



Workshop

Forestry Education in the New Normal: Challenges, Opportunities and Solutions

Date and Time: May 4, 2022, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM (Vancouver)

May 5, 2022, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 AM (Seoul)

Description: The COVID-19 pandemic has affected educational systems worldwide, leading to the cessation of normal practices at universities and colleges. As an immediate response to the crisis, universities have switched their in-person teaching to online learning. Meanwhile, challenges associated with a lack of high-quality online educational resources, inexperience with online course development and implementation, and limitations in the support of multi-cultural online classrooms were encountered. The Asia Pacific Forestry Education Coordination Mechanism (AP-FECM), mainly supported by the Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation (APFNet), has been working with the UBC Faculty of Forestry, the UBC Centre of Teaching and Learning Technology, Beijing Forestry University and many organizations to offer more than 15 open-access online courses with over 2000 students enrolled from the Asia Pacific region since February, 21st, 2020. A weekly Online Teaching/Learning Lecture Series has also been launched for faculty members around the Asia Pacific region. During this workshop, we, along with our partner universities around the Asia Pacific region, would like to present our lessons learned through our online teaching/learning experiences during the pandemic. Several renowned content experts will share their insights about the educational techniques, pedagogical strategies and valuable experiences for coping with the Covid-19 pandemic. This event will also provide a platform to discuss the challenges, opportunities as well as solutions in forestry education under the new normal.

This workshop was originally planned as the Side Event for XV World Forestry Congress. Due to the Covid-19 restriction, we finally decide to withdraw the Side Event from the World Forestry Congress. Still, we try our effort to fulfill the aim of the Side Event to the largest extent allowed by current conditions. We hold this workshop at the same time slot instead.

Register in advance for the workshop:
<https://ubc.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5Aqf--srz0uHdTwXA1QLnzOAosMaKHSFwxW>

Convening Organizations:
Asia Pacific Forestry Education Coordination Mechanism
Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia
College of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of the Philippines Los Baños
Beijing Forestry University
Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation (APFNet)





Agenda (Vancouver time):

- 5:30 PM- 5: 50 PM** Opening remarks from APFNet and APFECM
- 5: 50 PM- 6:10 PM** 1. Collaborative research on forestry education after the global pandemic: the role of the AP-FECM Office, UBC.
---AP-FECM Executive Office, UBC. (Dr. John Innes)
- 6: 10 PM- 6:30 PM** 2. Oldies but Goodies: Our Vision to Build Up New Generation through RETC
---AFoCO Regional Education and Training Center (RETC) (Soozin RYANG)
- 6: 30 PM- 6:50 PM** 3. Hybrid teaching and learning mode during and post-pandemic.
--- Beijing Forestry University, China (Dr. Liu Yong and Yu Lin)
- 6: 50 PM- 7:10 PM** 4. Online student engagement and course assessment
--- University of the Philippines Los Banos (Dr. Juan M. Pulhin); University of the Philippines, Open University (Dr. Roberto B. Figueroa, Jr.)
- 7: 10 PM- 7:30 PM** 5. Virtual mobility poses new chances for forestry education and research.
---Vietnam National University of Forestry (Dr. Hoang Van Sam)
- 7: 30 PM- 7:50 PM** 6. Sketching future forestry education for Bangladesh in Covid19 pandemic and post pandemic situation
--- Chittagong University, Bangladesh (Dr. M. Al Amin)
- 7: 50 PM- 8:10 PM** 7. Innovative Sustainable Forest Management Education in the Asia Pacific region.
---University of British Columbia, Faculty of Forestry, Canada (Dr. Anil Shrestha)
- 8:10 PM- 8:30 PM** Discussion and closing remarks from APFECM
---University of British Columbia, Faculty of Forestry, Canada(Dr. Guangyu Wang)

