

FOREST GENETICS CONFERENCE  
at  
Trees for Tomorrow Conservation Camp  
Eagle River, Wisconsin  
March 30 - April 1, 1953

The Conference unanimously adopted the following recommendations of the resolutions committee:

1. That there be established a Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Committee for the purpose of encouraging and coordinating forest genetics activities in this region. That a nominating committee, consisting of Messrs. M. B. Dickerman, R. A. Brink, E. J. Adams, and J. B. Millar, appoint a 6- to 10-man tree improvement committee representative of the interested agencies, geographical areas, and subject matter interests in the region.
2. That the tree improvement committee continue annual or periodic meetings such as the present Lake States Forest Genetics Conference.
3. That the tree improvement committee, as one of its first activities, take steps to foster forest tree seed certification in the three Lake States.
4. That appreciation be extended to the Lake States Forest Experiment Station for their efforts in organizing this meeting and to Trees for Tomorrow for providing these facilities.

In addition, the Conference gave unanimous endorsement of the following three theses submitted by Dr. Ernest S. Babcock of the Forest Genetics Research Foundation:

1. The preservation of the better and elimination of the poorer hereditary stocks in each important timber tree species must be recognized as a basic principle in forest conservation.
2. The utilization of the best available hereditary traits or features of each important species, i.e., conservation of superior genes, in the creation of ideal types of timber trees by means of applied genetics must be recognized as a basic principle of forest conservation.
3. Since the utilization of superior genetic stocks of timber trees in growing our future forests can be accomplished only by qualified **scientists**, working intensively, continuously and cooperatively for many years, the adequate financial support of research in forest genetics and allied disciplines is of basic importance in forest conservation.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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