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The University of Georgia Daniel B. Warnell School of Forest Resources was proud to host the 26<sup>th</sup> Biennial Southern Forest Tree Improvement Conference (SFTIC) and the North American Quantitative Forest Genetics Group (NAQFGG) meeting. These meetings took place June 26-29, 2001, at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education on the University of Georgia campus in Athens, GA.

There were 4 presentations at NAQFGG and a total of 46 presentations at SFTIC, including 4 invited oral presentations, 27 voluntary oral presentations and 15 posters. The conference had 122 registered attendees.

Three awards were presented at SFTIC. The Tony Squillace Award, given for the best oral presentation based on content, style and the use of visual aids, was awarded to John MacKay for his presentation, *Genetics of Somatic Embryogenesis in Loblolly Pine*. Congratulations to John for an excellent presentation. The Bruce Zobel Award, given for best oral presentation by a student, was won by Matthew Gocke, for his presentation, *Effects of Three Propagation Systems on Survival, Growth and Morphology of Loblolly Pine and Sweetgum Rooted Cuttings*. Congratulations to Matthew. The Belle Baruch Foundation Award, given for the best poster, was awarded to Christopher Rosier for his poster, titled *Factors Affecting Rooting of Fraser Fir and Virginia Pine Cuttings*. Congratulations to Chris.

Although hard copies of the SFTIC proceedings are being supplied to all conference registrants, for the first time in the history of SFTIC, the entire proceedings of the conference are being made available on the World Wide Web. They are available to download as a pdf file at: <http://www.forestry.uga.edu/warnell/sftic/sfticfeed.html>. A limited number of extra hard copies of the proceedings are available and can be requested from Scott Merkle, School of Forest Resources, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

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