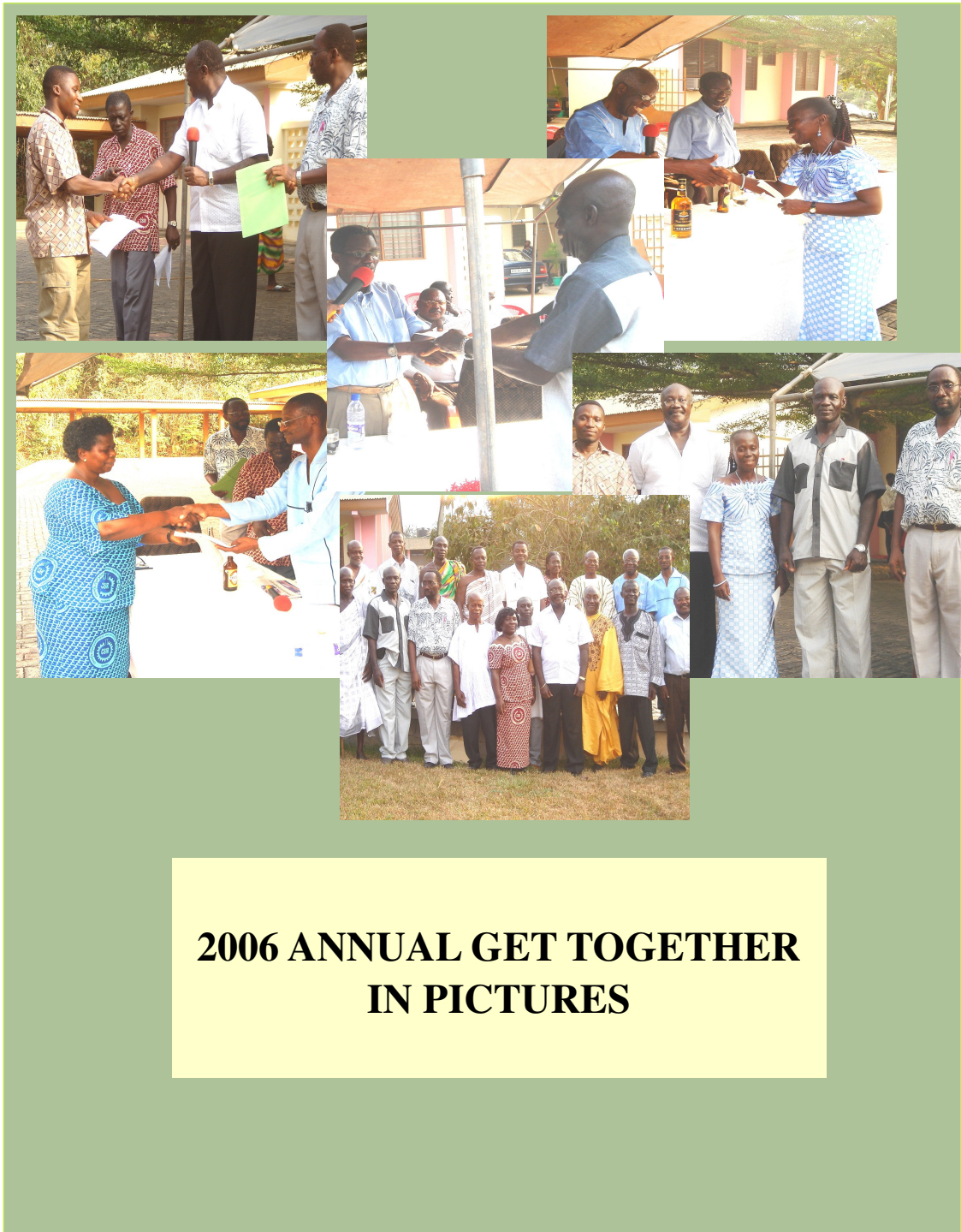




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## GEO-INFORMATION SCIENCE CENTRE AT FORIG

**T**he International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), a Dutch Training Institution is organising a thirteen-week tailor-made training workshop for 10 staff each from the Forestry Commission and FORIG in Geographic Information Systems.

Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer-based programme that allows the study of natural as well as man-made phenomena in their spatial context. GIS as an application software has facilities for spatial data entry, organization, manipulation and visualization that gives complete and holistic picture of phenomena. The programme could be used as an effective tool for planning and management of natural resources.

GIS technology could be applied in almost all fields of study including Soil Science, Agriculture, Forestry, Water Resources Management, Planning, Geology,

Mineral Exploration and Environmental Management among others.

FORIG as a research institute stands to gain from the programme since the training would equip members with the necessary skills and capabilities to use GIS as a tool to capture, store, organise and retrieve forest resource data in a more convenient way.

In addition to the training, ITC is facilitating the establishment of a GIS centre for both the Forestry Commission and FORIG to augment the research and management activities of these two institutions. As part of this assistance, FORIG will be provided with 4 computers a GPS and a licensed copy of ARC GIS the GIS software.

This development has come about as a result of the initiative of the recent past Director, Dr. J. R. Cobbinah who was instrumental in the planning and execution of the project. We express our sincere thanks to him and wish the centre a long stay.

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## NEW APPOINTMENTS

Four Assistant Research Scientists and one Research Scientist were given new appointments, effective January 2007.

- \* Mr. Asare Wilberforce Kwaku
- \* Mr. William Dumenu,
- \* Mr. Addo-Danso Daniel Shalom
- \* Mr. Bandoh William Kwame Nuako
- \* Mr. Stephen Edem Akpalu, Research Scientist, assigned to the Savanna Research Centre at Bolgatanga.

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## INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ONLINE SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING

The University of British Columbia in collaboration with the International Development Centre of Canada, organised a two day International Workshop from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 on online scholarly publishing at K. N. U. S. T. conference room. The workshop brought together journal editors as well as potential editors, interested faculty members, students, academic librarians, IT specialists and administrators. The workshop discussed and reviewed series of technical issues involved in journal publishing in Africa today. There were three nominees from FORIG, namely Dr. E. Foli, Mrs. M. Sraaku-Lartey and Mrs. N. Appiah.

Objectives of the workshop included:

- \* Review of the current state of scholarly journal publishing in Africa
- \* Assessing the contribution of free journal management and publishing software, such as Open Journal Systems (OJS) on journal publishing in Africa.

- \* Make recommendation for the establishment of Online Scholarly Publishing Sites in Africa.

The workshop coordinator, Mr. S. Smith Esseh mentioned that the Open Journal System (OJS) is free, using open source publishing software by over 750 journals around the world. The OJS is based on several roles (or responsibilities), including the Journal Manager, the Editor, the Section Editors, Subscription Manager, Layout editors, Copyeditors, Proofreaders, Reviewers, Authors, and Readers. He said that an important feature of software like OJS is that it allows a community of editors, authors, reviewers and readers to collaborate on a journal without needing to be in the same location.

The coordinator then concluded by briefly demonstrated how a submitted article went through the various steps involved in Open Journal Publishing until the articles reached its ultimate publication using website: <http://pkp.sfu.ca/files/OJSinanHour.pdf>.

### DIRECTOR RETIRES

Dr. J. R. Cobbinah, the former Director retired from the services of FORIG with effect from 5th January, 2007. However, he has been given a two-year post retirement contract with the Institute.

### ACTING DIRECTOR

The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) has appointed Dr. J. Ofori as the Acting Director of FORIG, with effect from 5th January 2007.

Management and staff wish to congratulate the Acting Director.

### AWARE SO...ooooo

Members of staff congratulate Mrs. Georgia Coffie, formerly Miss Marfo and Mr. Emmanuel Amponsah Manu (Technical Officer at Savannah Research Centre at Bolgatanga) for their successful wedding ceremonies on 3rd December, 2006.

Management and staff wish you many marital blessings.

