

Timber Pricing and the Competitiveness of Forest Industry

A Short Course for the Continuing Education of Forestry Professionals

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November 7th and 8th, 2007

At the Canadian Ecology Center, Mattawa, Ontario, P0H1V0

Objectives of the Course:

- (i) To discuss the basic economic concepts related to timber pricing and competitiveness of forest industry;
- (ii) To provide an overview of Ontario's timber pricing system and competitiveness of forest industry; and
- (iii) To share the research results of Sustainable Forest Management Network funded research project on the Global Competitiveness of Forest Industry.

Cost: \$75 plus Accomodations

Accomodations are available at the CEC for \$99 (plus tax) per night for single occupancy. If you know someone who is also coming, and are willing to share a cabin, then we encourage you to do so and split the cost!

Registration and Accommodations:

Please contact hospitality services:
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Agenda

Wednesday November 7th, 2007

7:30-8:30 am – Breakfast – Birch Building

8:30-9:00 am – Welcome and Introductions – Oak

9:00-10:00 am - ABCD of Economics: Economics and Sustainable Forest Management - Oak
Shashi Kant, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto

10:00-10:30 am – Coffee break - Birch

10:30-12:00 pm – Basic Economic Concepts Related to Timber Pricing and Ontario's Stumpage System - Oak
Shashi Kant, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto

12:00-1:30 pm – Lunch - Birch

1:30-2:30 pm – Market Performance of Ontario's Stumpage System - Oak
Fenge Yang, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto

2:30-3:30 pm – Rent Capture Analysis of Ontario's Stumpage System - Oak
Shashi Kant, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto

3:30-4:00 pm – Coffee Break - Birch

4:00-5:00 pm – A Comparative Analysis of Ontario's Timber Prices in Canada and the USA - Oak
Fenge Yang and Shashi Kant, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto

5:00-6:00 pm – Free Time

6:00-8:30 pm – Dinner - Birch
Dinner Speaker – Paul Krabbe, Tembec Enterprises Inc.

8:30 pm – Bonfire at the fire pit for those interested

Agenda

Thursday November 8th, 2007

7:00-8:00 am – Breakfast - Birch

8:00-9:30 am – Competitiveness of Ontario's Forest Industry - Oak
Nevin M. Buconjic, Strategic Business Advisor OMNR

9:30-10:00 am – Coffee break - Birch

10:00-11:30pm – Global Competitiveness Index of Forest Industry - Oak
Shashi Kant, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto

11:30-12:00pm – Course review - Oak

12:00-12:30 – Cabin check out

12:30-1:30 – Lunch - Birch

Speaker Biography's

Nevin Buconjic: Nevin is a Strategic Business Advisor with the Forest Business and Economics Section of the MNR, providing analysis and advice to senior management as well as monitoring and assessing Ontario 's forest industry. Nevin has several years of finance, banking and business development experience, as well as economic development, most recently as a Northern Development Advisor with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and Manager with the Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation. Nevin holds a B.Sc. in Business Administration (Marketing), MBA, and B.A. in Computer Science. Most recently, he completed his Economic Developer's Certification through the Economic Development Association of Canada in 2006.

Shashi Kant is an Associate Professor of Forest Economics and Management at the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto. Dr Kant is a recipient of the CIF 2007 Canadian Forestry Scientific Achievement Award, International Union of Forestry Research Organizations' (IUFRO) Scientific Achievement Award, and Ontario's Premier Research Excellence Award. He is the Principal Investigator of a SFMN Project entitled, "Market and institutional structures, economic welfare and global competitiveness of the Canadian forest industry." He is the Editor-in-Chief of a book series on "Sustainability, Economics, and Natural Resources". He is Associate Editor of the Canadian Journal of Forest Research, and is on the Editorial Board of Journal of Forest Economics

Feng'e (Fiona) Yang is a Ph.D. student at the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto specializing in Forest Economics and Management. She has been working with Prof. Shashi Kant on the project "Market and institutional structures, economic welfare and global competitiveness of the Canadian forest industry". She studied the market performance and rent capture capacity of Ontario's market-based administrative stumpage system for the project and for her Ph.D. degree.

Paul Krabbe is Vice-President of Control and Administration, Forest Products Group Tembec Inc. based in Temiscaming Quebec with responsibilities for Business Development, Analysis and Control within the Forest Products Group. In addition to this, he continues to be involved with the Forest Industry across Canada in matters related to the administration of the 2006 Softwood Lumber Agreement. He graduated in 1975 from Sir Sandford Fleming College as a forestry technician and in 1982 completed Bachelor of Science in Forestry at Lakehead University. He followed a career in Forestry with Ministry of Natural Resources until 1988 and in Forestry, Manufacturing, Economics and Administration since that time with the Forest Industry. He joined Tembec's corporate office in 1999 as Chief Economist, with responsibilities for competitiveness in Canada including the administration of stumpage systems and the defense of Tembec's interests during the Softwood Lumber Dispute.