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VII World Forestry Congress preparations are rapidly going forward. The definite date has been set as 4-18 October 1972, and the Teatro General San Martin - a six-story building with offices and large rooms for sessions - in the center of Buenos Aires, has been selected for Congress headquarters.

Under the able direction of Professor Domingo Cozzo, President of the Executive Committee, arrangements for tours and plenary sessions are being completed.

The theme of the Congress is "El Bosque y el Desarrollo Economico-Social" and an informative circular is being prepared for the foresters of the world. All member nations of FAO and UN will be invited to attend. A Congress emblem has been selected and a postage stamp commemorative of this Congress approved. The 12th of October is to be set aside as a "Day of the Americas", during which a commemorative grove will be planted, ceremonies held for distinguished participants, and all delegates will be invited to a party in the famous Argentine tradition.

A deadline for the acceptance of special papers has been set for 30 June 1972. The registration fee for delegates is \$15.00 (USA) and \$5.00 for associate members. The price for the Proceedings of the Congress will be \$25.00.

Study trips are being prepared, three of which will include countries outside of Argentina, - one in Chile from Santiago to Valdivia, and terminating in Bariloche, a region of beautiful national parks. Another tour will be in Brazil, beginning in Rio or San Pablo, proceeding to Curitiba, and terminating at Posadas. The third tour will be in Paraguay. There are also being planned at least three tours wholly in the Argentine. All the tours have been devised to show different aspects of natural forests and reforestation, scenic wonders and centers of research and education.

During the Congress there will also be an international forestry exhibition, including exhibits of associated industries. This, too, will be held in Buenos Aires. A forest film festival is being prepared, with worldwide coverage.

By next October an informative circular will be ready for distribution, covering details of the study tours, the program for the Congress, and hotel information in Buenos Aires. There is also being prepared a bulletin on Argentine forestry which will be ready by the end of 1971, and an additional publication especially devoted to the city of Buenos Aires.

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It is still too early to forecast what agenda items in the final program will be specifically directed toward Tropical Forestry. One would hope that since this is the first world congress ever to be held in Latin America, ample attention will be given to this increasingly important segment of forestry.

For further information, write:

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The First World Consultation on Forest Education and Training will be held in Stockholm, 28 September - 7 October 1971. Its purpose is to discuss the critical world-wide shortage of trained personnel capable of managing forests to meet growing social and industrial needs. Methods will be considered for modernizing forestry training, especially in developing countries where the need for competent personnel is particularly serious. A student essay contest is to be organized in connection with the Consultation and fellowships granted to the winners, enabling them to attend. The Consultation itself is being organized by FAO, UNESCO and ILO. -"Boletin Forestal y de Industrias Forestales para America Latina".

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Planned utilization of the lowland tropical forests will be the subject of a symposium to be held 12-17 August in Bogor, Java. This three-day symposium will devote its main attention to the lowland forests of equatorial and tropical regions. Discussions are to include the natural products of the lowland tropical forests and their planned multiple use, together with problems of education and the communication of information.

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Tropical Pines was the subject of a discussion by P. Wood, of the Commonwealth Forestry Institute at Oxford, England, and member of ISTF. Mr. Wood said in part, "Most of the natural coniferous areas in the tropics are being rapidly cut-over and are fast disappearing. Any increased softwood production must, therefore, come from plantations. Most tropical territories, particularly in Africa, have accepted this and are turning to the establishment of such plantations as a means of providing timber and raw material for local consumption and wood-using industries such as pulp mills. In Africa alone, 1.4 million hectares of plantations have already been established."

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Word comes that ISTF member, B. L. Das, has been promoted to Conservator of Forests and posted to the State of Nagaland, India. "In this region," he writes, "it is not pressure of population, but a false sense of tradition which is responsible for large-scale forest destruction. I am now trying to augment the pace of afforestation with improved techniques."

