How time flies. Another year has slipped by and gone. After the rather hectic 2003, this year is comparatively uneventful. Other than involving in about half-a-dozen meetings and workshops, the Secretariat was busy tidying up the administrative details following the election of the new Executive Committee during the General Assembly in Manila, last year.

During the year, we have not been successful in having an Executive Committee Meeting owing to unavoidable circumstances. I have to state here that several factors have contributed to this situation. On one hand we had decided that we would try to have the Executive Committee Meeting each time in a different country, which would assist in the promoting of APAFRI to attract more members. On the other hand we would also like to tie up the meeting with a workshop, seminar or a conference, so that besides attending the meeting, the Executive Committee members could also participate in the other event, making traveling to attend Executive Committee Meeting more worthwhile. However, over the past twelve months, we have not been able to locate a suitable event that we could tie our meeting up with. I would like to urge all Executive Committee members to constantly be on the look out for a suitable event that we could tie into to organize our future Executive Committee Meetings. It is my most sincere desire that we must try to have a meeting of the Executive Committee in early 2005.

APAFRI turns 10 in February 2005, and I have accepted the offer from the Forest Department of Sri Lanka, that is hosting the 17th Commonwealth Forestry Conference, 28 February to 5 March, in Colombo, to celebrate the APAFRI’s 10th Anniversary during this conference. This would be organized as a side event, and all members participating in the conference are welcome to attend.

The Secretariat has also applied for a slot to hold a satellite meeting during the coming IUFRO World Congress, 8-13 August 2005, in Brisbane, Australia. Under the aegis of APAFRI, the IUFRO Working group on Dipterocarps will also be having their business meeting too at Brisbane. If any of you have any other ideas or suggestions that you may want to incorporate during this satellite meeting, please do not hesitate to send in the same to us and we will try to accommodate these requests.

During the year, the Secretariat has received two small grants from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), one to compile a Directory of Asia Pacific Forestry Researchers, and the second one for organizing a training course on tropical tree diseases.

I am also happy to announce that a proposal, entitled “Strengthening national capacity and regional collaboration for sustainable use of forest genetic resources in tropical Asia”, submitted by APAFRI, jointly with the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) and the Forest Research
Institute Malaysia (FRIM), has been approved by the 36th Session of the ITTO Council Meeting for immediate implementation. Another proposal, on information exchange entitled “Information system for the support and implementation of national/regional forest policies” has also been approved during the same session, but will be funded only when funds become available. APAFRI has also submitted another proposal early this year to solicit financing for organizing the Eighth Round-Table Conference on Dipterocarps. Our member institutions in Vietnam, the Forest Science Institute Vietnam, in collaboration with the Nong Lam University, would host this conference.

My sincere thanks to all member institutions for their continued support. Over the past couple of years, the benefits that APAFRI could provide to the members have multiplied many folds. This, I believe, is one of the major factors that have prompted more member institutions to pay up their dues. On the other hand, organizational changes may have also caused some member institutions to lapse in their subscriptions. Anyway, as all of you may already know, all these years the membership subscriptions have not been used at all, but they have been accumulated in a fixed deposit account. The Secretariat has been operating its business with the contributions from the Malaysian Government through FRIM, and most of the other activities have all been funded by various agencies such as FORSPA, FAO, GTZ, USDA, ACIAR, CIDA, and IPGRI. However, with dwindling donor contributions, the Secretariat may soon need to use a part of this accumulated sum. We are, nevertheless, optimistic that some new funds will come and the Secretariat is always on the lookout for new funding opportunities.

To be more involved in regional forestry activities would require the inputs from all APAFRI members. I therefore, as usual, urge all members to seek ideas for activities from their circles of influence. APAFRI may not be able to finance such activities single-handedly; the Secretariat will do all its best to assist in mobilizing its resources such as preparing proposals or seeking seed money to initiate these activities. Among us, in this region, there is sufficient expertise in many fields of forestry. My humble appeal is that; let us pool our resources together to contribute to the region’s forestry development.

Best regards, and best wishes for the New Year.

Dato’ Dr Abdul Razak Mohd Ali
Chairman, APAFRI

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**APAFRI 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

APAFRI turns 10 this coming February 2005.

