Introduction

OFFICIAL WELCOME

Introductory remarks and welcoming speeches from the host institution and government representatives come first. Take care of all administrative matters and housekeeping items at this time. Be sure to include an orientation to the site and facilities. A map handout is desirable.

INTRODUCTION OF INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS

First instructors, then students, stand and tell the group:

- a. Name
- b. Affiliation and title (if any).
- c. Job assignment at home (e.g., agroforestry or traditional forestry).
- d. What they hope to learn in this course (skills, species information, personal contacts, etc.).

GOALS OF THE COURSE

The objective of this course is to provide a basic understanding of the following topics:

- A. Reproductive cycles, from flowering through seed germination
- B. Seed origin
- C. Seed collection
- D. Seed maturity
- E. Collection and postharvest care
- F. Seed extracting, cleaning, and conditioning
- G. Insect and disease problems
- H. Seed storage
- I. Seedlot sampling
- J. Tests for moisture, purity, weight, germination, and vigor
- K. Rapid viability estimates
- L. Seed test results
- M. Seed handling in nurseries
- N. Seed programs
- 0. Seed labeling and certification
- P. Germplasm conservation
- Q. Seed center design and staffing
- R. Applied seed research (fig. 1) I no equivalent figure in Student Outline]



Figure 1.— The relationship of seed technology, basic seed biology, and high-quality seeds [no equivalent figure in Student Outline]. All figures and tables in the Instructor's Manual are not presented in the Student Outline. In order for the instructor to reference all figures and tables in the student book, these differences are noted throughout the manual.

SCOPE

The emphasis in this course will be on indigenous, multipurpose tree species suited for forestry and rural agroforestry. However, exotics are included, because fast-growing exotics have a definite place in forestry programs.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL HELP

Sources of information and technical help include journals, reference books, international organizations, regional organizations, and research institutions.

Journals

Seed Science and Technology International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Reckenholz, P.O. Box 412, CH-8046 Zurich Switzerland

Journal of Seed Technology Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA)

Seed Abstracts CAB International Information Services Wallington, Oxon OX 10 8 DE UK

Agroforestry Abstracts (same as above)

New Forests Dr. Mary Duryea, Editor-in-Chief Department of Forestry 118 N-Z Hall University of Florida Gainesville, FL 32611 U.S.A.

Indian Forester (includes seed technology articles)

Indian Journal of Forestry (includes seed technology articles)

Journal of Tropical Forest Science Business Manager Forest Research Institute of Malaysia P.O. Box 201 Kepong, 52109 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia Commonwealth Forestry Review Commonwealth Forestry Institute 11 Keble Road Oxford UK Pakistan Journal of Forestry

Editor P.O. Pakistan Forestry Institute Peshawar, N.W.F.P. Pakistan

Canadian Journal of Forestry Research Editor Forestry Canada P.O. Box 490 Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 5M7 Canada

Forest Science Society of American Foresters 5400 Grosevenor Lane Bethesda, MD 20814-2198 U.S.A.

Reference Books

The following reference books provide information and technical assistance: Bewley and Black 1982 Chin and Roberts 1980 Murray 1984a, b Schopmeyer 1974 von Carlowitz 1986 Willan 1985

International Organizations

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations Forest Resources Development Branch Forest Resources Division Via delle Terme di Caracalla I-00100 Rome Italy

International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO) Secretariat Schonbrunn A-1131 Vienna Austria

IUFRO Seed Problems Project Group Current Chair: Dr. D.G. Edwards Forestry Canada Pacific Forestry Centre 506 West Burnside Road Victoria, BC V8Z 1M5 Canada

International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) ISTA Secretariat Reckenholz, P.O. Box 412 CH-8046 Zurich Switzerland

Regional Organizations

F/FRED Coordinating Unit c/o Kasetsart University Faculty of Forestry P.O. Box 1038, Kasetsart Post Office Bangkok 10903 Thailand

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Directorate for Agriculture and Food Paris France

Research Institutes

ASEAN-Canada Forest Tree Seed Centre Mauk Lek, Saraburi Thailand

Nitrogen Fixing Tree Association P.O. Box 680 Waimanalo, HI 96734 U.S.A.

International Council for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF) P.O. Box 30677 Nairobi Kenya

DANIDA Forest Seed Centre Krogerupvej 3A DK 3050, Humlebaek Denmark

Forest Research Centre P.O. Box HG 595 Highlands, Harare Zimbabwe

Centre National de Semences Forestieres PB 2682, Ouagadougo Burkina Faso

CSIRO Division of Forest Research P.O. Box 4008 Queen Victoria Terrace ACT 2600, Canberra Australia

Commonwealth Forestry Institute (CFI) University of Oxford Department of Forestry Oxford UK

USDA Forest Service Tree Seed Research Unit Forestry Sciences Laboratory P.O. Box 906 Starkville, MS 39759 U.S.A. USDA Forest Service National Tree Seed Laboratory Rt. 1, Box 182-B Dry Branch, GA 31020 U.S.A.

USDA Forest Service Institute of Tropical Forestry University of Puerto Rico, Agricultural Experiment Station P.O. Box 25000 Rio Piedras, PR 00928-2500 U.S.A.

Centro Agronomico Tropical de Investigation y Ensenanza (CATIE) Turrialba Costa Rica

Petawawa National Forestry Institute Box 2000 Chalk River, Ontario KOJ MO Canada

GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

If library and study facilities are available to the trainees, a short report should be assigned. A wide range of topics is possible, but those of a general nature are best. A lot may depend on the participants' level of education and training and the amount of free time available to them.

Suggested Topics

Species reports on how to collect, clean, store, and test seeds of a designated species. The information can be developed during the course and may encourage classroom participation by the trainees. This topic is appropriate for technicians.

Country or province status reports on the current status of tree seed needs and the biggest obstacles to filling them in the trainee's country, province, state, village, and so forth. This topic is appropriate for administrators.

Collection plans for a species or a group of species to supply seeds for a country or province planting program of a designated size.

PRESENTATIONS

Near the end of the course, reports should be presented to the class, four or five per day or all in a special period. Oral presentations (10 minutes maximum) should be emphasized, but written reports should be required with at least an outline of the material.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Take time to explain administrative matters, such as currency exchange, fee payment, housing, meals, transportation, coffee/tea breaks, class schedules, and so on. The local administrator of the host agency or institution should convey this information. During this period, also preview any scheduled field trips, tours, or shopping trips. Tell when, where, what to wear, and so on. Finally, allow a short time for questions from the group on any topic related to the course. Give everyone a chance to understand how the course will be conducted.