

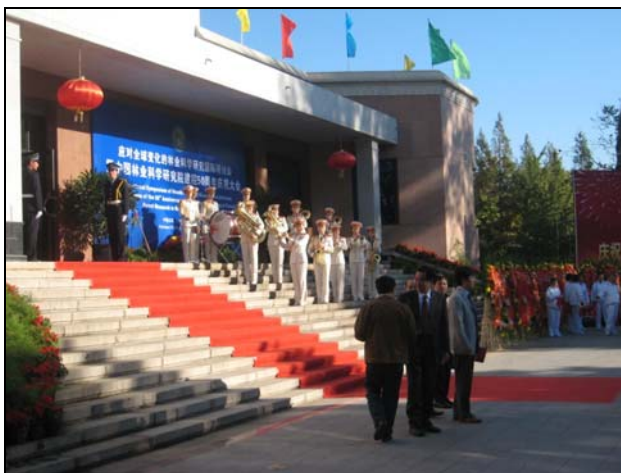
## CHINESE ACADEMY OF FORESTRY – 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

On 27-28 October 2008, the Chinese Academy of Forestry sponsored an international symposium, which was organized by inviting heads of research organizations to provide presentations on “Forest Research in Response to Global Change.” The overall invitees were from Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Malaysia, Sweden, and USA. There were also representatives of the following organizations: IUFRO, UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification), ITTO, FAO, IAWS, IPC (International Poplar Commission), INBAR (International Network for Bamboo and Rattan), APAFRI (Asia Pacific Association of Forestry Research Organizations), WFC (World Forest Center), and WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature--China). CAF received 31 letters of congratulations from these and other institutions throughout the world. The Symposium was organized with a celebration ceremony and visit to an exhibition of research achievements on the morning of 27 October, followed by an opening ceremony to begin the afternoon. This was followed by four technical sessions with 17 presentations on the general topic. The Symposium included special lunches, banquets, and visits, concluding with a special dinner and cultural performance. Among the attendees were nine IAWS Fellows (Bao, Beall, Chen, Deglise, Hse, Jiang, Saddler, Shimizu, Zhang), and four of the IAWS representatives of Supporting Members, including CAF. A special lunch was hosted by Fellow Jiang to honor IAWS Fellows and other friends from her years as President of CAF. In addition, Director Kelin Ye sponsored a visit to the Research Institute of Wood Industry for a small group of Canadian visitors and IAWS Fellows, and held a banquet afterwards.

The IAWS official invitees were President Frank Beall and Past President Xavier Deglise. President Beall gave a presentation in the first session on “Contributions of IAWS Fellows to Climate change Information,” which was the invited topic. This information was organized through email solicitations to IAWS and responses from about 20 Fellows. Obviously, since there was a very short time period to prepare, many potential contributions were not received in time for inclusion. However, we would like to thank those who provided such information to make the presentation possible.

Fellows Beall and Deglise

### Some Photos



Venue of the Celebration and Symposium



Chinese VIP at the Chair



The assistance with President Beall



President Beall presenting the research of IAWS on “Global Warming”



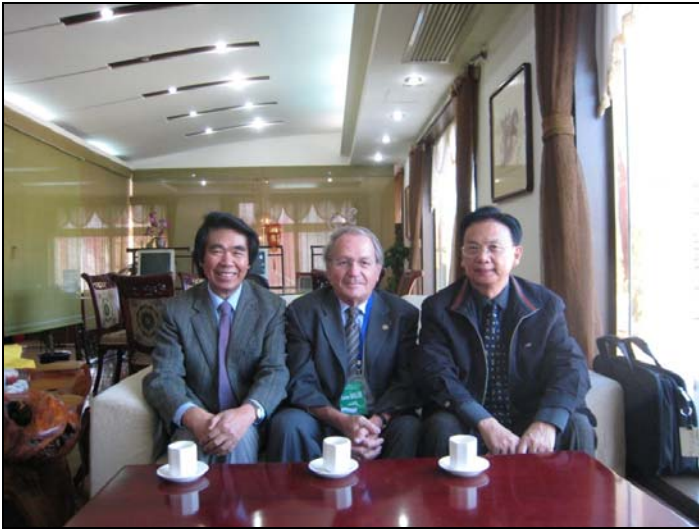
Fellow Jiang Zehui, Past president of CAF, with  
Dr. He Guangsen Deputy Director CAF Int'l Cooperation



Fellow Shimizu, Dr Ye Kelin Director CRIWI, supporting member,  
Emmanuel Ze Meka, Director International Timber Organization,  
Pr. Don L.Lee President IUFRO



Fellow Hse and his wife



Fellows Bao, Deglise and Chen