatment, drying etc)

People within or associated with the industry, are invited to make short presentations that address any of the above issues.

Presentations

Each topic will be introduced by a 15 minute position paper followed by three papers of 8 to 10 minutes duration. The short presentations should be informal and preferably illustrated with slides or overhead projections. Speakers will be asked to prepare a brief summary that will be available to participants at the seminar.

Why are the presentations so short? We're dealing with practical issues and want to involve as many industry people as possible. The presentations are followed by questions. Previous experience suggests that this formula works well.

If the 8-10 minutes is not enough - say you are presenting a range of equipment requiring a longer period of time – please advise and extra time can be allocated.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 15th August 2003, so act now!
Ask yourself "Can I, or anyone I know, give a first hand account of how farm labour, expertise or equipment has complemented commercial farm tree growing, or, how new products, services or equipment are adding value to farm forestry"
If the answer is yes, we want to hear from you!
Presenters will be offered a discount on attendance fees.

Contacts

To indicate your interest in making a short presentation or for enquiries about the conference, please contact: John Moore – Phone: (02) 6023 6161, fax: (02) 6023 6166 or e-mail: john.fcs@bigpond.com

For additional information on AusTimber contact: Ron Limb – Phone: (03) 6248 5653 or email: ron@austimber2004.com The website is www.austimber2004.com

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Expression of interest in making a presentation

Please fill in the following and fax or email to John Moore as per the above details.

The deadline for expressions of interest is **August 15, 2003.**

TITLE: (Mr,Mrs,Ms,Dr etc)..... **NAME:**

COMPANY/ORGANISATION:

ADDRESS:

CITY: **STATE:** **POSTCODE:**

PHONE: **FAX:**

EMAIL:

I would like to present a Lead Paper/Short Presentation (please indicate)

TOPIC:

Please outline the subject matter that you wish to cover:

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