

Introduction

For three weeks, senior natural resource professionals from around the world will engage in an intensive program that will promote the transfer of knowledge and examine ideas and approaches to improve the management of natural resources in their respective countries and regions. Sponsored by the US Forest Service International Programs and Northern Arizona University, the International Seminar on Forest Administration and Management (ISFAM) is a course, during which participants can discuss and learn a variety of management techniques and practices. The seminar employs a highly interactive collaborative learning approach and incorporates classroom lectures and discussions with meetings with professional resource managers and field tours focused on creating an international dialogue on natural resource issues. The seminar focuses on strategies and methods to develop, manage, and conserve natural resources for the sustained delivery of goods and services. These discussions revolve around six dynamic themes including maintaining the forest resource base; forest health; socioeconomic benefits of forests; and legal policy, trade, institutional framework and cooperation.

Seminar Objectives

Through classroom discussions, professional interactions and field tours, the seminar will:

- Create a common knowledge base on current natural resource issues
- Explore natural resource management strategies and solutions
- Generate an international dialogue to promote continued discussion, shared learning and awareness of issues in natural resource management
- Develop a strategic implementation plan for each participant that outlines an action they will take on return to their home country that enhances forest resource management

Location

The seminar begins in Flagstaff, Arizona and ends in Washington D.C. with a two day stay in North Carolina. Flagstaff, Arizona is located within the largest continuous ponderosa pine forest in the world. Plant communities in the Flagstaff-area are defined by elevation. Within 50 km, desert, chaparral, pinyon-juniper, grassland, pine forest, mixed conifer and alpine communities can be observed. Flagstaff is also adjacent to indigenous American Indian communities and spectacular tourism destinations including the Grand Canyon and Petrified Forest National Parks.

International Seminar on Forest Administration and Management October 1-19, 2007

Request for Information

Please complete this form in English. Please type or print neatly. This is not an application.

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Funding: Please indicate your situation regarding funding:

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No funding

* Note that Northern Arizona University does not provide funding

How did you hear about ISFAM? Mark all that apply:

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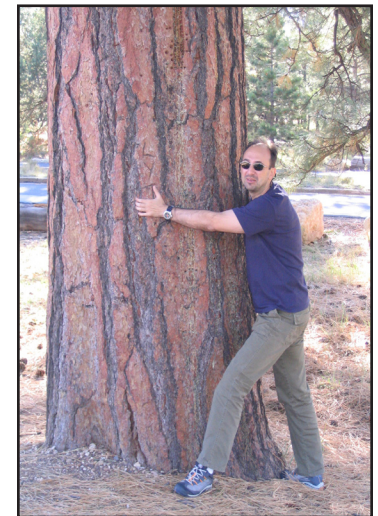
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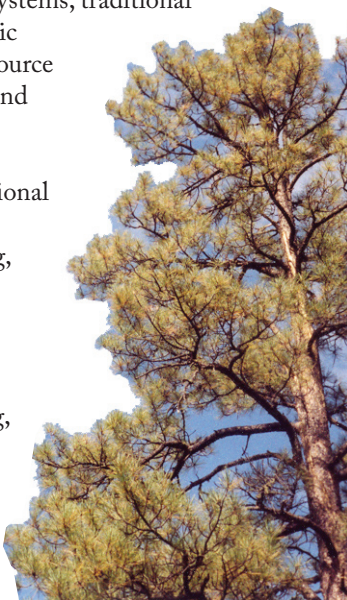
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Seminar Themes

The International Seminar on Forestry Administration and Management (ISFAM) is an experiential and collaborative learning experience designed to enhance the management skills of senior natural resource professionals. Seminar themes for 2007 include:

1. Maintaining the world forest resource base: Plantation establishment, restoration of forests on degraded lands, restoration ecology.
2. Forest biological diversity: Broad concept of biodiversity, plantation and natural forest management practices to enhance biodiversity, establishing wildlife corridors, biodiversity assessment tools, biodiversity protection policy.
3. Productive functions of forests: Sustainable forest management, criteria and indicators, developing sustainable harvesting practices, forest certification, grazing forest land.
4. Forest health: Emerging concepts of forest health, criteria and indicators, forest health monitoring, fire and forest health, fire management, prescribed fire, fire management education programs, exotic species.
5. Socioeconomic benefits of forests: Indigenous and community management systems, traditional ecological knowledge, public participation in natural resource decision making, tourism and recreational use of forests.
6. Legal policy, trade, institutional framework, international cooperation: Illegal logging, land tenure, international trade in forests products, international conventions, environmental services valuation, capacity building, technology transfer, strategies for financial assistance.



Seminar Expenses

The cost of the seminar is \$6,500 U.S. The course fee includes: registration, course materials, instruction, seminar associated travel, food and lodging, and health insurance. Air/ground travel to and from the seminar and visa acquisition are the responsibility of the participant. Seminar organizers will assist in visa acquisition when appropriate. It is recommended that participants arrive in the U.S. with at least \$300 U.S. dollars to cover incidental expenses such as laundry, personal gifts, emergencies, communication costs, etc.

Travel Arrangements

Participants should plan to arrive in Flagstaff, Arizona no later than Sunday, September 30, 2007 mid-day. With advanced notice housing can be provided for Saturday September 29, 2007. Arriving participants will be met at all public transportation venues (Flagstaff Airport, Greyhound Bus Station, Amtrak Train Station) and conveyed to the seminar housing location. The seminar begins in Flagstaff and includes air travel to North Carolina and Washington D.C. The seminar ends in Washington D.C. around mid-day on October 19, 2007. Participants should plan to depart Washington D.C. on October 20th. Any extension of course travel is at the expense of the participant.

Seminar Guidelines

The seminar is open to all interested parties without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, or nationality. Participants are considered to be students of the School of Forestry at Northern Arizona University. Participants share lodging, transportation and educational facilities with other participants. Private lodging may be available at additional cost.

The seminar format includes brief technical sessions to create a common knowledge base, experiential learning and collaborative learning. Participants are expected to actively engage in discussion and work cooperatively with fellow course attendees. Several field based activities provide first hand exposure to topics covered. During the seminar, each participant will develop a strategic implementation plan that identifies a particular activity they will implement on their return home. The strategic implementation plan will include a statement of objectives, identification of supporting resources, statement of future conditions, and an outline for a grant proposal to a funding agency.

Participants should come to the seminar prepared to give a brief 10 minute presentation about forests in their home country as it relates to the course themes.

The Seminar is offered in English only. Participants with limited English skills are not encouraged to apply.

To request an application or more information please fill out the "Request for Information" form and return to Dr. Michael R. Wagner, Seminar Coordinator, PO Box 15018, Flagstaff, AZ 86011 2500 South Pine Knoll Drive, Building #82 Information requests may also be faxed, 928-523-1080 or E-mailed to isfam@nau.edu

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