

Announcing the **Zobel Grants for International Forestry Activities**

The **Bruce and Barbara Zobel Endowment for International Forestry Studies** was established in 1998 to provide sustained recognition for the Zobel's contributions to production forestry. The broad objectives of the endowment are to instill an international sense in forestry students and to enable them to obtain first-hand experience with forestry in diverse environments around the world. The endowment supports student activities in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, College of Natural Resources, North Carolina State University.

Since 2003, the Endowment has provided mini-grants to undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Forestry for travel to other countries. The purpose of the travel may be research, workshops, field tours, conferences, internships, or other activities related to the students' program of study. The travel also should be related to (or have a component addressing) production forestry, including forest genetics, silviculture, and/or management. Students receiving support should be in good academic standing and making progress towards a degree in the Department of Forestry. Specific criteria are (1) intensity and quality of the international experience, (2) leverage provided by the endowment funding with other sources of funding, (3) opportunities for increasing student knowledge of production forestry in an international context, (4) financial need, and (5) academic potential.

For summer 2005, we will award one grant of up to \$500. Participation in study tours (e.g., to Europe) sponsored by the Department is not eligible for funding. All funds must be spent by September 1, 2005. A one-page report, suitable for publication on the Department webpage, must be submitted within one month of completing the international activity.

To apply, submit (a) cover page with your name and contact information, title of your proposal, total amount requested, and name and signature of your academic advisor, indicating approval of the proposed international activity, (b) a one-page proposal describing the international activity and how it meets the criteria outlined above, (c) a detailed budget, indicating other sources of funding already secured and other funding proposals submitted, and (d) a print-out of your (unofficial) transcript.

Applications are due by **5PM on April 1**, and decisions will be made by April 15. Submit applications to Erin Sills in 3112 Jordan Hall, erin_sills@ncsu.edu