The establishment of APAFRI was prompted by the need to provide a viable institutional framework for research collaboration in the region. It was launched during the meeting of the Heads of Forestry Research Organizations in the Asia-Pacific held in Bogor, 20–23 February 1995. During the last 10 years, APAFRI has grown steadily to become a network of more than 70 institutions and individual members. Most of the national research agencies and many universities from Korea to Pakistan and from Bhutan to Australia are members of APAFRI. APAFRI is also gaining more and more recognition. The International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), for example, besides endorsing APAFRI as its Asia-Pacific chapter, has just this year appointed APAFRI’s Executive Director as its Special Programme for Developing Countries (SPDC) coordinator for the Asia and Pacific region.

To commemorate this occasion, a side event would be organized during the coming 17th Commonwealth Forestry Conference, 28 February – 5 March 2005 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Participants from member institutions attending this conference are welcome to drop by to celebrate this 10th birthday of APAFRI.
Most of the countries represented at the Inception Workshop in 2003 have already nominated their national coordinators. With the APFORGEN Secretariat’s activities gathering pace, and the APFORGEN national coordinators in place, it is opportune to initiate the planning activities to achieve APFORGEN’s objectives. This has prompted the organizing of this first meeting of APFORGEN national coordinators for Southeast Asian countries. This meeting was initially intended for all participating countries of APFORGEN. However, due to the limitation of funds, the meeting had to be confined to the Southeast Asian national coordinators only.

The objectives of this meeting are:

- To discuss the regional status of FGR conservation and management and recent updates
- To discuss the status and development of national FGR Task Forces and national FGR programmes in the participating APFORGEN countries
- To draft an APFORGEN Action Plan for activities for Southeast Asia
- To establish ways of more effective information dissemination between the participating countries and organisations

The national coordinators of six Southeast Asian countries were present at the meeting. They are Dr Nur Masripatin, Indonesia; Mr Vichien Sumantakul, Thailand; Dr Lee Soon Leong, Malaysia; Mr So Thea, Cambodia; Dr Nguyen Hoang Nghia, Vietnam; and Mr Thaung Naing Oo, Myanmar. Dr Simmathiri Appanah, APAFRI; Dr Daniel Baskaran Krishnapillay, FRIM, Malaysia; Dr Barbara Vinceti and Dr Jarkko Koskela, IPGRI-Rome; and Dr V. Ramanatha Rao, Mr Hong Lay-Thong, and Mr Tapio Luoma-aho, IPGRI-APO, Malaysia; also attended this meeting.

The meeting has suggested a tentative list of activities to be carried out in the region. Using this list as a guide, the national coordinators are to discuss with their colleagues back in their countries and draw up a three-year work plan for each country.

Another meeting for all national coordinators would be organized next year when the required funding to do so becomes available.

Contact the Secretariat (secretariat@apforgen.org) or browse the website (www.apforgen.org) for more details.

The website, www.apforgen.org

The launching of the APFORGEN website in June 2004 is more than a mere embracement of information technology. This website ensures easy access to quality information by providing continually updated information on forest genetic resources contributed by participating countries.

APFORGEN has thus far published nine Priority Species Information Sheets
1) *Acacia mangium* – prepared by E.L. Tolentino, Jr., SRRD-IRNR, University of the Philippines Los Baños
2) *Pinus merkusii* – prepared by Nguyen Hoang Nghia, Forest Science Institute of Vietnam
3) *Shorea leprosula* – prepared by Soon-Leon Lee, Forest Research Institute Malaysia
4) *Tectona grandis* – prepared by K.M. Bhat abd E.P. Indira of Kerala Forest Research Institute, India
5) *Hopea odorata* – prepared by Wickneswari Ratnam, National University Malaysia
6) *Azadirachta indica* – prepared by V.P. Tewari and D.K. Mishra, Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur, India
7) *Pterocarpus indicus* – prepared by Wilfredo M. Carandang, University of the Philippines Los Banos
8) *Dalbergia cochinchinensis* – prepared by So Thea, Forestry Administration, Cambodia
9) *Eusideroxylon zwageri* – prepared by A.Y.P.B.C Widyatmoko and Mudji Susanto, Centre for Forest Biotechnology and Tree Improvement, Indonesia

These information sheets have been uploaded into APFORGEN’s website in PDF-format, and could be easily and freely downloaded.

The electronic copy of the proceedings for the Inception Workshop held from 15–18 July 2003 in Kuala Lumpur has also been completely uploaded to this website. The proceedings, had been uploaded as a number of PDF files, to facilitate user downloading. For those who prefer hardcopy, place your order through the website or write to the Secretariat (secretariat@apforgen.org).

