Symposium on Forests and Human Health
30th of April, 2008, Marrakesh, Morocco
University Cadi Ayad premises

Arranged by IUFRO Task Force on Forests and Human Health (ForHealth) in co-operation with University Cadi Ayad, IUFRO Policy Committee and IUFRO Secretariat

Audience: IUFRO Board, ForHealth members, African stakeholders

At 9:00 - 12:30
Seminar: Emerging infectious diseases and forest ecosystem degradation
Chair: Dr Dennis Garrity, Director General, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)

9:00 - 9:45 Use of satellite-data in epidemiology
Lecturer to be confirmed

9:45 - 10:30 Impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss on rodent-borne diseases
Prof. Heikki Henttonen, Finnish Forest Research Institute, Finland

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 -11:45 Interplay of forests and indigenous health in Latin America
Dr. Raúl A. Montenegro, President of Environment Defense Foundation Funam, Professor of Evolutionary Biology at the National University of Cordoba, Argentina

11:45 -12:30 Climate change and emerging diseases from African forests
Dr. Andrew K. Githeko, Head of the Climate and Human Health Research Unit, Kenya Medical Research Institute, Kenya

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

At 13:30 - 14:30
Poster session

At 14:30 - 17:00
Round table discussion: Forests and human health – a forward look
Facilitator: Dr. Peter Mayer, Executive Director, IUFRO
Panel members:

- Dr. Gladys Norley Ashitey, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health, Ghana
- Dr. Carol Colfer, Scientist, Center for Int'l Forestry Research CIFOR, Indonesia
- Dr. Qing Li, MD, PhD, Senior Assistant Professor, Nippon Medical School, President of the Japanese Society for Forest Medicine, Japan
- Dr. Raúl A. Montenegro, President of Environment Defense Foundation Funam, Right Livelihood Award 2004, Professor of Evolutionary Biology at the National University of Cordoba, Argentina

Products: video of the round table discussion, delivered through international broadcasting companies

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