Preface: Abstract Proceedings FORCOM2011

The second IUFRO International Symposium on Sustainable Forest Resource Management -FORCOM2011- was held September 25-30, 2011 at Mie University, Japan. The symposium was organized by the Japan Society of Forest Planning, in cooperation with Mie Prefecture and IUFRO Division IV. The purpose of the conference was to present state-of-the-art research results and techniques relating to the management and analysis of forest resources. The organizers wanted to bring together scientists from different regions, providing a platform for sharing information and experience. On behalf of the organizing committee, it is my pleasure to present this collection of abstracts from oral and poster presentations. These abstracts represent significant research contributions from forest scientists and students. Though they have not gone through the Japan Society of Forest Planning’s traditional review process, I believe these papers contribute much to the development of sustainable forest resource management. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the symposium participants. In total, sixty-three people from four countries, primarily representing Asia presented fourteen oral and nineteen poster presentations. They covered a wide range of forest management topics, including the philosophy of forest resource management, silvicultural systems, carbon issues, national forest inventory, mathematical modeling, GIS and remote sensing, social and community forestry, and general topics in forest planning and forest economics. I also want to thank all the members of the organizing and scientific committees, including session moderators Dr. Naoko Matsuo, Dr. Akemi Itaya, Dr. Yasushi Mitsuda, Mr. Eiji Kodani, Dr. Fumiaki Kitahara, and Dr. Masayoshi Takahashi. Also, my thanks to Dr. Atsushi Yoshimoto and Mr. Ryo Akaishi for their assistance arranging the symposium, and to Dr. Satoshi Tsutsumi for his help designing the symposium logos. Finally, I would like to thank IUFRO-J for their financial support of the symposium, and TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION, Toyota Biotechnology & Afforestation Division and Ise Jingu Shrine for their assistance with the field excursions.

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