

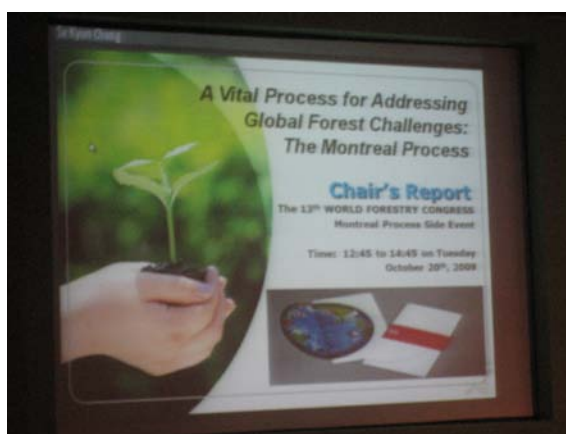
Note on the Montreal Process Side Event, Booth Exhibition and other contribution to the Congress by the Montreal Process colleagues at the XIII World Forestry Congress (November 2009)

The XIII World Forestry Congress was held on 18-23 November, 2009, at Buenos Aires, Argentina, with about 7,000 participants from about 160 countries, including Director General of FAO, Ministers from Argentina, China, New Zealand, Costa Rica and Republic of Congo, and representatives from Governments, international organizations, academic, business and NGOs. The Congress consisted of opening sessions, plenary sessions for 7 thematic areas, about 40 sub theme sessions, 3 special forum (climate change, bioenergy and business), about 130 side events and various poster sessions. About 350 presentations were made during the sessions and events. Finally, “Buenos Aires Declaration” and “Message to COP15 of UNFCCC” were adapted by the congress.



1. Side Event

The side event entitled as ‘A Vital Process for Addressing Global Forest Challenges – the Montreal Process’ -“was held at 12:45-14:15 on 20 November, 2009. Although it was lunchtime and 14 side events including us were held at the same time, about 100 people participated in the session. Following the opening remark by Takeshi Goto (Japan), Richard Guldin (USA) facilitated the presentation session. First presentation “MP Chair’s report” was made by Young Kyoon YOON (Korea) as the current chair of MP working group for the overview, then “Views from North America” (John Hall, for Mexico, USA & Canada), ”Southern Core Countries ” (Andres Meza, for Uruguay, Argentina & Chile), ”Experiences in Oceania” (Tim Payn, for Australia & NZ) and ”Asia’ case studies” (Yuichi Sato, for China, Korea, Russia & Japan) followed. Comment and Q&A session was facilitated by Richard Guldin, including Q on the participatory process for preparation of 2nd country reports. MP 2nd overview report, MP 4th booklet and each 2nd country reports were provided to the participants. (Required cost for the side event was covered by USA.)



2. Booth Exhibition

3*3 meter-size booth exhibition was opened during 19-23 November. The overview report, 4th booklet, 2nd country reports from Korea, NZ, USA, Russia and Japan as well as the other materials from member countries were distributed or displayed. MP colleagues served voluntarily as the guides for visitors of booth. Especially, MP colleagues from Southern Core countries assumed “a vital role” for the visitors who spoke Spanish. The booth became sometimes the discussion room for the members or between the people outside the process. (Required cost for the booth exhibition was covered by Canada.)



3. Other contribution to the congress by MP colleagues

Tomas Schlichter worked very hard for the success of the congress, as the head of the team for the organizing committee of the congress. Tomas, Richard Tim and Hiro (Hiroki Miyazono) contributed actively to the preparation of Buenos Aires Declaration as the members of drafting committee. Tim announced the declaration at the closing ceremony of the congress on behalf of the committee. We felt strongly the ties among MP colleagues and the high performance!



Thank you!

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