Biodiversity Research

Introduction

The Canadian Tree Improvement Association held its 23rd Biennial Meeting in Ottawa, August 19-23, 1991. The theme of the meeting was "Maintaining Biodiversity: Should We Be Concerned?" To supplement the Symposium which focused mainly on the rationale for preserving biodiversity from the global perspective, a panel of Canadian experts were invited to present their research. The objectives were to introduce Canadian biodiversity research and to address specific topics important for the conservation of Canadian forest

genetic resources. Four of the five invited presentations (1) Biodiversity in relation to domestication, (2) Genetic diversity in Canadian hardwoods: implications for conservation, (3) Tree biodiversity and the preservation of Newfoundland pines, and (4) Genetic consequences of *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation of forest trees, are published together in this issue of *The Forestry Chronicle*.

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