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Dear Mr Mukul,

IUFRO Student Award for Excellence in Forest Sciences, 2014

It is our great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to receive the IUFRO Student Award for Excellence in Forest Sciences, 2014. The IUFRO Student Award for Excellence in Forest Sciences is given in recognition of your outstanding achievements in research for your Masters thesis in the field of *swidden cultivation among two Chepang communities in the central hill districts of Nepal: local perceptions and factors influencing change*. We hope that this award will encourage you to conduct further research in your chosen field, make further contributions to forestry and other related fields, and inspire other young scientists to undertake forestry research. We also hope that this award will encourage you to play an active role in leading some of IUFRO's research activities.

The Award consists of a certificate and the most economical cost of air travel to attend the XXIV IUFRO World Congress to be held from 5-11 October in Salt Lake City, USA. In addition, you will receive a waiver of the World Congress registration fees. We very much hope that you will be present to receive this award in person and to also actively participate in the congress sessions.

This Award will be presented in a special Sub-Plenary Session of the Congress. During this session, we would like you to participate in a Panel discussion where the winners of the ISA and IUFRO Outstanding Doctoral Research Award will present experiences gained during their Masters thesis research, for example, what inspired or encouraged you to choose your field of forestry research, challenges faced, advice to other young researchers, etc. We would also like to highlight the results of your research and for that purpose we request that you kindly submit an **abstract of your Masters thesis research**. Your abstract will be printed in the Congress Abstract Book which will be distributed during the Congress. Kindly submit your abstracts to John Parrotta, Chair of the Congress Scientific Committee, at jparrotta@fs.fed.us (and copy to session organizers Shirong Liu, liusr@caf.ac.cn and Lisa Hansen Hansen.lisa.c@gmail.com) by the **end of February 2014**. More information about the Awards Sub-Plenary Session will be given to you by the session organizers in due course.

The IUFRO Secretariat will be contacting you for further details concerning your travel arrangements at a later date.

Congratulations again and we look forward to meeting you in Salt Lake City!

With best wishes,

Prof. Shirong Liu
Chair, IUFRO Honours and Awards Committee

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