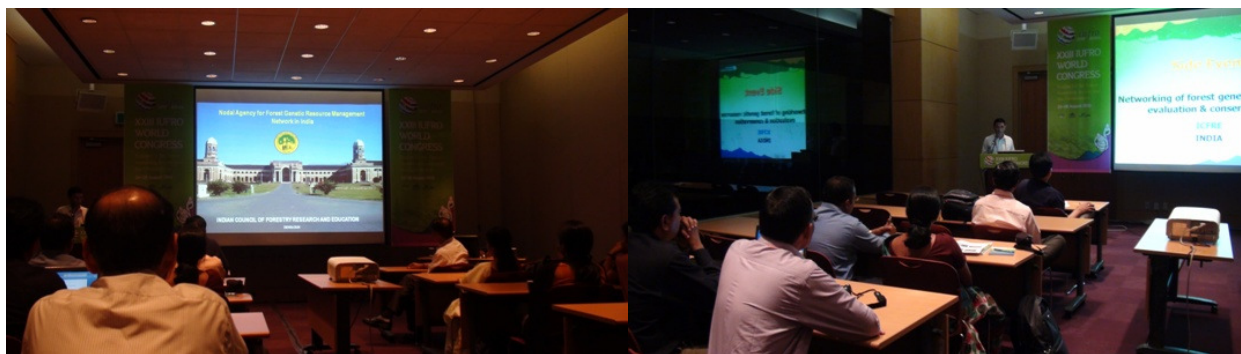


## ICFRE Participation in XXIII IUFRO World Forestry Congress, Seoul, South Korea (23-28 August, 2010)

The XXIII IUFRO world forestry congress was held in Seoul, South Korea from 23-28 August 2010. A total of 92 countries participated in this six days event. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) actively participated in the congress, and a total of 26 paper presentations were made from ICFRE, which included 11 oral and 15 in posters presentations. Dr. G.S. Rawat, Director General, led the thirteen-member delegation from ICFRE. The delegation included the following members.

1. Mr. N.K Vasu, Director, RFRI, Jorhat
2. Dr. O. K. Remadevi, Scientist-F, IWST, Bangalore
3. Dr. V. P. Tiwari, Scientist-F, IWST, Bangalore
4. Dr. Syam Viswanath, Scientist-E, IWST, Bangalore
5. Dr. R. Yasodha, Scientist-E, IFGTB, Coimbatore
6. Dr. Modhumita Dasgupta, Scientist-D, IFGTB, Coimbatore
7. Dr. Ombir Singh, Scientist-C, FRI, Dehradun
8. Dr. B. Divakara, Scientist-C, IFP, Ranchi
9. Ms. Praveen, Scientist-C, FRI, Dehradun
10. Ms. Nuzhat-Ul\_Qayoom Qazi, SRF, FRI, Dehradun
11. Ms. Preti Chauhan, SRF, FRI, Dehradun
12. Ms. Dhanya Bhaskar, SRF, IWST, Bangalore
13. Ms. Shivani Dobhal, Research Scholar, FRI Dehradun

During the congress, a side event on “**Networking of Forest Genetic Resources: Evaluation and Conservation**” was organized by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehra dun, India on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at COEX hall number 307 A from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. A total of 45 participants attended the side event that included delegates from Germany, Costa Rica, Japan, China, Nepal, Canada, Bangladesh, Brazil and India. The side event highlighted the importance of networking for FGR conservation, management and their sustainable utilization. Dr. G.S. Rawat, Director General, ICFRE presented an overview on the FGR conservation and management activities being carried out in India with special emphasis on efforts made towards establishment of Forest Genetic Resource Management Network (FGRMN).



Further, presentations on the FGR conservation and improvement activities in ICFRE Institutes were made by Dr. R. Yasodha and Dr. Modhumita Dasgupta Scientists from Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore, India. Dr. G.A. Kinhal, ICIMOD, NEPAL, gave a presentation on global

networking for conservation and utilization of medicinal plants. Dr. Syam Viswanath, Scientist, IWST, Bangalore gave a brief outline about the conservation strategies for *Santalum album* in India. The ICFRE Institutes activities were also highlighted through poster presentations during the side event. Finally, Dr. R.B.S. Rawat, PCCF, Uttarakhand state supported the remarks made by the chair regarding requirement of networking of FGR in India and Asia Pacific region.

The ICFRE delegates participated in various Plenary, Sub-plenary, Technical sessions and field visits and extensively interacted with delegates from other countries with their expertise in relevant core competence areas.

