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**Forest Engineering Professionals to Meet in Historic New Bern, NC**

Raleigh, NC, July 25 -- The International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) and the "Genetic Resources of Southern US and Mexican Pines Working Group 2.02.20" will hold a scientific conference February 4-7, 2013 in Jacksonville, Florida at the Omni Jacksonville Hotel.

The theme of the conference is "Breeding for Value in a Changing World". The primary host of the conference is Camcore, a unit of North Carolina State University's Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources.

The conference features oral and poster presentations, and a local field tour pertaining to the genetic and breeding aspects of the southern (US) pines in their native environment and in exotic plantations established around the world. It also encompasses the Central American and Mexican pines as these are becoming more important in the tropics and subtropics.

Online registration and payment are available. See the meeting web site for full details: <http://www.ncsu-feop.org/IUFRO/>

IUFRO is a non-profit, non-governmental international network of forest scientists, which promotes global cooperation in forest-related research and enhances the understanding of the ecological, economic and social aspects of forests and trees. For more information about IUFRO, visit: <http://www.iufro.org/>

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