## FORIG 2006 RETIREES

Eleven members of staff who retired from the services of FORIG were honoured for their meritorious service to the institute at an end of year get-together held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2006. The eleven who had a collective working experience of over 20 Years had served in various divisions of the institute.

To these industrious sons of Ghana, we say **“AYEEKO**



Mr Adjei –Kusi joined FORIG in August 1992 and retired on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2006, after serving for 14 years.

He retired as a Senior Administrative Officer.



Mr. N. Gyimah-Buadi joined FORIG in August 1978 and retired on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006, after serving for 28 years.

He retired as a Research Scientist.



Mr. S. Adu-Poku joined FORIG in November 1969 and retired on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2006, after

serving for 37 years.

He retired as a Chief Technical Officer



Mr. B. K. Addae joined FORIG in October 1968 and retired on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006, after serving for 38 years.

He retired as a Chief Technical Officer.



Mr. J. Appiah-Kwarteng joined FORIG in November 1971 and retired on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2006, after serving

for 35 years.

He retired as a Chief Technical Officer.



Mr. P. H. K. Amuah joined FORIG in 1971 and retired on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2006, after serving

for 35 years.

He retired as a Chief Technical Officer.



Mr. T. A. Idrisu joined FORIG in 1971 and retired on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006, after serving for 35 years.

He retired as a Chief Technical Officer.



Mr. G. Mensah joined FORIG in 1985 and retired on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006, after serving for 21 years.

He retired as a Principal Library Assistant.



Mr. Samuel Ackom-Okyere joined FORIG in 1985 and retired on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2006, after serving for 21 years.

He retired as a Technical Officer.

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Mr. M. O. Ansah joined FORIG in 1973 and retired on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2006, after serving for 33 years.

He retired as a Senior Clerk.



Mr. P. K. Ockrah joined FORIG in August 1978 and voluntarily retired on

1<sup>st</sup> October 2005 due to ill

health. He served for 28 years.

## NATIONAL SERVICE

Thirteen (13) National Service Personnel have started their service for the 2006/2007 year as follows:

- Miss Juliana Laardi, assigned to Plantation Production Division .
- Miss Clara Anaman, assigned to Plantation Production Division.
- Mr. Edmund Osei, assigned to Biology and Forest Health Division.
- Mr. Daniel Osei Owusu, assigned to Natural Forest Management Division.
- Mr. Francis Opoku Ware, assigned to Policy, Marketing and Socio-economics Division.
- Miss Esther Ekuia Ewudzie, assigned to PROTA Office.
- Mr Adam Faisal Saeed, assigned to Biology and Forest Health Division.
- Miss Sharon Gyamfi, assigned to Seed Technology and Tree Improvement Division.
- Miss Petra Osei Amankwah, assigned to Chemistry and Chemical Technology Division.
- Mr. Joseph Rockson, assigned to Plantation Production Division.
- Mr Frederick Addai-Mensah, assigned to Biology and Forest Health Division
- Miss Maurice Acquah, assigned to Biology and Forest Health Division.
- Miss Julian Bentil Kobina, assigned to Seed Technology and Tree Improvement Division.

## FORIG BEST WORKERS AWARDS

Eleven members of who retired from the services of FORIG were honoured for their meritorious service to the institute at an end of year get-together held on 21st December, 2006. The eleven h and the following members of staff were awarded for their dedicated service:

- \* Scientist for the years 2005-2006—Dr. Paul Bosu
- \* The Most Outstanding Worker for the year 2006—Mr. Samuel Adu-Poku
- \* Best Worker, Technical Grade for the year 2006—Ms. Leticia Asamoah
- \* Best Worker, Finance and Administration for the year 2006—Ms. Rebecca Mensah



## IUFRO & CIFOR CORNER

### IUFRO Meetings

*20-21 February 2007*

International Workshop on National Forest Programmes - a Tool for Strengthening Science -Policy Interface in Practise

Zagreb, Croatia

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### CIFOR Meetings

12-16 March, 2007

18th Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) "Weaving Knowledge into Development "

Rome, Italy

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