



Symposium on Forests and Human Health

30th of April, 2008, Marrakesh, Morocco

University Cadi Ayad premises

Arranged by IUFRO¹ 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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