

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 Accommodations

Accommodations 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:

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Agenda

Wednesday November 7th, 2007

7:30-8:30 am – Breakfast

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

9:00-10:00 am - Economics, Timber Pricing, and Forest Industry
Competitiveness
Shashi Kant, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto

10:00-10:30 am – Coffee break

10:30-12:00 pm – An Overview of Ontario's Stumpage System
Steve Banducci, Forest Business Analyst, OMNR

12:00-1:30 pm – Lunch

1:30-3:00 pm – Market Performance of Ontario's Stumpage System
Fenge Yang, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto

3:00-3:30 pm – Coffee Break

3:30-5:00 pm – Competitiveness of Ontario's Forest Industry
Jens-Peter Barynin, Economist, OMNR

5:00-6:00 pm – Free time

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

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

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Thursday November 8th, 2007

7:00-8:00 am – Breakfast

8:00-9:30 am – Economic Efficiency of Ontario's Stumpage System
Shashi Kant, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto

9:30-10:00 am – Coffee break

10:00-12:00pm – Global Competitiveness Index of Forest Industry
Shashi Kant, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto

12:00-12:30pm – Cabin check out

12:30-1:30 – Lunch

Speaker Biography's

Steve Banducci: Steve graduated with a B.Sc.F. degree from the U of T in 1978 and worked for 8 years in provincial and federal government forestry departments, private industry and consulting before returning to school to obtain his MBA in 1988. Since that time Steve has been employed in various roles with the Ministry of Natural Resources in its head office for forestry in Sault Ste. Marie. Steve just finished a one year assignment with the Forest Sector Competitiveness Secretariat and is now back in his home position as Forest Business Analyst with the Forest Business and Economics Section.

Jens-Peter Barynin: Peter Barynin is the Timber Pricing Specialist for the MNR, setting the prices for all Crown timber sold in Ontario. Peter also served as manager for the Ontario MNR's newly established branch, the Forest Sector Competitiveness Secretariat, dedicated to renewing the competitiveness of Ontario's forest industry. Prior to working for the MNR, Peter was a Director at RISI, the world's leading forest industry information consulting firm, where he specialized in global wood fibre issues, natural resource and econometric modeling, international trade, and corporate restructuring. Before RISI, Peter was a teaching fellow at Harvard Institute for International Development, leading the curriculum in Environmental Economic Assessment Methodology. Peter holds a Masters Degree in Economics from the University of British Columbia, and a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree from Queens' University, Canada

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.