### One more national coordinator nominated

Myanmar has just recently nominated Dr. Thaung Naing Oo, a range officer of Forest Research Institute, Myanmar as its APFORGEN National Coordinator.

For more information please contact APFORGEN Secretariat (secretariat@apforgen.org).

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**APAFRI WEBSITE UPDATE**

Surfing for APAFRI members’ information has become much easier and interesting as we have just given the membership pages a new look. Instead of having their names arranged in plain lists, we have grouped them according to their geographical locations and linked them to an interactive map. A world map will appear when one clicks on the icon for membership information on the left-hand panel of the APAFRI website home page. As you click at the hot spot, you will go a step further where the detailed map of Asia Pacific will appear. The Asia Pacific region has been divided into four different zones for easier browsing:

i) Oceania – Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and USA
ii) South East Asia – Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Lao PDR and Cambodia
iii) East Asia – Japan, Korea, China and Taiwan
iv) South Asia – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

Clicking over any one of these zones will bring out a detailed map of the zone with a list of organizations in the countries or areas registered as our members. In addition, there are direct links to these member organizations’ official sites from which one could get more information about them.

Over the past six months, several enhancements have been introduced to improve the efficiency and reliability of the APAFRI server. The e-mail function has been separated and hosted in another computer, thus enabling this function to operate independently from the other functions of the server. This has greatly improved the connectivity and reliability of the service.

Suggestions to further improve the web pages are always welcome. Please send your suggestion to our Information Officer, Ms Syuqiyah Abdul Hamid (syuqiyah@apafri.org).
DIRECTORY OF ASIA PACIFIC FORESTRY RESEARCHERS

Directory of Asia Pacific Forestry Researchers is a project initiated by APAFRI with financial support from USDA Forest Service. The objective of this project is to provide a source of information on who’s-who in forestry research in the region, facilitating information sharing and the establishment of closer collaboration.

This directory is being maintained at the APAFRI’s web site (www.apafri.org) and would be made accessible to all interested parties. The participation and contribution from all forestry researchers in the region are crucial to ensure the completeness and usefulness of this directory. Therefore, we had announced via website, printed out brochures and sent out notices to many institutions and universities in the region inviting contributions to this directory.

Launched in late June 2004, the responses during the first three months were quite poor due to the frequent hiccups in our server and the web services. Responses increased slowly as the problems were being resolved during the last couple of months. So far, we have received a few hundred responses.

Those who are interested to be part of this directory could fill up a datasheet online (http://www.apafri.org/mod/home/publ/formResearch.cfm) or download the form in Excel-format from http://www.apafri.org/mod/researcher.htm and return it back to us by e-mail/fax/mail. For further information, please contact the Secretariat (scretariat@apafri.org).

Proceedings of workshop:

FORESTS FOR POVERTY REDUCTION:
OPPORTUNITIES WITH CDM, BIODIVERSITY AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,
27–29 AUGUST 2003, SEOUL, KOREA

The Clean Development Mechanism established under the Kyoto Protocol of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change is beginning to attract attention globally. However, most of the opportunities to tap this source are still confined to the better-organized and bigger organizations. It remains an uphill task to bring about the required organization and procedures for the poor to capture this source of funding. Perhaps new and simpler approaches are needed, and should be tested out in the field to make a convincing case in the region.

Likewise, biodiversity wealth still remains largely unconvertible currency. It is indeed a shame that the poor who are in possession of the greatest storehouse of biodiversity and the knowledge of its utility, are unable to convert these values into wealth in contemporary terms. Fortunately there is a ray of hope already visible in the case of ecological services. Somehow, it does not take much convincing to convert provision of drinking water, flood mitigation, and other tangible services into financial payments. Albeit, there are still disputes about the formulae – who should be the recipients and how the payments should be spread.

The proceedings of this workshop jointly organized by FORSPA-FAO, APAFRI and Seoul National University, which brought together 47 experts from the Asia-Pacific region, is a compilation of presentations and discussions on these and other related issues focused on improving the contribution of forests to the poverty reduction strategies.

If you were a participant of this workshop, please notify us if you still have not received your copy by the end of February 2005. If you have not participated in this workshop, but would like to have a copy of this proceedings, please place your order through our website (www.apafri.org) or contact the Secretariat (secretariat@apafri.org).
The objective of the conference is to bring together scientists, foresters and other stakeholders from around the world to evaluate the state of the art in assessment techniques, genetic improvement, modeling and management of multipurpose trees. A total of about 200 participants attended this conference, more than three-quarters were from India, and the others were from China, USA, Burkina Faso, Bhutan, Phillipines, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Iran, France, Denmark, Cameroong, Germany and Switzerland. The four-day conference was opened officially by the Honorable Minister of State for Environment and Forests, Government of India.

