

### IFGTB Scientists Participated in IUFRO Acacia 2014 conference at Hue, Vietnam

International Union of Forest Research organizations (IUFRO) has organized an Acacia 2014 conference with special emphasis on Sustaining the future of Acacia Plantation forestry at Hue, Vietnam from 18 to 21 March 2014. This conference has been conducted jointly with Vietnam Academy of Forestry Sciences, CSIRO, Australia University of Tasmania and APAFRI. Totally 180 participants took part in the conference from across the world. Dr. A. Balu Scientist F, Dr. A. Karthikeyan Scientist D, Dr. Maheshwar Hegde, Scientist D and Dr. A. Shanthi, Scientist C of Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB) Coimbatore participated in the conference and made poster presentations as follows

Dr. A. Balu : Title of the paper: Important insect pest and diseases of *Vaphellia* (*Acacia nilotica* L. Willd. ex Del)

Dr. A. Karthikeyan: Title of the paper: Establishment of Nitrogen fixing root nodules in rooted stem cuttings of *Acacia auriculiformis* A. Cunn. Ex. Benth

Dr. Maheshwar Hegde: Title of the paper: Genetic improvement of phyllodinous acacias in India. Current state and future prospectives.

Dr. A. Shanthi. Title of the paper: Application of molecular markers in First and second generation orchards in *Acacia auriculiformis*

The participants of IFGTB were also attend the lead lectures delivered by the eminent forestry scientists Dr. Chris Harwood (CSIRO, Australia), Dr. Sadanandan Nambiar (CSIRO, Australia) and Prof. Stephen Midgley, Australia. IFGTB has worked on phyllodinous Acacias in the last two decades and it is already in the establishment of second generation of Acacia orchards. This exposure visit gives new impetus for increased research in Acacias which has tremendous pulpwood and timber potential for India.