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The Institute of Tropical Forestry, in a letter of 1 May 1971 (Spanish and English), highlights the impressive progress made by the Institute during the past year. The letter includes a list of the Institute's 1970 publications.

The Institute has moved steadily ahead in its various programs of research, cooperation and training, with added emphasis on the relationship between forestry and environmental conservation. Research in timber culture is focused on techniques to make lands productive where cultivation has been abandoned. Substitutes for pesticides now considered to be too harmful for use are being tested. Forestry students from or destined for Latin America have been trained in general tropical forestry and in research techniques.

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A proposal has been sent to the government of Uruguay by UNDP/FAO to investigate the feasibility of cultivating certain pine species in Uruguay, to supply long-fiber chemical pulp factories with raw material and to draw up a reforestation plan for the production of a pre-established amount of pulpwood. The plan would provide for establishing 30,000 hectares of artificial forests in the course of ten years. Plantations would be started ten years before the pulp factory begins operations. Direct cost for establishing these plantations is estimated at \$76.00 per hectare, or a total of \$2,280,000.00. Uruguay, with very few forests, should stimulate every program justifying the plantations and exploitation of trees. Indirect benefits, such as providing the country with a broader economic basis, better utilization of marginal land, and foreign exchange savings would be of immense importance to Uruguay's economic welfare. - "Boletin Forestal y de Industrias Forestales para America Latina".

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Director of the Forest School in Santa Maria, Brazil, is Professor Jose Sales Mariano da Rocha, a member of ISTF. The school, which opened in December, is the fourth forestry school functioning at present in Brazil. The curriculum requires four years to graduation and has a student body of about 160.

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### Publications

Publication of Volume I of the TERMINOLOGY OF FOREST SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, PRACTICE AND PRODUCTS (English version), by the Society of American Foresters, marks a giant step forward in the service of world forestry. This volume is the first in a series of parallel terminologies being prepared in French, German, Spanish and other languages, and presents definitions of more than 6800 concepts in use in forestry and related sciences. There are several appendices, one of which contains graphic illustrations of many important items. This invaluable reference work - a 349-page hard-bound book - may be obtained at the price of \$10.00 from the Society of American Foresters, 1010 - 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, or from W. Heffer and Son, Ltd., Hills Road, Cambridge, England. Price - 4.20 pounds.

AFFORESTATION IN ARID ZONES, edited by R. N. Kaul, published by W. Junk, Van Stolkweg 13, The Hague. 435 pages. The price is 75 florins; (\$20.80 U.S.) Through contributions of 17 scientists from 12 countries, this volume evaluates and integrates the results of research on various aspects of afforestation that have been carried out or are currently in progress in different arid-land countries throughout the world. The book provides not only the latest knowledge about the species-site relationship, methods of raising nursery stock, problems requiring further research, etc., but also provides valuable information on neighboring disciplines, i.e., the whole ecosystem that constitutes arid environments. - "Nature & Resources"

WORLD TIMBER, VOLUME III - ASIA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, compiled and edited by B. J. Rendle, published by Ernest Benn, Ltd. Price - 5.25 pounds. This is the third and last volume of Mr. Rendle's world timber series. As in the earlier volumes, each timber is described in some detail, together with its structural properties, working properties, durability and uses. - "Commonwealth Forestry Review".

MEZQUITES Y HUIZACHES, a recent publication of the Instituto Mexicano de Recursos Naturales Renovables, devotes its 192 pages to a discussion of the economic, ecologic and taxonomic aspects of the genera, prosopis and acacia in Mexico. Illustrated and containing an excellent bibliography, it is a well-organized publication concerning these increasingly important species. There is a foreword by Dr. Enrique Beltran, Director of the Institute. It may be obtained from the Instituto Mexicano de Recursos Naturales Renovables, A.C., Dr. Vertiz 724, Mexico 12, D.F. Price, 50 pesos in Mexico, and \$5.00 U.S. in all other countries.