Four papers were delivered at the plenary sessions:

- Provenance variation within *Acacia nilotica* in the FAO international series of the arid zone trials.
- Medicinal plants an option for ensuring livelihood in arid and semi arid regions
- Tree resources outside forest. Experiences with inventory approaches in Central America.
- Methods and procedures for defining best silvicultural practices and management regimes for fast-growing tree plantations.

The conference had five concurrent technical sessions:

- Management of multipurpose trees (MPTS)
- Conservation and management practices for medicinal plants
- Assessment of trees outside forest
- Improvement strategies for MPTS with special emphasis on tree genetics
- Modeling growth and production

Besides oral presentations there were also concurrent Poster Sessions held on these topics.
The Second GFIS Asia meeting was successfully organized at the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), Kepong, Malaysia, 2–4 August 2004.

Twenty-seven participants from seven countries, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, China and Myanmar, and two representatives from IUFRO and one from CIFOR also attended the meeting.

The objectives of the meeting were:

1. To introduce GFIS to forestry researchers in the region
2. To provide hands-on experience in the conversion of database and information resources into metadata
3. To explore the possibility of developing GFIS information center for Asia.

Issues raised at the meeting included:

1. Quality data
   The need to provide ‘good’ data, not only in terms of complete metadata that includes details of contact person for links to actual data, but also that such raw data must be deemed ‘ready’ and ‘qualified’ to be promoted via the GFIS gateway.

   This means research that goes beyond the basic and the preliminary, research that is current, accurate, credible, comprehensive, useful, relevant, timely and breaks new ground. Nevertheless, describing what is missing, unknown or wrong about a data set is still more valuable than no information at all.

   Good data is also an incentive to attract donors for research proposals. The provision of quality data is a matter to be resolved at the institutional level before participating in the project as information providers.

2. Technical support and manpower training
   Staff devoted solely to submit and update metadata and to liaise with information providers, users and donors are needed. They need to be separate and distinct from research staff, whose tasks may or may not overlap in some of these duties.

   The varying needs of different countries and organizations (in terms of finance, technical infrastructure, hardware and software capability and manpower training) require more detailed need assessments on a country-to-country basis as well as at institutional level.

3. Sustainability of GFIS Asia Project
   Steps must be taken to ensure data consistency, continued data flow and sustainability in the face of potential interruptions such as organizational changes.

4. Avoiding duplication
   GFIS should not overlap metadata made available by information services and search engines that are already in existence. These databases merely need to be linked to GFIS, with the interoperability of multiple information systems ensured.

5. Direct (centralized) vs. indirect (decentralized) uploading
   While some countries/institutes may have the technical and human capacity to deal directly with the IUFRO’s main server in Vienna, it was agreed that operating via regional nodes is best to encourage networking and collaboration, to evaluate progress and to enhance technical capability. At the initial stage, data flow may be manageable enough to be handled by Vienna alone, but it is hoped and expected that regional service centres would, over time, be established to share the workload of metadata management.
The GFIS meeting also suggested the following follow-up actions:

1. Development of common goal and objectives for GFIS Asia Project.
2. Identification of key roles and responsibilities for partners in the region.
3. Agreement to send joint letter by APAFRI/IUFRO to seek endorsement for and invite other national institutes to participate in GFIS.

The Second GFIS Asia meeting therefore concluded that:

1. There is a strong consensus on the usefulness of GFIS, particularly in Asia.
2. The needs of participating countries vary widely in terms of capacity building, coordination and IT/data management assistance.
3. National institutes can communicate directly with the GFIS coordination unit to submit metadata or to get technical support.
4. A regional/national coordinator is needed to play an active role in capacity building, networking and training.

More details on the outcomes of this meeting can be found on the dedicated website created by CIFOR (www.cifor.org).

**Forestry Policy Seminar:**

INTERNATIONAL FOREST RELATED INITIATIVES AND AGREEMENTS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL FOREST PROGRAMMES – LINKING RESEARCH AND SCIENCE WITH PRACTICE

27 SEPT – 1 OCT 2004, JAKARTA, INDONESIA

Many countries, at present, are in the process to elaborate their national forest programmes (nfp) according to the principles agreed at the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF). As part of the global community and as members of UN, they have the obligation of participating in the formulation and implementation of global and regional programmes, initiatives and agreements. This, among others, requires key government staff to have sound knowledge on the mechanism and process of abiding by these initiatives.

