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7. Title  Strengthening Global Competence of Students and Faculty Through Collaboration in Forestry			
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20. Termination Date 03/14/2009		40. Period Covered (mo/da/year): 07/01/2007 TO 12/31/2007	
Students Funded: 0		Faculty Hours Funded: 0	
41. Progress Report:  During this time period, student exchange continued with Chilean graduate student Jose Alvarez coming to NC State University in Aug 2007 to do his doctoral studies under the guidance of Dr. H. Lee Allen in the Forest Nutrition Cooperative. He will be quantifying the variation in growth efficiency of Pinus Radiata stands in Chile and the climatic and soil factors that contribute to this variation. In addition, plans were finalized for NCSU PhD student Scott Sink (working under the direction of Drs. Doug Frederick, Pablo Donoso and Susan Moore) to travel to Chile for 6 weeks of field work starting in early January, on his project investigating the silviculture of old growth native forests of the Llancahue watershed.			
43. Publications  No Publications Reported			
Products  Two doctoral students in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources gave presentations at the III Congress of the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Environmental and Natural Resources Economists, 27-28 September 2007, in Talca, Chile. Rodrigo Arriagada spoke on 'Evaluacion de Iniciativas con Pagos Directos para Conservacion,' and Simone Bauch spoke on 'Buying direct from the producer: Choice of supplier in a regional market for non-timber for products.' While the students' travel was not paid by the ISE grant, their participation in the Congress did help disseminate information and identify contacts for future faculty and graduate student collaboration with Chilean economists. After the Congress, Rodrigo visited the forestry and economics units of several universities in Santiago, again helping to raise awareness and identify contacts for our program.			
Outcomes  Specific outcomes are increased awareness of opportunities for collaboration with NCSU among economists in Chile, concrete plans for a study tour and study abroad by NCSU students in Chile in 2008, and detailed plans for dissertation research in Chile by two graduate students (one from Chile, one from the US).			
Dissemination Activities  The program website continues to serve as the main avenue for disseminating information about opportunities and activities.			
Future Initiatives			

During this time period, significant progress was made in the planning of the 2008 Forestry Study Tour to Chile. The itinerary was finalized for the week long study of the native forests of southern Chile, based out of Valdivia. Drs. Susan Moore and Doug Frederick are working with Dr. Pablo Donoso at Univ. Austral de Chile to organize this study tour. The announcement was sent out to students in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, announced in our classrooms, as well as posted on the NCSU Study Abroad website. At the university level, the Study Abroad Office has processed applications from several NCSU students planning to study at the University of Concepcion in spring 2008, under the new study abroad exchange agreement.

Impacts

The involvement of students in conferences, study, and research in Chile has ripple effects when they return to the Dept of Forestry and Environmental Resources and disseminate information about their experiences in Chile, through both formal seminars and informal hallway conversations.

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