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has a new Chairman.....

Representatives from 31 institutional members of APAFRI, during its Fifth General Assembly, convened on 4 October 2009 in Kuala Lumpur, elected Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) as chair of the APAFRI Executive Committee for the next three years.

The Director General of FRIM, Dato' Dr Abd Latif Mohmod, in his address as the incoming Chair, reaffirmed FRIM's commitment to continue hosting the Secretariat. He also announced that Dr Sim Heok-Choh, a senior researcher from FRIM who is with APAFRI Secretariat for more than eight years now since 2002, would be retained as the Executive Secretary overseeing the operations of the Secretariat.



As APAFRI currently has 64 institutional members, the 31 members present at this General Assembly represented a 48% attendance, exceeded the required quorum of 33%. This General Assembly has set a new record being one with the largest number of attendees since APAFRI's establishment in 1995.

The new Executive Committee of the Association for 2009-2012 elected by the members at the Fifth General Assembly:

Chairman	: Dato' Dr Abd Latif Mohmod – FRIM, Malaysia
Vice Chairman	: Dr G S Rawat – ICFRE, India
Immediate Past Chairman	: Mr Sarath Fernando – FD, Sri Lanka
Committee	: Dr Isamu Okochi – FFPRI, Japan Prof Simon Saulei – PNG-FRI, Papua New Guinea Dr Aida Baja-Lapis – ERDB, Philippines Prof M Al Amin – IFES, Bangladesh Dr Xu Daping – RITF, China Dr Putera Parthama – FORDA, Indonesia



The Fifth General Assembly has also elected Dr Efransjah of CIFOR-Indonesia and Dr Awang Noor of UPM to be the Internal Auditors, 2009-2012.