Research and science play an important role for informed debate and decision-making in international and national forest policy processes. In order to adequately integrate scientific knowledge and research results into these processes, active participation of scientists is required. National forest programmes provide an appropriate platform for intensive dialogue and mutual social learning among various forest stakeholders including forest scientists. However, there is still a lack of scientific involvement in practical policy processes. Capacity building for scientists can contribute to enhance such involvement and to mobilise and motivate scientists to play a more active role in nfp processes.

GTZ/IWP and IUFRO/SPDC have recently supported a forest policy seminar to address some of these issues. The seminar, International forest related-initiatives and agreements and their implementation in the context of national forest programmes – linking research and science with practice, was successfully held in Jakarta, Indonesia, 27 September – 1 October 2004. Fifteen participants, from Indonesia (5), Malaysia (2), China (1), Vietnam
The seminar provided opportunities to the participants, especially those from the research organizations, insights into the international forest regime with its various agreements, arrangements and mechanisms. Many found this seminar enlightening, as the trainers had packed the five days with in-depth materials that gave them better understanding of the various topics related to national forest programmes towards sustainable development. However, many felt that they would need much more capacity building before they could be able to assist in the implementation of their national forest programmes.

Participants felt that the seminar could be further improved if the trainers could use more examples, such as case studies, to illustrate how these initiatives are being carried out. Likewise, although the participants had rather high level of understanding of the English language, many felt that the use of too many technical jargons had hindered their understanding of some of the materials presented.

Overall the participants generally thought that this seminar should be replicated to reach out to more of the senior forestry officers and researchers in the Asia Pacific region. Some of the topics, such as financing, negotiating skills, and also the latest development of the various conventions and agreements, would warrant more in-depth treatment and could be topics for follow-up seminars for the region.

The objective of the seminar is to facilitate exchange and dissemination of knowledge on appropriate technologies for sustainable forest management and production systems applicable to tropical forestry, sustain rainforest ecosystems and enhance the welfare of indigenous communities by promoting ecotourism, agroforestry and non-wood forest products.

The major focus of the seminar will be on appropriate technologies including new developments in forest engineering in relation to sustainable forest management and production. The seminar will address recent developments in the following areas:

- Low-impact harvesting operations
- Machine development
- Road construction & management
- Socio-economics
- Ergonomics
- Logistics
- IT applications
- Forest management and silviculture
- Agroforestry and non-wood forest products
- Ecotourism and rural development
- Education and training

APAFRI has been invited to be a co-organizer of this international seminar. APAFRI would allocate fund to sponsor a few participants from member institutions to attend this seminar. For details contact the Secretariat (secretariat@apafri.org).

International Seminar on

SYNERGISTIC APPROACH TO APPROPRIATE FORESTRY TECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINING RAINFOREST ECOSYSTEMS,

7 – 9 MARCH 2005, BINTULU, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### The Working Forests in the tropics: Policy and Market Impacts on Conservation and Management
- **Date**: 13–15 February 2005
- **Venue**: Gainesville, Florida, USA.
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### Integrated Assessment of Water Resources and Global Change: A North-South Analysis
- **Date**: 23–25 February 2005
- **Venue**: Bonn, Germany
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### 17th Commonwealth Forestry Conference
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### International seminar on Synergistic Approach to Appropriate Forestry Technology for Sustainable Rainforest Ecosystems
- **Date**: 7–9 March 2005
- **Venue**: Bintulu, Sarawak, Malaysia.
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### Seventh International Symposium on Legal Aspects of European Sustainable Development
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### Sustainable Forestry in Theory and Practice Recent Advance in Statistics, Modelling and Knowledge Management.
- **Date**: 4–7 April 2005
- **Venue**: Edinburgh, Scotland
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### International Conference on Forest Vegetation Management: Usable Science, Practical Outcomes and Future Needs
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### Symposium on Tropical Rainforest Rehabilitation and Restoration
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19th International Congress On Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)  
Date: 10–18 September 2005  
Venue: Beijing, China  
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VII Plywood and Tropical Timber International Congress and VI Machinery and Timber Products Fair  
Date: 20–24 September 2005  
Venue: Belem, Brazil  
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First Diversitas International Conference on Biodiversity  
Date: 9–12 November 2005  
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Date: 27–30 November 2005  
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Date: November 2005  
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